

obtain from the Commission authorization to examine witnesses, search premises, or require written returns. After examining all the information available, if the Director believes that it proves the existence of a forbidden practice, he submits a statement of the evidence to the Commission and to the parties believed to be responsible for the practice. The Commission then sets a time and place at which it hears argument on behalf of the Director in support of his statement, and hears argument and receives evidence on behalf of any persons against whom allegations have been made in the statement. Following this hearing, the Commission prepares and submits a report to the Minister, ordinarily required to be published within thirty days.

The Act also provides for general inquiries into restraints of trade which, while not forbidden or punishable, may affect the public interest. It further provides in Sect. 31 that the courts, including the Exchequer Court of Canada, in addition to imposing punishment for a contravention of the legislation, may make an order restraining persons from embarking on, continuing or repeating a contravention. Application also may be made to the courts for such an order in lieu of prosecuting and convicting for a contravention of the legislation. By virtue of the 1960 amendments, prosecutions for offences against the substantive provisions of the legislation other than Sect. 33C may be taken either in the provincial courts or with the consent of the accused in the Exchequer Court of Canada. The amendment conferring jurisdiction on the Exchequer Court came into force on Dec. 1, 1960.

In the years 1955-60, the following reports of inquiries under the legislation have been published:—

- (1) Loss Leader Selling.
- (2) Manufacture, Distribution and Sale of Beer in Canada.
- (3) Manufacture, Distribution and Sale of Asphalt and Tar Roofings and Related Products in Canada.
- (4) Resale Price Maintenance in the Distribution and Sale of Certain Household Appliances.
- (5) Manufacture, Distribution and Sale of Transmission and Conveyor Equipment and Related Products.
- (6) Retail Distribution and Sale of Coal in Winnipeg.
- (7) Manufacture, Distribution and Sale of Quilted Goods, Quilting Materials and Related Products.
- (8) Manufacture, Distribution and Sale of Boxboard Grades of Paperboard.
- (9) Production, Purchase and Sale of Flue-Cured Tobacco in Ontario.
- (10) The Sugar Industry in Western Canada and a Proposed Merger of Sugar Companies.
- (11) Manufacture, Distribution and Sale of Metal Culverts and Related Products.
- (12) Purchase of Pulpwood in Certain Districts in Eastern Canada.
- (13) Manufacture, Distribution and Sale of Yeast.
- (14) Production, Distribution and Sale of Zinc Oxide.
- (15) Wholesale Trade in Cigarettes and Confectionery in the Edmonton District.
- (16) Study of Certain Discriminatory Pricing Practices in the Grocery Trade.
- (17) Manufacture, Distribution and Sale of Ammunition in Canada.
- (18) Distribution and Sale of Electrical Construction Materials and Equipment in Ontario.
- (19) Sale and Distribution of Surgical Rubber Gloves and Certain Other Surgical Supplies.
- (20) The Sugar Industry in Eastern Canada.
- (21) Resale Price Maintenance in the Distribution and Sale of Gasoline in the Toronto Area.
- (22) Manufacture, Distribution and Sale of Specialty Bags and Related Products.
- (23) Automobile Insurance in Canada.
- (24) Distribution and Sale of Coal in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.
- (25) Production and Supply of Newspapers in the City of Vancouver and Elsewhere in the Province of British Columbia.
- (26) Manufacture, Distribution and Sale of Transparent Packaging Products and Related Products.
- (27) Manufacture, Distribution, Supply and Sale of Belts.

These reports and copies of the Annual Reports under the Act may be obtained from the Queen's Printer or the office of the Director of Investigation and Research, Combines Investigation Act, Department of Justice, Ottawa.