

voter "against the ticket peddler, election workers and spies," and practically "takes the monopoly of nomination out of the hands of the professional politicians, and removes the main pretext of assessments upon candidates which now prevent honest poor men from running for office."

The jurisdiction possessed by the courts of trying all cases of bribery and corruption at elections, and giving judgment on the facts before them, in this way relieving the legislature of a duty which could not, as experience had shown, be satisfactorily performed by a political body influenced too often by impulses of party ambition.

The placing by the constitution of the jurisdiction over divorce in the parliament of the Dominion and not in the legislatures of the provinces—the upper house being now by usage the court for the trial of cases of this kind except in the small maritime provinces, which had courts of this character previous to the federal union. The effect of the careful regard entertained for the marriage tie may be estimated from the fact that from 1867 to 1886 there were only 116 divorces granted in Canada against 328,613 in the various states of the Union.

The differences that I have shown to exist between the political systems of the two countries are of so important a character as to exercise a very decided influence on the political and social conditions of each. Allied with a great respect for law, which is a distinguishing feature of all communities of the Anglo-Saxon race, they form the basis of the present happiness and prosperity of the people of the Dominion and of their future national greatness. It was to be expected that two peoples lying alongside each other since the commencement of their history, and developing governmental institutions drawn from the same tap-root of English law and constitutional usages, should exhibit many points of similarity in their respective systems and in their capacity for self-government. But it is noteworthy that their close neighborhood, their means of rapid communication with one another, the constant social and commercial