

biscuits; cork boards, slabs and planks; crude petroleum and its derivatives; artificial silk yarns, cotton yarns and fabrics; plastics of all kinds; steel wool; certain sporting goods; radios; animal and vegetable oils, fats and greases; cigars; coke; worsted weaving yarn; cocoa-fibre mats and matting; starches and dextrines; automobiles; and furniture. In 1940 reports were made on drawbacks under Schedule B to the Customs Tariff including materials entering into the cost of cyanide of potassium and cyanide of sodium, when imported, firebrick and the aircraft industry. A further report was also submitted on the radio industry. The Board has also for review a reference on the sugar industry.

The Board also hears and decides appeals from rulings made by the Department of National Revenue with respect to fair market value of goods for duty purposes, erroneous appraisals, and the rate of duty applicable to any class of goods. Under Order in Council the Board has authority and power to: (1) declare or find, with respect to any importation, whether the goods are "of a class or kind made or produced in Canada"; (2) review the value for duty applied by the Customs to new or unused goods under provisions of Sect. 36 of the Customs Act and make its findings with regard thereto; (3) determine and declare whether any and, if so, what drawback of Customs duty is payable under the provisions of Schedule B of the Customs Tariff.

Section 12.—Dominion Trade and Industry Commission*

The Dominion Trade and Industry Commission was constituted by Act of Parliament in 1935 (c. 59, 25-26 Geo. V). It consists of three Commissioners, one of whom is the Chief Commissioner and another the Assistant Chief Commissioner. The Act provides that, for the time being, the members of the Tariff Board (see Sect. 11) shall be the Commissioners, and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Tariff Board shall be the Chief Commissioner and Assistant Chief Commissioner, respectively. The administration of the Act is vested in the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

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.

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