

other provinces of Canada, before Confederation, but these provincial enactments are now repealed by the Revised Statutes of Canada. It is doubtful, to say the least, whether this Imperial statute obtained in Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick or Prince Edward Island before Confederation; and so, *ex abundanti cautela*, it would be well for the Parliament of Canada to legislate upon the subject, and silence doubts as to the effect of the Crown's demise on the judicial tenure of office, for all time.

The following graceful tribute to the memory of our Queen comes to us from a leading lawyer in New York. It is very pleasing and grateful to us all at this time. It is one of the many exhibitions of the love and reverence in which she was held by our Anglo-Saxon kinsmen of the great Republic whose forebears came from the same stock as ourselves:—"Will you accept my sincere sympathy with you all and all Britons in your sorrow at the death of the Queen. I realize that probably none but her subjects can quite understand what it means to lose both a Sovereign and an ideal; but I should like to bear witness that just because she was an ideal her sway extended far beyond the limits within which she was Sovereign, and the whole world mourns with the British Empire. You would be deeply impressed could you see here in New York the general evidences of sincere sorrow and the general display of half-masted flags on Government and private buildings. Personally I have felt the greatest solicitude during her critical illness and sorrow at her death, and I want you to be assured of my sympathy and of that of my countrymen universally, because I feel that it cannot but be acceptable to our kinsmen."

It is interesting at this time to note that the first "counsel learned in the law" of a British sovereign was a Queen's Counsel—Bacon having received this honour from Queen Elizabeth. It is also a matter of history that the silk robes worn by King's counsel or Queen's counsel owed their origin to the mourning costume adopted on the death of Queen Anne, as to which it has been said that "The bar went into mourning and have never since left that mourning off." That which was only a witty saying so far as Queen Anne was concerned will be the heart truth as to the great and beloved Queen whose irreparable loss the Bar of Canada mourns with the rest of the loyal subjects of the Crown.