

tended to be a Court of last resort, yet in view of the fact that the parties may, subject to some limitations, appeal to the Privy Council, and because the choice of the Supreme Court is not always agreeable to both parties, care has been taken not to deprive the party brought by the other before the Supreme Court of Canada of his right to appeal in turn to the Privy Council.

On the other hand, the appeal to the Sovereign being a Royal prerogative, the Dominion Parliament can hardly legislate to restrict its exercise.

We are, for various reasons, and in virtue of our philosophical principles, strongly monarchists, and we believe in the Privy Council, as a Supreme authority in matters of law.

Quebec is said to be backward in its doctrine and activity. It is not a bad thing to be conservative at an epoch where experimentation is very popular, and where there is a tendency to destroy the old order, before knowing very definitely what is to replace it.

I have felt justified in bringing that explanation as one of the fundamental reasons for our attachment to the institution of the Privy Council, because it explains at the same time the stability of our people and its *contentment*, a successful antidote to all radical action. I do not claim for one moment that we are alone in holding this belief; but I do claim that these fundamental beliefs form a bond of mutual understanding, and a point of contact between the various communities of this country, where the same beliefs are respected.

The Privy Council is an additional point of contact, and we need more of these points to create common sentiments, a common atmosphere and unity of action. And as far as we lawyers are concerned, it devolves upon us to help to maintain those of our institutions which contribute to the formation of a national spirit, and of a sense of security amid the uncertainties of to-day.

It is therefore up to us to keep in all its glamour, integrity and efficiency that splendid and unique Court whose jurisdiction is more extensive, whether measured by area, population, variety