

Sec. 31 makes some trifling amendments to the Infants Act (R.S.O. c. 168) by making it clear that the jurisdiction of the Surrogate Court to appoint guardians of infants is not dependent on their having property.

Sec. 32 amends the same Act by providing that "The fees to be charged to applicants for all proceedings and services where the whole estate and effects do not exceed in value the sum of \$400 shall not in any one case exceed the sum of \$2." It will probably take a judicial decision to settle whether "the fees" referred to are the fees of court or "the fees of solicitors and counsel," or all of them combined, and also how, if at all, the apportionment is to be made. These attempts of a benevolent legislature to compel people to do work for nothing are sometimes found expensive, and fail of their object.

Sec. 33 provides that where persons other than barristers or solicitors are appointed notaries, the territory within which they may act may be limited by the commission appointing them. We doubt very much the desirability of the Government acting on the section, as it will necessitate inquiry as to whether a notary is acting or has acted within the prescribed limits. This section had better become a dead letter.

Sec. 35 empowers shareholders of Ontario companies to authorize their directors to delegate any of their powers to a committee of not less than three to be elected by the directors "from their number," i.e., we presume from members of the directorate.

By sec. 46 the liability of employers for breach of the provisions of the Factory Act are made subject to the limitations of s. 7 of the Workmen's Compensation Act as to the amount of damages which may be recovered.

Sec. 50 enables a Surrogate judge on the passing of the accounts of executors or administrators to order money or securities appearing to be in their hands, belonging to infants or lunatics, to be paid into or deposited in the High Court under the Trustee Relief Act (R.S.O. c. 336, s. 4.)

Sec. 60 makes a further amendment of the Chattel Mortgage Act (R.S.O. c. 148) by providing that mortgages of the rolling stock of incorporated companies to secure bonds together with the affidavits required by the Act, and renewals thereof, are to be filed in the office of the Provincial Secretary.