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Section 22 of the Trade Union Act of 1872 was as follows:

"Trade union means such combination, whether temporary or permanent, for regulating the relations between workmen and masters or for imposing restrictive conditions on the conduct of any trade or business as would, if this act had not been passed, have been deemed to be an unlawful combination by reason of some one or more of its purposes being in restraint of trade."

The effect, therefore, of this change, as was pointed out by the Liberal members in the House at the time was to deprive the workmen of certain rights which had been guaranteed to them by the Trade Union Act.

In the Senate in June 26, 1889, the discussion turned largely on whether or not a clause should be inserted exempting trade unions from the provisions of the Act. Sir Mackenzie Bowell and Mr. Power did not think this clause should be inserted, but Mr. Mills held out strongly in its favour and it was included, as follows: "Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to combinations of employees for their own reasonable protection."

Mr. Wallace's bill as introduced on February 6th, 1889 contained the words "unlawful to" etc, but not the words "unduly"