

Points to be Noted.

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Public opinion is more effective in the remedying of certain evils and abuses, than penalty. Combinations that unduly enhance wages or prices are of this class.

Investigation by a Board on which interested parties are represented is more effective method of eliciting facts and of adjusting differences than enquiry by judicial tribunal.

This is particularly true in regard to subjects of enquiry which are of an economic rather than of a legal nature, to which class questions affecting wages and prices belong.

While effecting the same end, the investigation avoids what is odious in a judicial enquiry. It is difficult to have an enquiry by a judicial tribunal, without it partaking of the nature of a trial, in which parties are put in the position of plaintiffs and defendants. In an investigation, particularly whether both parties are represented on the Board, this feature is avoided.

To the general public an investigation by a Board which is free to conduct its proceedings in such manner or place as is most convenient, is likely to give more satisfaction than an enquiry before a strictly judicial tribunal, which, to the public mind, is hampered by rules and regulations of procedure, evidence, legal technicalities and the like.

In a measure such as proposed, the Government is relieved of all responsibility in the institution of proceedings, and is consequently freed from the charge which would be made