

ican Union. They have the same climate, the same resources, the same industries, the same substantive law, the same customs, literature and traditions as the people of the northern states. The unities of social and political and industrial life on both sides of the Niagara river are everywhere apparent. The differences are hard to detect, except in this field of the administration of law.

It has been suggested that Ontario's success lies in the fact that it is of a homogeneous nature and not subject to the stresses of a swift evolution. This is hardly true. On her frontier Ontario has always had the rough and ready types that are found in the lumber camps. In recent years Ontario has developed a great mining field and has done it without letting down the bars of civilization. Her railroad and manufacturing development has been swift and her mines have swelled litigation. Her capital city has had a growth hardly rivalled on this continent during the past decade. Toronto is to-day a boom city of nearly 400,000 people. Building lots five miles from her city hall are held as high as property five miles from the Chicago postoffice. Platted lots ten miles from the centre are probably bringing a higher price than lots the same distance from the Chicago loop. And in this typical Canadian province there is one standard of justice applying with mathematical equality to the labourer who sues for a single day's wages and the trust company which brings suit for a million dollars.

Now before we come to the painful comparison of Illinois and Ontario justice let us consider the machinery of Ontario's department of justice. First the bar. Except in point of organization and some mere external peculiarities the bar is the same as in Illinois. The terms barrister and solicitor are retained, but practically every solicitor is also a barrister. And barristers are free to form partnerships, to accept annual retainers and to refuse any retainer. They wear gowns in court, and there is the honorary rank of King's Counsel with the privilege of a silk gown, but for all practical purposes the bar of Ontario is very nearly like that of Illinois and very far from that of England.