

Such things have happened, and such a result cannot satisfy public opinion.

"I am aware that decisions of the Privy Council in what I might call international matters have sometimes been open to the reproach of being founded on Imperial interests at large, with the result that Canadian interests suffered heavily. I claim for myself no degree for diplomacy, but leave the answer to this reproach to those who wish to retain for Canada the full and unfettered rights and privileges of her young and progressive nationhood.

"The appeal to the Privy Council is a tie, one of the last ties, we are sometimes told, between Canada and the Mother Country. A tie may be broken by pulling on any one of its ends; Quebec will not pull on her end, but let us hope that there will not be too many unwise pullers on the other end."

Remarks of Mr. Justice Scrutton.

Mr. Justice Scrutton, of the English Bench, in a recent address referred to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council as being an important and interesting link between the units of the British Empire. He spoke as follows:—

"One of the threads which held the different units of the Empire together was the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. Indian communities come to ask that court to decide whether a certain god has a right to pass through the street of a certain Indian town with elephants or not. Then comes sometimes the Commonwealth of Australia for the settlement of disputes between the states of Australia and the Commonwealth as to the exact limitations of the jurisdiction of each. Then comes very frequently the Dominion of Canada, and then come representatives from the Mauritius, Trinidad, the Cape, etc. Every colony brings the oddest questions to be decided by that perfectly impartial and trusted tribunal. The result is that the Privy Council is known in the most obscure parts of the Empire, although the people do not know what it is. There is a story that in one of the most obscure parts of India there was found an altar with worship going on. The traveller asked the people whom they were worshipping, and they answered: 'We do not know, but it is the great god Privy Council.'"