

thus securing harmonious action with other Provincial Sections. Though each province has its official or statutory Law or Bar Societies and councils with fixed powers and duties, mainly pertaining to the qualifications, discipline, libraries and the reporting of cases. They do not give opportunity to the members of the Bar generally to consider together the many and very important matters relating to the profession which lie entirely outside the duties and powers of the official bodies. To meet this need, the lawyers of British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario, have formed provincial voluntary Bar Associations, the objects and purposes of which are substantially the same as those of this Association. It has been the thought of some that these Associations might transmute themselves into sections of the Canadian Bar Association, and that where none such exist, the provincial sections or units of the Canadian Bar Association would meet the requirement. We can readily see that such provincial sections or units actively engaged in the work of the Association in each province and co-operating with each other, will be of immense advantage in furthering the purposes of the Association.

Official Societies of the Provinces

Section 2 of the Act mentions that one object of the Association is to foster harmonious relations and co-operation among the incorporated law societies, barristers' societies and general corporations of the Bars of the several provinces. Those societies and corporations have usually appointed two of their members to the Council of this Association. This has been beneficial for they and the other benchers and provincial councillors have done excellent service in inducing those official corporations to put into effect the recommendations of the Association. This Association is not executive. It could not be so without interfering with the provincial bodies but it does hope that they will make operative what the whole Bar of Canada through its Association advises to be for the best interests of the profession as a whole and of the people. To have concerted action in this it is highly desirable that the