

Canada's Board of Commerce—The Business Man's Court.

How It Can Help In Improving Trade
Conditions.

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To the Members of the Trade:

Remember, we have at last a Board of Commerce, "a commission removed from political or class influence," a commission that will not deal with business problems as lawyers or judges would, but a commission that will deal with business problems as honest business men would. We have such a tribunal now. We worked for it year after year, and with it we should have no difficulty in settling business problems that have been burning questions for years back.

Before the advent of the Board of Commerce, the only way we could settle questions of trade ethics was through the courts—and then it frequently happened, as is happening now in the States, that the courts were and are now inclined to transcend the limits of their jurisdiction in an attempt to manage the ethical in business, and judgments, even when the facts and conditions were identical, were not always the same.

In the past we have been inclined to draw too many general conclusions instead of trying to work out some concrete principle in business.

We should give specific reasons and logical, forceful argument for our contention that it is better for the upbuilding of the country as a whole, that certain fixed