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GREETING:

for the Western — District of Michigan — before you, or some of you, in a cause between The United States of America, complainant, and Maple Flooring Manufacturers Association et al., defendants, wherein the decree of the said District Court, entered in said cause on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1924, is in the following words, viz:

"This cause came on to be heard at this term, and the Court having considered the evidence and having heard arguments of counsel and being fully advised in the premises, it is hereby ordered, adjudged and decreed as follows:

- 1. That the contract or articles of association under which defendants are now operating, under the name of the Maple Flooring Manufacturers Association, and the activities thereunder as alleged in the original bill and proved on the hoaring constitute a combination in restraint of interstate trade and commerce in violation of the Act of Congress of July 2, 1890, entitled 'An Act to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies,' known as the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.
- 2. That the defendants and their officers, agents, servants and employees and all persons acting under, by or in behalf of them or any of them, are hereby ordered and directed to dissolve and to forever discontinue defendant Maple Flooring Manufacturers Association, and they are perpetually enjoined, restrained and prohibited from forming or engaging in any like association; and from entering into any express or implied agreement or articles of association or minimum price plan or minimum price basis or any arrangement similar to and having a like purpose as said agreements or articles of association or minimum price plans or minimum price bases described in the petition herein and shown in the proof.
- 3. That the defendants, their officers, agents, servants and empolyees and all persons acting under, through or in behalf of them or any of them, are hereby perpetually enjoined, restrained and prohibited from combining, conspiring or agreeing to do any of the following acts:
- (a). To fix in any manner whatseever or to maintain uniform or non-competitive f. o. b. factory or delivered prices for the maple,

beech or birch flooring sold by them, or to increase or diminsh such prices, or to do any act or acts having the purpose or effect of establishing or maintaining such uniform or non-competitive prices, or increasing or diminishing such prices;

- (b). To fix in any manner whatsoever, or to maintain, uniform minimum prices or average costs for maple, birch or beech flooring, or the elements to be considered as entering into and determining said minimum prices or average costs, or to do any act or acts having the purpose or effect of establishing or maintaining uniform minimum prices or average costs for use as common bases in establishing prices;
- (c). To make reports to a central collective agency or agencies or to receive reports from a central collective agency or agencies such as or similar to the reports described in subdivision five of paragraph five of the petition herein (and proven by the evidence) to be used as a means of controlling or fixing prices or in any manner affecting the production of maple, beech or birch flooring, or to be used as a means of fixing or controlling or increasing or diminishing prices of maple, beech or birch flooring, or to be used as a means of controlling or otherwise affecting the production of such flooring;
- (d). To do any act or acts having the purpose or effect of causing or enabling them or any of them to establish or maintain uniform or non-competitive prices or to increase or diminish such prices or to maintain uniform policies as to prices and sales;
- (e). To compile, publish or use freight rate books containing all or any of the following matters; average cost charts of the principal items of maple, beech or birch flooring, tables of differentials for the determining of the average costs of other kinds of maple, beech or birch flooring, delivered cost tharts showing the average cost of any item of maple, beech or birch flooring when delivered at any destination;

Provided, however, that nothing contained in this decree shall be construed as prohibiting any defendant from doing or performing any of the foregoing acts or from selecting his or its own trade and from disposing of his or its own products to such persons or on such terms as it may choose, if done individually and without combining, conspiring or agreeing with any other defendant or with any other manufacturer of maple, beech or birch flooring.

4. That the potitioner shall have and recover from the defendants its costs.

January 4, 1924.

C. W. Sessions, District Judge."

On consideration whereof, It is now here ordered, adjudged, and decreed by this Court that the decree of the said District Court, in this cause be, and the same is hereby, reversed.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this cause be, and the same is hereby, remanded to the said District Court for further proceedings in conformity with the opinion of this Court.

June 1, 1925.