

second is almost essential to the due consideration of important matters, but its cost might be much lessened by a stricter scrutiny of what goes into the appeal book, and by the Government arranging to contract for all printing at a specified rate so that every appellant might get the benefit of the Government's terms and have his work done for a specified sum per page by some officially appointed printer. Such a course would ensure uniformity in the work, would permit the transfer of the proof-reading from the law offices to the printers at probably a great saving of expense and would greatly improve the appearance of the book. As for the counsel fee, that is a matter that scarcely permits of regulation except on taxation between party and party, because a man will pay all he can afford for the services of the man who, in his opinion, can best argue his case for him.

It must be remembered that this question of appeals has been frequently considered and many changes made from time to time and it may be doubtful whether the system of appeals can now be much improved upon.

In reference to appeals to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, it might be worth while to ask that body to accept as the record in the appeal the printed appeal book already prepared for the lower courts, with such slight additions as are necessary to bring the proceedings to date. There seems to be no valid reason why proceedings should be reprinted merely because the Rules of the Judicial Committee differ from those in Ontario as to the appearance of the record.

The real hardship in litigation lies in the protracted and unnecessary proceedings indulged in before a trial is reached. It should not be necessary to incur much expense or have much delay in getting to trial in most cases, and many practitioners, including the best lawyers in the country, rarely, if ever, launch an interlocutory motion. In most cases a short statement of claim setting out the nature of the claim in law with its attendant facts, a short reply on the law and facts, a notice to produce documents (which might readily be incorporated in the pleadings) an inspection of those documents before examination for