

## The Combines and Mergers Investigation Act.

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1. Where . . . . . or more persons are of the opinion that a trade combination or merger exists, and that in virtue of such trade combination or merger, prices have been unduly enhanced to the detriment of consumers, such persons shall, upon presentation of affidavits to this effect, be entitled, upon presentation of affidavits to this effect, be entitled, either individually or through a representative or representatives, be heard ex parte before a judge of a Superior Court, to show cause why in the public interest, an investigation should be had into the business of such combine or merger, with a view to disclosing whether in virtue of such combination or merger, prices have been unduly enhanced to the detriment of consumers.

2. If, in the opinion of the judge, it appears that a combine or merger does exist, in virtue of which prices have been unduly enhanced, and that it is in the public interest that an investigation should be made the judge shall furnish to the parties making the application and to the Minister, a written opinion to this effect, which opinion shall be in the form and manner prescribed by this Act.

3. Upon receipt by the Minister of an opinion of a Superior Court judge as herein set forth, the Minister shall forthwith proceed to constitute a Board of Investigation and shall call upon the applicants to name a member of the said Board. The Minister shall, at the same time, notify the persons