

least in explanation, some reasons why I am so bold as to address any words to members of the legal profession.

At Home

I have, throughout my life seen a great deal of, and had much to do with lawyers. I cannot speak as a practising lawyer, but I can speak as a member of a practising lawyer's family. There are few associations that I look back upon with greater pride and pleasure than those which my father's library afforded. There, the rows upon rows of law books, with the beautiful coloring of their bindings, seem still to lend a kindly background to one's early life. There, from day to day, conversation was almost certain to touch upon something that had to do with the law, something of ^{Court} trials, something of assizes; and, later, much of lectures and examinations at Osgoode Hall. There, too, were friendly meetings with students, with eminent counsel, and with members of the judiciary. In later years, it was a source of particular pleasure to me as I went about in this province and in the provinces of the west, to meet lawyers and judges who had been my father's students here at Osgoode Hall.

In Parliament

Parliament, and more particularly the House of Commons and the Cabinet, provided increased opportunities