

practices are qualified by phrases such as "to eliminate or restrict the growth of a competitor or to prevent entry". Exceptions are freight equalization on the plant of a new competitor, pre-emptive acquisition of scarce facilities or resources, and full-line forcing.

COMBINES DIRECTOR MOVED

Mr. R.J. Bertrand has been moved from the post of Director of Investigation and Research under the Combines Investigation Act and appointed Chairman of the Anti-Dumping Tribunal. At the time of writing, no replacement for Mr. Bertrand had been announced. The news of Mr. Bertrand's shift was apparently leaked and was confirmed by Consumer and Corporate Affairs Minister André Ouellet in a reply to a question in the House of Commons on May 20. He denied assertions that Mr. Bertrand had been dismissed.

The official position is that the move is a normal career progression for Mr. Bertrand. Most commentators, however, consider that he was moved because the Government no longer wanted him in that position, partly because of his bad relations with important business interests. In that connection, references have been made to Mr. Bertrand's "Green Book" on the petroleum industry and the positions he has taken on legislative reform. Reference has also been made to his report on the uranium inquiry which is now in the hands of the Attorney General and which has been an embarrassment for the Government. Comments on Mr. Bertrand have ranged all the way from describing him as a dedicated official who did an excellent job in defending the public interest to assertions that the legislative advice which the Government received from his office was faulty and has contributed to the continuing delays in achieving desirable reforms.

FORMER COMBINES DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON URANIUM SENT TO ATTORNEY GENERAL

Replies by Prime Minister Trudeau and Justice Minister Chretien to questions in the House of Commons on May 26 revealed that the report by the Director of Investigation and Research of his inquiry into uranium marketing had been received by the Attorney General of Canada the previous week.

That indicates that the former Director believes that Canadian law was violated by the cartel because he refers a matter of that kind to the Attorney General only when he considers that legal action is warranted. His