

under so happily for so many years, and to which the Anglo-Saxon element in the community is quite as devoted as the French-Canadians, would be tolerated for a moment, and nothing of the kind is suggested in the present paper. The question seems to be not so much between those who favour a revision and those who are opposed to any revision, as it is about the form which it should take. Those who seem unwilling to contemplate the idea of a general review of the Code contend that annual individual amendments suffice. On the other hand, can it seriously be doubted that a well considered and concerted general effort to revise and perfect the Code, originating not necessarily in the Legislature or as the effort of one or two independent and theoretical law reformers, but as the result of preliminary discussions and deliberations by juris-consults, judges and lawyers, notaries and publicists, and finally submitted to a systematic and scientific commission appointed by Government is preferable?

A society such as the Junior Bar Association might in my humble opinion, profitably inaugurate the movement for a general revision of the Code, and in so doing it will be embarking upon a large and dignified undertaking. The form in which its efforts should be directed and the limits to which they should be confined may properly be the subject of consideration at your hands. In a general way, I think—if I may be allowed to express an opinion—your society might invite from the members of the Bar of our own district in the first instance, and from the judges and the notarial profession, expressions of opinion as to desirable amendments. These, when received, might be collated by a standing committee, and the result of their work presented in the form of a report to the society. Later on, various committees might be formed to consider separate groups of questions, the conclusions being communicated to the members of the Bar generally throughout the Province. The discussions thus awakened could not fail to be beneficial, and I think, in the result would lead to the appointment of a Government Commission, which of course, would in the end have the serious responsible work of preparing the Act of Revision for presentation to the Legislature. This commission, I need hardly say, would require to be composed of able, learned and practical men selected solely for their fitness for the office.