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first place it is alleged that the expense of a judicial investigation is an almost insuperable obstacle in the way of securing relief for consumers by this means. The cost to the publishers of securing the relief they obtained as a result of the inquiry into the paper combine, is alleged to have amounted to some \$1,700. The fear of costs has deterred many a man from bringing action where the public interest might have been well served by his so doing. The objection is overcome by the present Bill, which provides for investigation at the expense of the state. Neither of the parties need incur any liability, either for purposes of <sup>prosecution</sup> ~~prosecution~~ or defence, for neither is in the position of plaintiff or defendant, but each are parties to an investigation being conducted under the auspices of the State. *and it is alleged that the defts in the process bore some incurred some costs.*

Secondly, it is complained that a judicial inquiry is an unsatisfactory and tedious process in which legal technicalities are sometimes the means of defeating the purpose in view. This objection is overcome by providing for Boards of Investigation on which both parties are represented, and to assist which if so desired, special counsel may be retained.

Thirdly, it is contended that the Governor in Council is slow to act or is indifferent to representations which may be made. → a from page 33

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