

generous support, and it was their duty to select and appoint as its judges the very best available men of business capacity and experience, combined with cool heads and far-seeing vision, combined with legal knowledge and judicial experience which always produces the best results.

The duties of the Board of Commerce are manifold and most onerous. It has to deal with most perplexing matters affecting trade and commerce, as well as the production and distribution of almost every article used in daily life; and all this at a time when unexpected and far-reaching changes have brought about difficulties and complications never known before.

In the United States it has been found necessary to appoint a Commission to deal with only one of the great problems which the Board of Commerce has to grapple with, namely, the live stock industry, with its ramification of trusts and combines and the tyrannical and selfish use of their great powers. These commissioners are paid large salaries and given every assistance, and have the Government at their back to help them to discharge effectively their responsible duties.

Our Board of Commerce, although given equally large powers and a much larger jurisdiction, has not been so supported or encouraged. It is naturally the object of attack by all the large trusts and combines whose rapacity and selfish ends it was formed to curb. It is alleged that many of the difficulties this Board had to contend with result from backstairs influence in the direction indicated. We all know the power of money, and how largely it is sometimes used for selfish purposes.

The Board of Commerce has met with another difficulty and one inherent in our constitution, viz., the division of jurisdiction of the Dominion. Exception was recently taken to the jurisdiction claimed by the Board in certain matters. The legal questions arising therefrom are now before the Supreme Court of Canada, and the work of the Board has been stayed for the time being.

We regret to notice that for some reason the Supreme Court desires the case before it to be re-argued, thus causing further delay in matters which are of pressing moment. This results in hardship and continued acts of piracy and injustice to innocent and