

statutory enactment, but which he should not be called upon to deal with as a legislator. Then it would appear from what the Premier has said that the commission will be called upon to give "all possible opportunity to individuals and bodies interested in the subject to present and urge their views of what the law should be." This is a sort of roving commission quite incompatible with the position of a judge and to which he cannot do justice without neglecting the duties which properly belong to his office.

There is, moreover, no necessity for taking the course adopted by the government. There are men in the profession fully competent for the work that is required and to whom it would be more properly entrusted if the law department of the province has not the time to make the necessary investigation or does not feel competent to grapple with it. When a report has been obtained "as to the laws relating to the liability of employers to make compensation to their employees for injuries received in the course of their employment which are in force in other countries, and as to how far such laws are found to operate satisfactorily," (a task very easily accomplished), there is surely sufficient capacity in the government itself to report a bill embodying "such changes in the law as in their (not his) opinion should be adopted." If they are not competent to do this work they should not undertake it. In other words the government of the day should assume the whole responsibility of obtaining the desired information and of preparing any necessary legislation. They should bring the measure before the country entirely as their own and not take shelter under the robe of a chief justice. If this is not what such a commission means what does it mean?

It would be quite proper for the government to consult the judges from time to time as to defects in present legislation and to ask for such suggestions as their experience might enable them to give. In other words, there could be no possible objection to an arrangement by which the opinion of the judges could be obtained for such a purpose. It is customary for them to state