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## CANADIAN BAR ASSOCIATION.

There will be found in another place an extract from a Halifax paper noticing the meeting of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, to receive the report of a committee appointed to consider the formation of a Bar Association for the Dominion of Canada. The report and the paper read by a member of the Nova Scotia Bar contain much sound common sense and some valuable suggestions, which, however, are not new to the readers of this journal. It will, however, be news to some of them to be told that legal education in all the provinces is "below the standard in Nova Scotia," and that "there is not much use trying to raise the standard there with the low averages about us of New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Ontario." This writer evidently knows nothing about Ontario. In his next paper, however, he can give his own ignorance on the subject as further evidence of the need of some such association as he ably contends for, to enlighten even this member of the Bar of Nova Scotia.

We are glad to know, however, that this gentleman only represents his own views, for we are authorized to say on behalf of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society that the Bar of that province do not at all claim that the standard of legal education in that province is higher than in Ontario or in the other provinces of Canada. The lawyers of Nova Scotia are only too sensible of the fact that in their province much can be done to improve not only the standard, but the system of legal education. They can, however, claim that they have endeavored to make some advance in these respects. The late Sir John Thompson, the late Mr. Justice Rigby, Mr. Justice Sedgewick, of the Supreme Court of Canada, and Mr. Justice Graham, of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, were