

# BILL

No. 7 of 1936 (Second Session).

An Act to amend The Department of Trade and Industry Act.

(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1936.)

**H**IS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows.

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Department of Trade and Industry Act Amendment Act, 1936, (No. 2).*"

2. *The Department of Trade and Industry Act*, being chapter 33 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1934, is hereby amended as to section 3 thereof by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(3) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint suitable persons to act as agents of the Minister to carry out such duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Minister, and in the carrying out of such duties, the agents of the Minister shall have the same powers of summoning witnesses before them, requiring witnesses to give evidence on oath, and to produce documents and things as may be conferred upon Commissioners appointed pursuant to *The Public Inquiries Act.*"

3. The said Act is further amended by inserting therein, immediately after section 12 thereof, the following new section:

"**12a.**—(1) There shall be a Board to be styled 'The Price Spreads Board' to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, consisting of not less than three nor more than five persons, one of whom shall be appointed as Chairman and each of whom shall hold office during pleasure and shall devote such time to his duties and receive such remuneration as may be prescribed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

"(2) A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum thereof.

"(3) The Board shall, when so directed by the Minister and may, upon its own initiative, inquire into any matter relating to the production, manufacture, supply, distribution or sale by wholesale or retail of any goods, wares or merchandise to which this Act applies or may hereafter apply or into any matter relating to any trade or industry to which this Act applies or hereafter shall apply.

"(4) After making any such inquiry, the Board may by order fix and prescribe—

"(a) maximum or minimum prices, or both, at which such goods, wares or merchandise shall be sold, whether by wholesale or by retail; or

“(b) maximum or minimum prices, or both, to be charged for services rendered or work done in any of the trades to which this Act applies or shall hereafter apply.

“(5) In fixing and prescribing prices pursuant to the provisions of this section, the Board shall not be under any duty to take into account any plant, equipment or other investment of any kind which in the opinion of the Board is not for the time being reasonably required for the purposes of the particular trade or industry under review or the capital represented by any such plant, equipment or investment and in case account is taken of any such plant, equipment, investment or capital the Board may allow a return thereon at such rate as the Board may in its discretion deem proper.

“(6) The Board shall, for the purpose of making any investigation or inquiry hereunder, have the same powers of summoning witnesses before it, requiring witnesses to give evidence on oath and to produce documents and things as may be conferred upon Commissioners appointed pursuant to *The Public Inquiries Act*.

“(7) Any person who sells or otherwise disposes of any goods, wares or merchandise or furnishes any services or does any work in contravention of any provision of any order of the Board made pursuant to this section, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable upon summary conviction therefor to a penalty of not more than one thousand dollars and costs per day for every day during which such goods, wares or merchandise have been so sold by him or such services furnished or such work done.”

4. The said Act is further amended by inserting therein, immediately after section 23 thereof, the following new section:

“23a. In this Part ‘Minister’ shall mean the Minister of Lands and Mines.”

5. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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