

(6) Sir Robert Borden, speaking upon the proposal for an Imperial Court of Appeal, said:

"I think we have just about enough Appeal Courts, and I think the tendency in our country will be to restrict appeals to the Privy Council rather than to increase them."

(7) Mr. Rowell said:

"There is no public feeling in Canada on the question of the re-organization of these courts, but there is considerable public feeling in favour of limiting the appeals still further, towards restricting appeals. There is a growing opinion that our own courts should be the final authority. That is the popular opinion."

XI. During the earlier stages of Canada's colonialism, something could be said for subjecting our lawsuits to the final disposition of a body which was less a court of justice than a political contrivance for the exercise of

"the authority of the Crown over its possessions abroad;"

and for the comfort of

"the very large class of persons interested in colonial 'securities' or colonial 'undertakings,' who are domiciled in the United Kingdom."

Surely the day has come when Canadians will no longer tolerate the existence of an institution which has for its object (1) British control of Canadian affairs, and (2) British amendment, "from the point of view" of British investors, of the decisions of Canadian courts.

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I would not have it thought that the material for the present paper has been collected with difficulty and labor. On the contrary, the cases dealt with are, without exception, those in which I have been personally engaged, or which, on account of their notoriety, have been brought to my attention. Any Privy Council practitioner can easily supply other instances of similar indefensibility.

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