

\$5,000, the costs payable may by unanimous vote of the inspectors be increased to any amount not to exceed 10 per cent. of the gross proceeds of such estate. The solicitors' tariff is to direct by whom and in what manner costs are to be collected and accounted for and to what account they shall be paid. The effect of this provision, in view of the decisions of our courts, is that solicitors must look to the estate and not to the assignee personally for the payment of their costs and charges.

The Act also contains provisions for setting aside fraudulent transfers of property. These are new and original, and conflict with other statutes now in force in this Province relating to the fraudulent transfer of property under The Assignments and Preferences Act, and there will be no uniformity of law throughout the Dominion with regard to fraudulent assignments or transfers of property until each of the Provinces adopts similar statutes relating to transfers of this character.

#### WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

Complaints have been made to this Association from time to time by members that the Workmen's Compensation Board has ruled all lawyers out of practice in connection with claims under the Act, and that the Board even declines to answer communications from solicitors addressed to it. Not only does the Board treat the profession and their communications with contempt, but worse still it gratuitously casts unfair and undeserved reflections on the profession. In its report for the year 1918, Appendix "B," it cites one case of a certain solicitor who, in the early history of the Act, acted for a workman in a case as amanuensis and filled out all forms. Eventually the workman got a little over \$100 and the solicitor rendered a bill of costs almost equal to the amount awarded, but which bill was subsequently taxed at \$38.55. The Board says that the \$38.55 was an exceedingly large amount for the services rendered and was a most unreasonable burden put upon the workman. For this reason, and other reasons assigned therein, it concluded to have nothing more to do with lawyers.

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