

ments appointing commissioners for that purpose. This is the system which was ultimately adopted in the United States, but already some of the Attorneys-General have expressed the view that this Association had better undertake the work, the Governments providing the necessary funds. From whatever source assistance may come, let the Association members press toward the goal of this excellent and important purpose.

Here I desire to call your attention to another subject which touches one of the objects of the Association, the promotion of the administration of justice, viz., a draft bill which it is proposed to introduce into the Imperial Parliament. It is intituled: "Judgments Extension Bill." It provides that a certified copy of a final judgment by a superior Court of any part of His Majesty's Dominions whereby any sum of money is made payable may be registered in a Court of the United Kingdom and shall have effect as if it were a judgment of that Court, if that reciprocal provision is made by that jurisdiction in which such judgment is originally granted.

The other bond which will help to solidify Canada and unite the people of our several provinces is that of a common patriotic sentiment. It can scarcely be said that throughout Canada there is any well defined national consciousness. It is growing in places, but it is often confused with two other similar sentiments which are mistaken for it, namely, a British Empire loyalty and the provincial spirit, both of which exist in a marked manner; the former tends to union, the latter to isolation. Perhaps that is a strong way of putting it, but living in Western Canada as I do where we are separated by long distance from the eastern part of Canada, we sometimes think:

"The East is East and the West is West  
And never the twain shall meet;  
Till earth and sky stand presently  
At the great Judgment seat.  
There's neither East nor West,  
Nor border nor breed nor birth,  
When two strong men stand face to face  
Though they come from the ends of the earth."

The Bars of the provinces have hitherto been as provincial in spirit as the people; necessarily so for their own provincial