

there would be some security and effective check on their proceedings.

The law Courts have in one or two instances discovered an unsuspected weakness in the official armour created by these Acts, but with these exceptions the rule of law has been suspended in the interest of those who wear it, and the Legislature promptly comes to the rescue of its protégé and passes an amendment. From such interference the ancient veneration for the rule of law has suffered in the last few years a marked decline.

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CONFERENCE OF COMMISSIONERS ON UNIFORMITY OF LEGISLATION.

The object of this conference has been referred to in our summary of the proceedings of the Canadian Bar Association recently held at Winnipeg. It deserves more than passing notice as it is of great importance to the commercial world and this country, that the law on a variety of subjects should be uniform in all Provinces. The labors of the members of this conference deserve the attention and support of the Federal as well as the Provincial Governments, of Boards of Trade, of representatives of the various commercial associations, and of business men generally.

This conference is the result of the appointment by the various Provincial Governments of three lawyers from each Province; who are asked to discuss and recommend such legislation as may be desirable for the attainment of the end in view. Several of the Provinces have already named their representatives and these with others who have not yet any official sanction have begun the work which is proposed to be carried on. Members of the profession can materially aid those who are now voluntarily giving their time to this important matter by making such suggestions as may seem to them desirable. And here we may remark that Lord Bacon once said "Every man owes a duty to the profession to which he belongs." Here is an opportunity.

Mr. John D. Falconbridge, of Toronto, one of the commissioners appointed by the Province of Ontario, is acting as Record-