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WE'D ALL BENEFIT BY R. R. ELECTRIFICATION

**Chicago's Smoke Inspector Calls the Recent Smoke
Nuisance Decision Wrong—Says Electrification
Means Cleaner, Healthier City.**

Chicago wanted the railroads to electrify; the people were tired of coughing up soot and dirt from their lungs; they were sore. So the council started hot after the smoking railroads—that was in 1913.

But big business, alias the Association of Commerce, stepped in and said: "Let us investigate and report on this electrification problem." And the railroads generously offered to pay a half million for expenses of the investigation. The council agreed to wait.

The association finally came through with the report a month or

so ago. It was elegant, ponderous and said that although electrification was a good thing Chicago could wait for it. The railroads didn't cause much of the smoke nuisance, was its tip, and if they did they couldn't afford to electrify at present.

The railroad paid the half million and were satisfied; the Association of Commerce tendered the report first to the trust press, then to the council, and everything was serene.

Everything was beautiful until Smoke Inspector Reid broke loose with a review and opinion of the Ass'n of Commerce report yesterday.