

Duties of the Commission consist of: investigating and recommending the prosecution of offences against Acts of Parliament relating to commodity standards; preparation of draft specifications for commodity standards; application of the national trade mark "Canada Standard" to commodities that conform to specifications established under any Act of Parliament; investigation of complaints respecting unfair trade practices, and recommending the prosecution of offenders against any Dominion law prohibiting unfair trade practices; the convening of conferences for the purpose of considering commercial practices prevailing in industry, and determining what practices are unfair or undesirable in the interest of the industry or the public. Offences against Acts of Parliament or regulations relating to commodity standards and unfair trade practices are reported by the Commission to the Attorney General of Canada with a recommendation for prosecution.

In 1939, an amendment to the Act was passed making it possible to establish standards that were not then provided for by any existing Act of Parliament. Regulations for marking material content on hosiery were established and passed by Orders in Council, dated July 27 and Aug. 2, 1939. A request had been received from the Canadian Woollen and Knit Goods Manufacturers' Association for hosiery-content regulations and, after a full investigation by the Commission, standards were established. These standards came into force and were effective, in so far as manufacturers and importers of hosiery are concerned, on Feb. 1, 1940, and will be effective, in so far as jobbers, wholesalers, and retailers are concerned, on and after Feb. 1, 1941.

Section 13.—Other Miscellaneous Administration.

In previous editions of the Year Book this chapter has been brought to a close with outlines of Dominion Government administration as follows: the International Joint Commission; the Geodetic Survey of Canada; the Topographical Survey; the Dominion Observatories. These are not repeated in this edition.

The purpose of establishing the Department of Mines and Resources in 1936 was to correlate the efforts of the staffs of such older Departments as had, in the course of time, acquired overlapping features, or that could be administered more economically under one head without impairing the usefulness of necessary services.

New Departments and several special and administrative commissions have been organized as part of Canada's War Effort; in addition, new functions have been assumed by many of the older Departments. These are described in detail in the Introduction to the present volume.

Certain phases of Dominion Government activity, such as the operations of the International Joint Commission and certain specialized activities of the Department of Mines and Resources, were treated in the 1930 edition of the Year Book, as follows:—

- International Joint Commission, pp. 1014-1015;
- Geodetic Survey of Canada, p. 1015;
- Topographical Survey, p. 1016;
- Dominion Observatories, p. 1017.