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The effort to promote uniformity of legislation among the various states of the Union still continues, thirty-two of them maintaining commissioners for that purpose. Negotiations are being carried on for the uniformity of laws in reference to negotiable instruments, and more recently an attempt is being made to perfect the details of a bill to provide for uniformity of procedure in divorce cases. A writer in one of our exchanges therefore thinks that uniform legislation may not, after all, be merely an impossible dream. The Canadian Bar Association will prove its usefulness if in any way it promotes uniformity of laws in the Dominion, and having already taken ground in that direction will, we trust, continue the good work. A letter on this subject appears in another place.

Our English contemporary, the Law Times, refers to complaints of the profession as to some judicial methods of shortening cases, such as the judge telling the defendant's counsel at the close of a plaintiff's case that he has no case, or asking the jury whether they think there is any libel or any fraud, and generally expressing his own opinion about the case more or less definitely, so as to render a further contest unavailing. The writer correctly says, "Speed is not justice. There is no royal road to the end of the law suit. Facts are for the jury and not for the judge, who should reserve comment as much as possible until called upon to sum up." And again, in referring to an observation of Mr. Justice Phillimore the same journal speaks thus: "This is fast becoming an age of extra judicial utterances from the Bench, which is a habit to be most strongly deprecated."