

fruit—one true and virile Canadianism. In this our profession has an important and essential part to play.

That country is fortunate which has dwelling in it a body of men, usually dispassionate and just and learned men, who have accommodated the teachings of experience to progressive energy and a wise philosophy and who are willing to advise and assist in its development. There never was a time when the trained and experienced members of the Canadian Bar, mindful of the obligations which rest upon our profession, resting there, because, as in the case of the dove when first sent from the Ark, there is nowhere else to rest, and willing to meet those responsibilities, could render more useful service to our people and country than now, in helping to consolidate our nation and to improve our jurisprudence.

The stated objects of the Canadian Bar Association indicate the path along which, in the public interest and our own, we should proceed. The one first mentioned is:

"To advance the science of jurisprudence." The seemingly proper use of the word "science" in this connection is "a particular branch of knowledge or study." So our Association undertakes to make an effort to advance that particular branch of knowledge—jurisprudence.

This word jurisprudence also has various interpretations. It may mean as one authority states: "Knowledge or skill in law." Thus Blackstone says: "I wish unto him the gladsome light of jurisprudence." If that be the meaning intended in our constitution or in that of the American Bar Association, it seems unnecessary to add the word "science." Another definition is: "A system or body of law; a legal system."

Buckle says the noblest gift Rome bequeathed to posterity is her jurisprudence. The practical result, however, will be the same whichever interpretation is used for if with our profession only resides that knowledge of jurisprudence then on us also is the duty to ourselves and to our country of improving and advancing it.

The Canadian lawyer knows the statement to be inaccurate