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CHAPTER 123

The Department of Trade and Development Act

1. In this Act,

Interpretation

- (a) "Department" means the Department of Trade and Development;
- (b) "Minister" means the Minister of Trade and Development. 1968, c. 30, s. 1.
- **2.**—(1) The department of the public service known as the Department Department of Trade and Development is continued.
- (2) The Minister shall preside over and have charge of the Duties of Department and is responsible for the administration of this and such other Acts and regulations made thereunder as are assigned to him by the provisions thereof or by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. 1968, c. 30, s. 2, amended.

3. The Minister shall,

Further duties of

- (a) cause the Department to acquire a detailed knowledge of industries in Ontario;
- (b) promote the establishment, growth, efficiency and improvement of industries in Ontario;
- (c) develop and carry out such programs and projects as may be appropriate,
 - (i) to assist the adaptation of manufacturing industries to changing conditions in domestic and export markets, and to changes in the techniques of production,
 - (ii) to identify and assist those manufacturing industries that require special measures to develop an unrealized potential or to cope with exceptional problems of adjustments. 1968, c. 30, s. 3.
- 4. The Minister, in exercising his powers and carrying out his Idem duties and functions under this Act,
 - (a) shall co-operate with the ministers having charge of the other departments of the public service of Ontario, Canada and of the other provinces, with associations

and organizations and with public and private enterprises with a view to stimulating business, increasing production and extending trade;

- (b) shall co-operate in the work and functions of the departments of the public service of Ontario in respect of formulating plans to create, assist, develop and maintain productive employment and to develop the human and material resources of Ontario;
- (c) may consult with, and organize conferences of, representatives of trade, industry and labour, federal, provincial and municipal authorities and other interested parties;
- (d) may promote or conduct surveys and inquiries in matters of interest to industry;
- (e) may encourage research for the advancement of industry;
- (f) may collect and disseminate information on such aspects of the provincial economy as affect the development of industry; and
- (g) may assist industry in any other manner considered to be proper. 1968, c. 30, s. 4, amended.

Areas for equalization of industrial opportunity **5.**—(1) The Minister, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, may approve any area in Ontario that is considered to require assistance to attract industrial development as an area of equalization of industrial opportunity.

Duties re approved areas

- (2) The Minister shall,
 - (a) undertake research and make investigations respecting the areas of equalization of industrial opportunity; and
 - (b) prepare and carry out such programs and projects to improve the economic development of areas of equalization of industrial opportunity as may be appropriate and that cannot suitably be undertaken by other departments, branches or agencies of the Government of Ontario. 1968, c. 30, s. 5.

Expenses of Department **6.** The expenses of the Department in carrying out its objectives shall be paid out of the moneys appropriated therefor by the Legislature. 1968, c. 30, s. 6.

Reference to Minister in other Acts 7. A reference in any Act to the Minister of Planning and Development, the Minister of Commerce and Development or the Minister of Economics and Development, except where inconsistent with the intent of the Act, shall be deemed to be a reference to the Minister of Trade and Development. 1968, c. 30, s. 7.