

usages and laws, and their own method of administering them. French ways were not English ways. The change of Sovereignty and the introduction of new laws naturally caused disquietude which was abated by the Quebec Act 1774, sometimes called the Magna Charta of Canadians of French descent in Quebec. I understand that Mr. Justice Anglin intends referring to this.

That, however, was not the final solution. The Colonies in British North America were advancing vigorously. Those of British and French descent were accommodating themselves to each other. So eventually the British North America Act, the only written part of our Constitution, was passed, by which all laws on subjects within the Federal Jurisdiction are nation wide. So substantially is the public law and the law which relates to commercial and business transactions.

PROVINCIAL JURISDICTIONS.

No doubt as time passes convenience will require, and the preservation of Provincial Jurisdiction demand, greater uniformity in those provincial laws which relate to classes of business carried on between the Provinces. That, undoubtedly, should be left to the free volition of the Provinces. No one Province should be expected to make all the concessions to attain greater unity. The Civil Code system of Quebec relating to purely local and domestic matters differs fundamentally from the system in other Provinces; why should it not, if such be the will of the Quebecers? It should be the aim of the Canadian people to keep the exercise of provincial rights and privileges free from all kinds of external interferences or encroachment. Citizens will best develop their powers, and make their richest contribution to Canada in the habitat and milieu and the atmosphere to which they are most naturally adapted and the administration of the laws to which they are accustomed. They will usually do what is to their interest, and the more readily if there is no outside power appearing to thereunto compel them. If there is, their sweet reasonableness vanishes.

A minister from another parish, on account of the sudden illness of the resident one, took his place, and was about to begin the service when the beadle presented to him the gown which he said was always worn in that pulpit. Said the minister, Am I compelled to wear it? No, was the reply. Then answered the minister "I will."