

the CANADA LAW JOURNAL, draws attention to the provision in the British North America Act, unused now for thirty-five years, for the assimilation of the laws of the various provinces upon subjects within their jurisdiction. There are many heads of law in which uniformity of enactment would be of great benefit to the community, considering the great volume of business between the provinces. Of these, insurance (in which the Civil Code and Statutes of Quebec are to be commended), the enforcement of judgments, the law of contracts, and the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Acts afford excellent examples. On these subjects similarity of legislation would immensely simplify matters. Mr. Falconbridge draws attention to a Commission which is charged with the duty of endeavouring to systematize the various state enactments. The work of this Commission is most instructive and interesting, and we might, I think, endeavour to emulate its example.

One matter of interest to ourselves has been recently mooted, and that is the appointment of a French-Canadian Judge in Ontario. My own feeling is that in Ontario neither race, nor religion nor politics should enter into our calculations when an appointment to the Bench is to be made, and for that reason I should feel disposed to think that the contention put forward was inadmissible. But the request has perhaps a wider significance, and it should in justice to those who put it forward be fairly and thoroughly considered. The French language was preserved to the Province of Quebec after the Conquest, and it became one of the official languages of Canada. No one, however, can deny that it would, as a matter of business, be better for us, as a nation if the English language were spoken universally from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Should we then foster in any way the perpetuation of another language outside the limits originally assigned to it?

To extend the official use of the French language to Ontario courts would be the natural outcome of the appointment of a French-speaking judge. To do this would necessitate an amendment of the British North America Act.