

for the purpose of considering and reporting upon certain branches of law with a view to them being made uniform in all. This action is in the direction of moulding into one harmonious whole the differing and incongruous legislation now existing in the various Provinces. It is evident that if Canada is ever to fulfil what we believe to be her destiny, something of this sort must be accomplished. This is the task which the Association and the Conference of Commissioners have undertaken; and it is one which is worthy of those members of the Association who feel the responsibility that lies upon the class to which they belong; namely, those who by their training and experience are the best fitted to deal with such an important and difficult task. Some of the Provinces have not as yet formally appointed Commissioners to represent them, though they were represented at the meeting in Montreal by prominent members of the Bar or by members of the Dominion Government. Sir James Aikins, of Winnipeg, acted as chairman, and Mr. John D. Falconbridge, of Toronto, as secretary. This is only a beginning, but it is a move in the right direction; and, if it receives the support and encouragement of the various Governments, should prove a most useful auxiliary to those who are charged with legislation which would be necessary to accomplish the end in view.

The first day (Monday, September 2) was devoted to (1) Meetings of the Council; (2) Conference of the Provincial Commissioners; (3) Meetings of the various committees.

At the morning session of the next day (Sept 3) there were words of welcome from the Batonier of the Montreal Bar. This was followed by the inaugural address of the President of the Association, Sir James Aikins, K.C., Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba. This interesting and valuable paper is published in full at p. 844.

The afternoon was devoted to Mr. Jacobs' report on Bankruptcy. This is now in the form of a draft bill, in the hands of the Dominion Government for consideration at the next session of Parliament.

Reports were also presented on Company Law by Mr. Isaac Campbell, K.C., of Winnipeg, and on Legal Education by Dr. R. W. Lee, Dean of McGill University.