

council established rules of procedure. Originally the whole Privy Council constituted the judicial body.

"In 1833, through Lord Brougham, the Judicial Committee was constituted. Various schemes for re-organization were adopted in the years 1871, 1876, 1881, 1887, 1895, 1908, 1913, and the later years include the legislation making eligible judges from the different colonies and making the number different from one year to the other. You know, of course, as well as I do, that however satisfactory that readjustment might be made, it has usually failed because of the inadequate, or absence, in fact, of any allowance, allowance so far as our country is concerned, that would secure the attendance of the judges who were appointed to that committee; there is nothing, therefore, to enable us to judge of the result of their being added to the board or otherwise.

"But the body itself is peculiarly and essentially unique in the history of judicial tribunals. It is, of course, and has been said often, that not less than one-third of the human race look to it as its final court of appeal, and its jurisdiction covers 11,000,000 square miles, as against 1,600,000 of the Roman Empire.

"I myself think it is no discredit as a Canadian that we should have a final court of appeal outside of our country and maintained as this is, immediately in the capital of the Empire. In other words, I, personally, sympathize with the idea that we should have the right of appeal from a final court in this country. The Canadian must appreciate the fact of getting judgment, not merely of a court removed from local influences and that sort of thing, but a court which has included, on almost every occasion on which it has been composed, not merely the brightest legal luminaries in the world, but what has given that tribunal and gives the House of Lords such weight, the fact that at this court sit men with seasoned experience, men who have tried, in their professional life, and handled, perhaps, a thousand cases of a difficult character, compared with our leading men's one or ten cases of a similar character. (Hear,