

The prosperity of the Dominion and its continuance as a whole and complete unit of the Empire depends not only upon the cohesion of its various parts, which must be maintained and insisted upon, but also as we believe upon the maintenance to the fullest extent of the rights conferred by the B.N.A. Act upon the Dominion Government as distinguished from those of the Provinces. Unfortunately, there has been a constant effort on the part of those who represent the Provinces to aim at powers which they were apparently never intended to possess. This ought not to be and can only be productive of evil.

ONTARIO BAR ASSOCIATION.

The twelfth annual meeting of this Association was held at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, on February 21st and 22nd. The bill of fare was a full one, and will, we trust, be of benefit to the profession, as well as to the public, which always reaps fruit from the gatherings of lawyers to discuss the condition of the law and wherein it may be improved in the interests of justice and business relations.

After certain preliminary proceedings, the President, Mr. George C. Campbell, gave his opening address, which was full of information as to what had been done and suggestions as to what might be done in the cause of law reform. The subject of his address was: "Law, the hope and the defence of democracy." He appealed for a wider acceptance of the principles of international law, a subject, however, which, though fundamental in its benefits to the world at large, is not, unhappily, under the present stress of circumstances, of much practical importance. He also referred to various matters which were to be brought before the Association in the reports of the various committees.

These reports were as follows:—Legislation, Law Reform, Legal Ethics, Criminal Law, Company Law, Patent Law, Legal Education and Legal History. The reading of them occupied the remainder of the first day's session. They came up for discussion on the following day.