

Many changes, deletions, and additions have been made to the Act of 1873 by later legislation, but its principles remain unchanged. The latest legislation is the Weights and Measures Act (c. 212, R.S.C., 1927), as amended by c. 48, 1935.

Since 1918 the Service has been administered by the Department of Trade and Commerce. For purposes of administration, the Dominion is divided into 19 districts, each in charge of a district inspector. The chief rules of administration are as follows:—

- (1) Every new type of weighing and measuring device must be submitted to the Department at Ottawa for approval before being placed on the market.
- (2) Every new machine must be inspected and stamped by an inspector before being sold or taken into use.
- (3) Imported machines are held by the customs until release is approved by the nearest inspector.
- (4) All inspections take place on the traders' premises, except where devices are brought to the inspection offices.

The total revenue collected by the Service in the fiscal years 1938 and 1939 amounted to \$395,465 and \$418,015, respectively, while the expenses, including salaries, amounted to \$385,207 and \$424,161, respectively.

22.—Inspections by the Weights and Measures Service, Fiscal Years 1938 and 1939.

Article.	1938.				1939.			
	Sub- mitted.	Veri- fied.	Re- jected.	P.C. Re- jected.	Sub- mitted.	Veri- fied.	Re- jected.	P.C. Re- jected.
	No.	No.	No.	p.c.	No.	No.	No.	p.c.
Weights (Dominion).....	123,720	112,516	11,204	9.05	124,453	118,054	6,399	5.14
Weights (metric).....	1,033	997	36	3.50	1,273	1,202	71	5.58
Measures of capacity.....	58,248	57,758	490	0.84	59,881	59,361	520	0.87
Measures of length.....	9,038	9,014	24	0.27	7,919	7,877	42	0.53
Milk-cans.....	81,475	81,229	246	0.30	74,105	73,962	143	0.19
Ice-cream containers.....	47,017	47,017	Nil	-	33,805	33,802	3	-
Measuring devices (gas pumps).....	54,785	45,212	9,573	17.47	58,802	49,672	9,130	15.53
Tank wagons.....	738	712	26	3.52	1,021	998	23	2.25
Babcock glassware.....	40,021	39,925	96	0.24	41,730	41,601	129	0.31
Weighing machines.....	195,823	167,575	28,248	14.43	207,391	181,503	25,888	12.48
Weighing machines (metric).....	722	696	26	3.60	731	693	38	5.20
Domestic scales.....	14,870	14,582	288	1.94	16,302	16,143	159	0.98
Miscellaneous.....	11,892	11,843	49	0.41	2,383	2,337	46	1.93
Totals.....	639,382	589,076	50,306	7.87	629,796	587,205	42,591	6.76

Section 8.—Electricity and Gas Inspection.*

The Electricity and Gas Inspection Branch of the Department of Trade and Commerce administers three Acts: the Electricity Inspection Act (c. 22, 1928), the Gas Inspection Act (c. 82, R.S.C., 1927), and the Electricity and Fluid Exportation Act (c. 54, R.S.C., 1927).

The Gas Inspection Service was inaugurated on July 1, 1875, and the Electricity Inspection Service in 1894, at which time these two Services were merged to form

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