

APPENDIX "A"

REPORT OF G. T. CLARKSON, ESQ., ON THE PRICES OF GASOLINE AND OILS SOLD TO THE PEOPLE OF ONTARIO

TORONTO, January 11, 1926.

To His Honour HENRY COCKSHUTT, Esq.,
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario,
Toronto, Ontario.

SIR,—By Commission dated June 5th, 1925, the undersigned was appointed to enquire whether the prices at which gasoline and oils are sold to the people of the province of Ontario are just and fair, and was authorized to take such steps for the acquirement of information relative thereto as might, in his opinion, be necessary. The power of summoning persons and requiring them to give evidence under oath and to produce such documents and things as might be deemed requisite for a full investigation in the premises was granted to the undersigned, who was required to report the evidence and facts brought out and shown by such investigation.

On receipt of such Commission, which was issued under the provisions of Chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1914, I obtained a list from the Department of Public Works and Highways of Ontario of all refiners, jobbers, wholesale dealers and distributors of gasoline resident within and without the province of Ontario who are required to make returns to such department in respect of the distribution and sale of gasoline within the province of Ontario. The number of distributors, as shown by such list, was ninety-eight, including certain whose principal places of business were in either the province of Quebec or the state of New York. In discussing the procedure to be followed in obtaining necessary information from such refiners and distributors, I was informed it had not been intended that I should investigate the prices at which kerosene, fuel and other than automobile lubricating oils are sold, but I was instructed to confine my investigation to those relating to the sale of gasolines and automobile lubricating oils in Ontario.

Thereafter I prepared a questionnaire, in form attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and caused the same to be sent to eighty-two of such distributors (the volume of business done by the remainder being unimportant), with the request that it be completed and returned to me duly sworn to under oath. Included in the information required to be given in such questionnaire was the following:—

- (a) The amounts respectively of gasolines and automobile lubricating oils sold in Ontario by each distributor, within the periods between January 1st and December 31st, 1924, and January 1st and June 30th, 1925, subdivided to show the amounts thereof sold, respectively, to other wholesale distributors, retail distributors and direct to the public.
- (b) The origin of supply of the gasolines and automatic lubricating oils so sold by each distributor within the periods mentioned, subdivided to show the proportions thereof refined in Ontario, the amounts refined in Canada elsewhere than in Ontario, and the quantities purchased in the United States of America and the producing fields there wherein such supply originated.
- (c) The brands or trade names under which gasolines and automobile lubricating oils were sold by each distributor and the quantities sold within the periods mentioned under each of such trade names and brands.