

Special Assistant to the Deputy Minister of Justice. For the past three years he has been General Counsel and Director of Legal Services for the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

RTPC ISSUES FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

The Restrictive Trade Practices Commission will henceforth issue an annual report. Its first report, for the year ended March 31, 1981, was tabled in the House of Commons on July 15, 1981.

It was Consumer and Corporate Affairs Minister André Ouellet who suggested the issuance of an annual report even though it is not mandatory. In a letter to Chairman Stoner, he cited the broadened activities of the Commission as a result of the 1976 amendments to the Combines Investigation Act and the desirability of further enhancing public awareness of the issues before the Commission.

The first report describes the functions, organization and history of the Commission as well as its activities during the fiscal year. A feature of the annual reports will be the inclusion of the texts of RTPC decisions in respect of reviewable practices. The text of the Bombadier decision is in the first report.

REPORT ANALYSES POST-WAR CHANGES IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES CONCENTRATION

A study¹ by Dr. R.S. Khemani, which was released in July 1981, measures and seeks to explain changes in levels of concentration from 1948 to 1972 in a sample of 57 Canadian manufacturing industries. The industries in the sample are those for which comparable data over the period could be obtained, and they accounted for about half of total manufacturing shipments and employment. Concentration was measured in terms of employment.

¹ Concentration in the Manufacturing Industries of Canada: Analysis of Post-War Changes. by R.S. Khemani, Research Monograph No. 8, Research Branch, Bureau of Competition Policy, Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Ottawa, 1981.