

bringing the action. In the case cited in the report compensation should have been fixed on the basis of the man's regular occupation (a stationary engineer), with an earning power of \$200 a month, and not on the basis of shipper which was not his regular vocation. If a solicitor had been employed in the first place to look into this man's case and the workman had been well advised, he would never have made any claim under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Your committee recommends that the attention of the Minister of Labor be called to the matters above referred to at the earliest possible moment, and the following recommendations made:—

1. That the Act be amended so as to give the workingman an appeal to a judge, with the right to call evidence if he is not satisfied with the Board's decision, as in the United States and in England.

2. That the clause 9, exonerating the real culprit from damages, should be eliminated.

3. That the amount of compensation be increased.

4. That solicitors should be allowed to present the claim and a tariff framed by the judges fixing the amount to be paid to a solicitor, for the reason that many men are incapable of presenting a claim to the Board in a proper, intelligent manner. The applicant may be uneducated, shy, thoughtless or careless in preparing his facts.

5. That the "Compensation Fund" should be handed over to the Government and they should be the custodians thereof.

#### RE DIVORCE COURT.

In all the Provinces of this Dominion, with the exception of Ontario and Quebec, Divorce Courts have been established and there is no reason whatever why a Divorce Court should not be established in the Province of Ontario. Most of the time of the Senate at Ottawa is taken up with hearing divorce applications and there are more applications before Parliament this session than ever before. In conjunction with the Canadian Bar Association, this Association should make efforts to have a Divorce Court established in Ontario and steps taken to procure it at the earliest possible moment.