

may not commend itself to some, but in these troublous days we feel drawn to those who are largely of our own kith and kin, whose laws are largely the same, and who should, and we believe will, stand by the motherland when compelled to draw the sword for justice and for freedom.

Those interested, and there are many, in the present condition of military matters in England will find in the London *Law Times* of October 21st, an interesting article entitled "Calling up Reserves." The writer there treats of the subject historically, and gives a summary of the English Army Acts, under which the reserves have been called out in the present emergency. As far as this Dominion is concerned, whilst it is interesting to know in this as in other matters how the law stands, the desire to take our share of the burden as component parts of a great Empire makes us care very little as to our exact position in view of the system of responsible government under which we live. Our contingent has gone with the hearty good will of all, with, perhaps, the exception of an opposition of such microscopic propositions as to be unworthy of notice. We have another to send if it is wanted, and if any Act of Parliament is needed, the people will see that it is passed.

The following remarks by Lord Hobhouse seem to suggest some of the best arguments in favour of retaining jury trials. Observations of a somewhat similar character might be made as to the advantages of case law as against codification, provided always that the judiciary has the capacity to safely guide the ship of judge made law through the ever-changing sand bars of commerce and social life: "It seems to me that juries have kept our laws sweet; they have kept them practical; they still do so; they are like the constant, unseen, unfelt force of gravitation which enables us to walk on the face of the earth instead of flying off into space. Certainly nothing can be more important to the welfare and coherence and strength of the nation, than that its laws should be in general harmony with its convictions and feelings. * * * Juries are passing every day innumerable decisions, each of them very small, but constant, ubiquitous, and tending to carry superfine laws down into practical life so as to make them fit for human nature's daily food."