

Assignments of Debtors, Insurance and Partnerships, general and limited, incorporation and capacities of business companies, grain, implement, milling and elevator companies forsooth, which lie within provincial authority. If the nations between which there is large trade were to agree upon some uniform domestic business laws to facilitate such dealings that would not affect their several state sovereignty or autonomy. The nations of the British Commonwealth, the United States and France which have fought side by side naturally will co-operate for mutual protection, and will probably have more constant trade relations. That flow of trade will seek the freest facilities, among other things easily understood, common and constant rules of business conduct, in other words, uniformity of law. Already tendencies in that direction are appearing. Pride of youthful nationality and a desire for distinctive individuality may have prevented Canada from acknowledging the efficient influence upon Canada of the progressive legislation of the United States. On the other hand, there are not a few instances of Canadian pioneering legislation being followed in some of the United States. We would be deficient, and deserving of all the results of stupidity, if when good suggestions are made or ideas presented we did not take them. They are communicated by American newspapers and magazines and books, which Canadians read more than those from any other country. There are 100,000,000 people in the United States expressing their thoughts in the English language; outside of it only some 60,000,000. The result naturally will be uniformity first of thought then of conduct and that will express itself in the laws of the two nations. How does that apply in the Province of Quebec where the language of the people generally is French? Certainly not to the same degree. Not wishing isolation or to be out of touch with environment or world progress their leaders and teachers and journalists read the daily or periodical literature of those who surround them, catch the best thought and impress it. Their business usages and undertakings, notwithstanding the disadvantage to both of the lingual barrier, are substantially the same as their neighbours, with a consequent approximation of the rules of conduct or laws relating thereto. On behalf of the