

"No work is more trying than the preparation and conduct of a lawsuit. No labour produces less certain results. It has been said a lawsuit, a horse race and the weather are all equally uncertain quantities. On a certain state of facts one judge may find for the plaintiff. On the same facts another judge might hold the very opposite. This does not mean that counsel should be expected to be familiar with every judge's law, nor is it a reflection on the judge's ability or integrity. It simply means a judge is human and is liable to err. Not all judges will look at a matter from the same angle. Many counsel have given up counsel work altogether having come to the conclusion that county town hotels with the usual facilities afforded by such hostelries, to say nothing of the glorious uncertainties of a lawsuit, do not produce anything like the monetary result, peace of mind and comforts which other legal fields open to him afford.

"The prospects of success of the lawyer, when compared with the average run of recognized and respectable occupations, are very attenuated. When we look round and ask who are the owners of the magnificent city mansions and country homes, who drive in their limousines and carriages and pair, who make annual trips abroad with their families, and generally have a good time, we find they are not the so-called over-paid lawyers, but that these fortunes were made in manufacturing or buying or selling or share broking, or in some similar and recognized walk of life. Of course, a very few 'by wit and fortune led' climb to the highest places and get something less than a bank manager. But bar these and a few others and the balance are rank and file, toiling along in the battle with average earnings beneath contempt.

"There are many cases where reform might be introduced to the great advantage of the people, but as they do not relate to cutting down a lawyer's bill the public does not appear to take much interest in them. Time will permit me to mention only a few.

"No business man would dream of employing inexperienced