

welfare of the children that the usefulness of the Court would be injured if these tactics of the wirepullers were permitted to continue; and so one of the best known and respected leaders of social workers took up the matter and made an independent investigation, collecting information from a number of persons who have had actual experience in social work and have had business dealings with the Court. Without exception, these competent and unbiased persons upheld the policy of the Judge, and are unanimous in their testimony of his fitness for the position. They deplore the conditions under which the Court has been conducted, and the totally inadequate support provided by the city.

We are not so much interested in the personal element as with the danger and more important difficulty which arises from dual control. The moral is plain. So long as the city authorities pay the Judge, the ward politicians will want to have a finger in his pie. The ordinary city alderman does not know anything about social work, and he is not equipped to form an opinion as to how a Juvenile Court should be conducted. It is absurd to expect him to do so. On the face of it, there would appear to be no sufficient reason why the Provincial Government, who control the appointments of the Court, should not also pay the salaries. The city is not called upon to provide funds for any other branch of the administration of justice.

The lesson of this experience in the metropolitan city of Ontario may prove useful. All Juvenile Courts should, so far as their maintenance and control are concerned, be in the same position as any other Court of justice.

POWERS OF PROVINCIAL COMPANIES.

Although the decision of Masten, J., in *Weyburn Townsite Co. v. Honsberger*, 43 O.L.R. 457, has been reversed by the Appellate Division on the ground that the contract in question was in fact made in Saskatchewan, and not in Ontario, as Masten, J., had found, yet the Chief Justice of Ontario, with whom the majority of the Court agreed, states that he agreed with the conclusion of