

marrying therein, although no such revocation would have taken place according to the law of the original domicile (*Seifert v. Seifert*, 7 Ont. Weekly Notes 440)? Again, there is urgent need for the adoption of uniform rules for the distribution of estates when the property, both moveable and immoveable, is situated in different jurisdictions. In no province is the machinery adequate for such purposes; on the contrary, there seems to be an almost total absence of such ancillary provisions as an enlightened spirit of comity between provinces would suggest, in order to facilitate the prompt and inexpensive distribution of the estates of decedents.

Equally objectionable is the diversity in the rules governing the authority and effect in one of the provinces of judgments rendered in another. In order to facilitate the adoption of uniform rules on this subject it may be advisable in the first place to render uniform the rules of procedure relating to the assumption of jurisdiction by the courts of the different provinces, so that there may be as little overlapping and competition as possible.

Even when we are legislating upon new questions of general interest which transcend the bounds of the province and which have no foundations in the past, we work in isolation instead of in concert. The Workmen's Compensation Acts are not based on the existing law of torts in the several provinces, but on the contrary involve a distinct departure from traditional principles. They embody a new theory which recognizes the inadequacy of the ordinary legal principles of responsibility, and which substitutes therefor the view that risks incidental to a business should be a charge on that business. This was pre-eminently a case for co-operative effort in order to produce uniformity of treatment throughout the whole Dominion, instead of allowing separate provincial commissions to create diversity and conflict where none previously existed. As a result we have confusion, uncertainty and contrariety, where it would have been humane to make the law simple, sure and uniform, and to produce a measure that would not have compelled the unfortunate