

profession. Why, may we ask, because one member of the profession makes an overcharge for services rendered, should Mr. Price proclaim that the whole legal profession is tarred with the same stick? This requires some explanation from him. That he should libel the whole profession by sending broadcast throughout this Province a report of this character, to the detriment of the profession, is not commendable, and deserves severe censure by every lawyer in this Province.

The Workmen's Compensation Board is one of the most autocratic institutions in this Province. It is absolutely independent of all Government jurisdiction except by special legislative enactments. It handles all its own funds and investments, and in its report for 1919 it shews investments made in the bonds and debentures of loan companies and of towns and cities throughout Ontario of between five and six million dollars. These investments are made at rates of interest varying from five and one half to six per cent. The Province of Ontario was borrowing money at rates exceeding these rates of interest. There seems to be no reason why all these moneys should not be handed to the Province and the Province become indebted to the Workmen's Compensation Board for the advances, plus a reasonable rate of interest. The placing of a large amount of money, amounting now to between five and six millions, and which will be more in subsequent years, in the hands of a Commission is a matter to be commented upon, and the committee is of opinion that investments of this character should not be made by members of the Board itself.

[The Report then refers at length to a case which came before the Board and shewed the injustice which had arisen from the provision of sec. 9 of the Act and the interpretation placed upon it by the Board, and then continues:—]

The committee recommends that measures should be taken to have s. 9 repealed and that a workman should not only be entitled to compensation from the Board but to compensation by way of damages against any other persons who do not contribute to the compensation fund, and that anything recovered from such person in any action should be the absolute property of the person