

## REMEDIES.

26. *The Board of Commerce.*—Your Committee in their interim report recommended the constitution of a Board of Commerce, which would continue and extend the work done not only by this committee but by the various controls which the Government have put into operation during the war. The publicity given to the investigations of such a board will have a steadying effect. Its powers of regulation applied to trade practices and agreements will speed reform, and large questions of policy where trade tends to combinations and restrictions may be submitted to the board for advisory action.

27. *Co-operation.*—Your committee also inquired into the question of co-operation and had before them representatives of several co-operative bodies and in each case the evidence given was to the effect that great difficulty was experienced in securing goods direct from the manufacturers and wholesalers. While your committee had not sufficient time to warrant definite conclusions they are of the opinion that the question of co-operative buying and distribution should be carefully investigated for the reason that in all lines investigated the greatest spread was found to have occurred in the distribution from the manufacturer to the consumer.

28. The specific remedy for these conditions can only be expressed in general terms:—Get our men back into productive industry as rapidly as possible. Every war in the past has resulted in greatly increased prices of commodities and the only way in which nations have been able to rehabilitate themselves in the post-war periods has been by intensive application to productive industry. Having said this, your committee do not feel that they should leave the subject without strongly urging what they consider to be the paramount necessity at the present time, namely: the need of getting our people to see the situation as it is. Canada must get more men into productive activity if our people are going to cope with the conditions now confronting them. Your committee desire to emphasize the need of united effort in order to restore the waste of the last five years so that Canada may be brought back to normal conditions. In the final analysis the solution of the whole problem rests in a willingness on the part of all the Canadian people to seize and make use of the splendid opportunities before them.

Your Committee, in accordance with the Resolution passed by this House on the 30th day of May last, have engaged the services of accountants and necessary assistants in order to expedite the inquiry for which they were then appointed. Their accounts have been presented to the Committee, were found reasonable and were approved. Your Committee recommend that they be paid.

Your Committee, in submitting this report for the consideration of the House and the Government also append hereto a copy of the evidence which has been printed from day to day for the use of the Committee, and do recommend that the remaining copies be bound under a paper cover for distribution to the members of the House together with a table of contents to be prepared by the Clerk of the Committee, also to contain the second and third reports presented to the House and the statements or records which have been ordered printed as an appendix to the evidence given by the witnesses who submitted the said statements or records at the request of your Committee.

Your Committee also recommend that their reports, the evidence taken and the statements or records submitted in connection therewith, be also printed as an Appendix to the Journals of 1919, and that Rule 74 in relation thereto be suspended.

(For Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence accompanying this Report, see Appendix to Journals, No. 7.)

Motions being called by Mr. Speaker;

Sir Thomas White presented the Report of the Managers on behalf of this House of the free conference with the Senate with respect to Bill No. 107, An Act to confirm the Order in Council of the twenty-fourth day of February, 1919, prohibiting the Importation, Manufacture and Transportation of Intoxicating Liquors, and the Order in Council of the twelfth day of April, 1919, in amendment thereof, as follows:—