

remedy for the mischief. But it would not be a perfect remedy. Even under the old law there was a danger, the very danger that was so clearly apprehended by the late Judge Ritchie,—that a judge might continue to serve after he had become incapable of efficient service. He was tempted to cling to his office if he felt that his reduced pension was not an adequate provision. A better way would be to grant the full salary as a pension in every case in which a fair amount of service had been given. There need be no fear that such an arrangement would be abused. There is not a judge on the bench who would not rather continue in active service, than retire to the dullness and ennui of a pensioner, if he felt really able to discharge the duties of the office efficiently. The possible trifling addition to the outlay from the treasury is wholly unworthy of consideration, when it concerns a matter so vitally important to the public as the efficiency of our judicial system. But whether this remedy should be adopted or not certainly the statute should be repealed which in its present form actually holds out a very substantial reward to a judge for continuing to cumber the service for years and years after he has become wholly unfitted by age and infirmity to know what is going on in his presence.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION FOR INJURIES.

Sir William Meredith's interim report on this subject has been recently published and constitutes a bulky pamphlet of 478 pages. It includes the cases submitted on behalf of both manufacturers and workmen's organizations, as to the principles on which a new Act for Ontario should be framed.

It indicates the advance of public opinion on the question when we find that all parties are agreed on both the wisdom and justice of the principle of compensation, and the only variance is as to the best and fairest way of providing that compensation. It seems to be agreed on all hands that the present Ontario Act is unsatisfactory, and more particularly from the fact that before a workman can recover compensation thereunder he has fre-