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[Handed in by AUSTIN WALSH, first witness.]

Ottawa, Canada, 15th July, 1904.

MR. BORDEN, the leader of the Opposition in the Canadian Parliament, has given notice of an important amendment to the Inland Revenue Act, which is designed to repress anything in the nature of a combine on the part of tobacco, cigar, and cigarette manufacturers.

It provides that any license authorised by the Act may be cancelled in any case where a person who, being a manufacturer of any class of goods subject to excise duty, either directly or indirectly,—

- (a.) Makes a sale of any such goods to a person who sells or intends to sell goods of that class in connection with his own business subject to the condition that the purchaser should not sell or deal in goods of a like kind produced by or obtained, or to be obtained, from any other manufacturer or dealer; or
- (b.) Makes such sale upon such terms as would in their application deprive the purchaser of any profit upon the sale of such goods, if he should so sell or deal; or
- (c.) Consigns any such goods to another person, for sale upon commission, upon such terms that the consignee can profit by such sale only if he does not sell or deal in goods of a like kind manufactured by or obtained, or to be obtained, by any other manufacturer or dealer.

7th August, 1904.

The Canadian House of Commons has passed a Bill the primary aim of which is to prevent the American tobacco trust from restricting dealers to the sale of its products.

C.

[Handed in by CHARLES RUSSELL, American Tobacco Company of New Zealand (Limited).]

The American Tobacco Company of New Zealand (Limited),
(Registered Office, Hunter Street),

Wellington, 17th September, 1903.

As agents for the American Tobacco Company of New Zealand (Limited), we hereby agree not to sell in bond or otherwise for export out of New Zealand any of the brands of cigarettes and tobaccos which we buy from you for home consumption in this colony.

Name of Agents :

Address :

Date :

Approximate Cost of Paper.—Preparation, not given; printing (1,250 copies), £9 19s. 6d.

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