

its very onerous burdens, coupled with the need for existence, will produce a more economic distribution of the necessities of life, and—let us hope—a more rational pace of living.

As in the past, so shall the members of our profession again shine in the Halls of Fame when International Law shall be reconstructed so as to forever obliterate the scrap of paper libel on the conventions of nations.

Permit me to refer briefly to matters appertaining more particularly to this Association and its labours. At your last Annual Meeting many matters were referred to the Council, and these have been carefully weighed by it and its various committees, the reports of which have been printed and will be placed before you for consideration. Amongst these were the raising of funds for a Machine Gun and for Belgian Relief, and I am pleased to report that your Council succeeded, with your kind assistance, in furnishing a Colt Machine Gun, which was presented and accepted by the Militia Department and is now in use with an Overseas Battalion, and \$1,000.00 was presented to and graciously acknowledged by the Central Executive of Relief Work for Victims of the War in Belgium, and in addition I am pleased to report that a surplus of \$300.00 was presented to the 81st Battalion in which our Treasurer and other members of this Association are prominent officers.

It is due to the Committee on Legal Ethics and especially to the draftsmen, to refer to the draft Code of Ethics which you have received for consideration. In comparison with other codes you will find it unique in its conception of our duty, its simplicity and its comprehensiveness, and I trust it will receive your favourable consideration, and if adopted, that it will be printed and distributed with the Annual Report, and I would suggest that the Solicitor's Oath of Office be included in the report, lest in our race for wealth we forget the more noble pursuit of honour and a life well spent in maintaining the traditions of our profession.

The student-at-law is to-day confined in obtaining his educational qualification to what he may acquire from practice in an office and the lectures in our Provincial Law School, but such has been the rapid development of our province and its resources,