

and better jurisprudence. The convenience of inter-provincial business requires it.

Let me say, shortly, that history shows how fatuous and destructive is any attempt of any considerable body of people to coerce into uniformity with their own the conflicting ideas and conceptions of the intelligent people of any province, state or nation. The Egyptians failed to force into uniformity with their own the Israelitish notions and conceptions; the Hohrows, though thinking themselves the Chosen People of God and the Gentiles His and their enemies who merited destruction, failed also; so did the Macedonians at Thebes, Germanicus with the Marai, and Cromwell in Ireland. The Religious Wars of the Middle Ages and the Thirty Years' War abound in illustrations of the utter futility and disaster of such attempts. So too will fail the great War Lord of Germany, his military advisers and cohorts, to impose their boasted "Kultur," their civilization, their religion of valour upon unwilling nations.

The Canadian Bar Association has no such passion for uniformity. The powers which make for the development of any country and its unity are peaceable yet powerful. They are those of mind and heart and sense combined with energy. The rules which regulate these are the inherent laws of human nature which are as constant as matter and its universal laws. As the people of Canada approximate to these attributes and qualities, and they will, as the demands of business convenience increase, similarity of law will necessarily result. Our common law judges and our legislators have not created law; they have formulated it to express the wish and needs of the people as rules to guide in the changed and ever changing conditions of society. The law of a country is the responsive expression of its social and business life and it must expand with it, or hamper it. The ever advancing and altering relations of society and individuals, new fields of human activities, new modes of thought, increase in knowledge, demand modification of the old rules and the adoption of new. This has been the teaching of history—"the old order changeth, giving place to the new." Custom may shudder at the lack of veneration for the old, and at