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*McLean, M. Y.* (South Huron)—*Con.*

thing Russian in the proposed investigations, 7931. There is no court in the land but permits a private investigation of this kind, 7931.

*Middlebro, W. S.* (North Grey)—7903.

The applicant has to show that he is injured as the consumer of the article, 7903. The party would be liable to the penalties under the Criminal Code only, 7927. Understood him to say that under this section there is no liability, 7929.

*Nesbitt, E. W.* (North Oxford)—6916.

Agrees with the principle of the Bill and would like to see it advanced, 6916. If they are considering clause 1 sees no reason why they don't go on with it, 6917. Suggests an amendment affecting price or competition, 7892. If it did unduly increase the price to the consumer would the Act apply? 7899. No person should act on the board who is prejudiced, 7915. Very easy to get six men to swear out affidavits and start an investigation, 7917. After a party is found guilty it might be well to give the evidence to the public, 7930. The word 'compelled' a little strong, 7935.

*Pardee, F. F.* (West Lambton)—7912.

The one thing provided for is the interest of the whole public, 7912. We must make the whole Act apply in a general way, 7913. Would he provide that no farmer should be a member of the board to investigate the matter? 7916. Suggests 'or such further extension of time as in the opinion of the board may be necessary,' 7927.

*Rhodes, E. N.* (Cumberland)—6929.

Asks why the minister objects to the Bill being sent to a committee, 6929. We have the Minister of Labour that the opposition be estopped from making any suggestions, 6930. It must be drastic in its provisions, if not drastic it is not worth considering, 6931.

*Schaffner, F. L.* (Souris)—7917.

Looking at it in a practical way there would have to be some farmer on the board, 7917. The amendment would prevent any farmer in the west from being on the board, 7938.

*Scaley, W. O.* (Wentworth)—7890.

The Bill should apply to combines against producers as well as to combines against consumers, 7890. We have had the evil though the law to remedy it has not been in existence, 7891. An advantage to prevent them taking an advantage of either class, 7892.

*Sharpe, W. H.* (Lisgar)—7903.

We have combinations in the west in connection with wheat, beef and pork, 7903.

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*Sinclair, J. A.* (Guysborough)—7897.

It is a combine to prevent the fisherman getting a better price for his goods, 7897. It has been a grievance on the coast of the maritime provinces for some time, 7898. Struck him that it did not cover the case of fixing prices which were not enhanced, 7929.

*Smith, R.* (Stormont)—7908.

The interpretation section would be better without the word 'producer,' 7908. It says that he must continue to offend, 7923.

*Sproule, T. S.* (East Grey)—6905.

That would shut out the right of consumers to make complaint, 6905. Different interests want this Bill sent to a committee where they may be heard, 6929. Asks that the memorials, etc., be laid on the table, 6933. Understood that the minister had received no representations from producers, 7895. The Bill that passed the House made unworkable by the Senate, 7907. Amend this to conform to the amendments made already, 7908. Would not this Bill attack labour unions as well as combinations? 7909. If it affects them to any extent they must have a pecuniary interest in it, 7913. Each side will take care that all information that will restrain it will be forthcoming, 7920. A case dropped in Brantford because of the difficulty of proving that prices were enhanced, 7921. A prosecution launched in fact way would run on for generations, 7922. Asks if there would be an appeal from a conviction, 7929. Would have thought some one would have been on hand to instruct them, 7930. The minister said that one of its important features was publicity, 7933. There would be no object in holding this investigation in private, 7934. Suppose it is found that there is a combination in restraint of trade, 7937. And the duty is taken off the article, does not that affect the revenue? 7938.

*Staples, W. D.* (Macdonald)—7902.

The farmers of the west seeking legislation to burst the grain combine, 7902.

*Taylor, George* (Leeds)—6904.

Has had many letters claiming that all parties should be heard, 6904. They would have the right to come before the committee and give evidence, 6905.

*Taylor, J. D.* (New Westminster)—7883.

We should confine ourselves to making an experiment to protect consumers, 7883. All the persons in the salmon canning industry have formed themselves into an absolute tight combine, 7884. This combine operated to deprive the Canadian fishermen of half their earnings last summer, 7885. If he was sincere in his effort he would give these fishermen relief, 7886. The minister utterly misunderstands the situation