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An unsatisfactory feature of the annual report of the bar of this section is the large number of complaints which have been made against members during the past year. The mere investigation of these charges has become a serious business. Moreover, the knowledge that such cases are of frequent occurrence excites the distrust of the public, and works injury to all practising advocates. The whole subject deserves the serious consideration of the council in the interest of the profession.

The number of cases reported in places comparatively thinly populated, like this province, or the province of Ontario, offers a striking contrast to the number reported in an old and densely peopled country like England. The English Law Reports for the year 1893 contain only 484 cases for all the courts. The Quebec Law Reports for the same period comprise 327 cases. In 1892 the number was 324. So that for a population of a million and a half the number of cases reported is nearly as great as for a population of thirty millions. One of the principal causes of this is the large number of judges of co-ordinate au-