

advocated just such a tribunal as the Board of Commerce of Canada, began to despair and wonder if this country would ever be blessed with a tribunal of men of exceptional qualifications, men who would make a deep and scientific study of the trade and commerce conditions of this country, so that in time this country would have a court skilled in commercial law, a court that would lay down and recognize certain established rules that would govern in matters of commercial morality; establish and recognize the relations and functions of the producer, manufacturer, wholesaler, and retailer; a court that would go deep enough into every phase of business to not only understand it themselves but be of educational value to so many who hold all kinds of extraordinary theories based upon erroneous and very superficial knowledge of trade and commerce.

In Eddy on Combinations, vol. 1, sec. 556, the author says:

"The right of a combination of dealers to advance their own interests by mutually agreeing that they would not deal with a manufacturer or wholesaler who sold directly to their customers, has been broadly upheld."

And no less an authority than Sir Glenholme Falconbridge, C. J., in his judgment in the case of *Rex vs. Beckett et al*, March 7th, 1910, says:

"It would be dangerous to accept as a settled doctrine of political economy that under any and all conditions and at all times, every man or corporation should be declared to have an absolute right to buy and sell, trade or barter, with any other person or corporation without restriction as to quantity or price."

Quantity price is condemned by every government as an evil tending to monopoly. We might illustrate that by mentioning the criminal law governing transportation rates and secret rebating; the uniform Customs law which disregards quantity in the payment of duties; the sale of postage stamps and the penalty for selling below face value, or the sale of Victory bonds. No concession to the big buyer over those of modest means. The reason and justice of same is clear and self evident.

We have heard men say it is impossible to conduct business profitably and do it honestly. They no doubt reached that con-