

ment considérable dans la liquidation des affaires commerciales. Le code civil contient une loi complète de faillite, plus parfaite, plus expéditive et beaucoup moins dispendieuse que celle qui avait été adoptée à Ottawa. La chose vaut la peine d'être essayée."

It must be remembered, however, that insolvency is a subject of legislation exclusively within the jurisdiction of Parliament, and that while Quebec may enjoy the provisions of its Code (they having become law prior to confederation), it does not follow that our local legislature would have power to enact similar provisions. It is inadvisable also (even if it were possible) that the insolvency laws should differ in the various provinces. An effort is being made in the United States to remove this subject of legislation from the State legislatures to Federal jurisdiction, on account of the extremely close trade-relationship of the States, and we think it would be a mistake to establish the contrary principle in Canada. It will be better to wait until opinion becomes sufficiently strong to compel a Dominion Act.

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MR. JAMES BETHUNE, Q.C.

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IT is with the greatest regret that we notice the announcement of the death of Mr. Bethune. He has been cut down in the very height of a most prosperous and brilliant career at the bar.

Mr. Bethune combined in himself almost all the essentials of the ideal advocate—some of them in more, and some in less, perfect degree. He was always enthusiastic and industrious; possessed a good voice, impressive presence,