

We would like to bring the boys up in a good, moral, commercial atmosphere, and we would like to see Canada set an example for other countries.

In many respects the world at present is unbalanced.

So far as commercial affairs in Canada, and the rules governing same are concerned, you have power to regulate.

We firmly believe and are convinced we are practical, but realize to the full that even if our cause is just, we can only hope to succeed by having your assistance, and the seal of your approval of our efforts.

If we are right, and we feel we are, we believe we are entitled to protection, because the consumer would be more economically served in the long run by having the channels of trade clearly defined. If we are wrong we should all be out of business.

We again express our complete faith in your ability to carry out the objects for which the Board of Commerce was created, and are gratified that at last the business men of Canada have a tribunal with whom they can consult.

In the past there has been doubt, but in the future, having determined what is right, sound and reasonable, there should be no doubt.

Fear of enforcing discipline, fear of punishing failure to observe rules and honorable agreements, and fear of prosecution, has made many business men afraid to boldly stand out before the public, and in the past there has been a notion that the only safe way to do some perfectly legitimate things has been to do them in secret, and thus excite suspicion.

We feel that since the appointment of this Board of Commerce there is a more hopeful future for the conduct of business along honorable, fair lines.

Respectfully submitted by the

Wholesale Grocers of Hamilton.