

The members of the Canadian Bar Association have as well a national task to foster a corporate soul preserving the strength of character and health of the Bar, and the dignity, independence, integrity and the strength of character of the Canadian Bench.

The Bar must, in the words of Rufus Choate:

"be fired by the spirit of liberty, and yet to hold fast the sentiments of order and reverence, and the duty of subordination; that it has resisted despotism, and yet taught obedience; that it has recognized and vindicated the rights of man, and yet has reckoned it always among the most sacred and most precious of those rights to be shielded and led by the divine nature and immortal reason of law; -that it appreciates social progression and contributes to it, and ranks in the classes and with the agents of progression, yet evermore counsels and courts permanence and conservatism and rest."

I might add that in relations between nations the legal profession has an equal responsibility. The building of an International World at Law based on the fact,

"that it (law) loves light better than darkness, and yet, like the eccentric or wise man in the old historian, has a habit of looking away as the night wanes to the western sky, to detect there the first streaks of returning dawn."

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