

culty in the way of its ever being included in any such scheme, owing to the fact of the present law of that province being so widely different in many respects from that of the other provinces. But even if the attempt at establishing uniformity of law were confined to the English-speaking provinces, it would be of great benefit. It would do a great deal towards establishing a feeling of unity between the various members of the Dominion, which is so much to be desired. If our people found the same laws prevailing and governing their civil rights and property in all parts of the Dominion, other than Quebec, it might be they would realize, what it is hard to do now, that they are in truth citizens of the same country, no matter in what province they live. A removal from one province to another would then involve no change in the system of law to which they would be subject.

But though the benefit to the public would be great, the advantages the profession would reap would be even greater. A lawyer would be able to practice his profession in all the English-speaking parts of the Dominion; his removal from one province to another would not involve the learning a new system of law. If his talents lay in the direction of legal literature, he would have a larger audience to address. At present, although Ontario is the most populous and wealthiest province of the Dominion, yet its legal literature is very meagre, and as for that of the other English-speaking provinces, it amounts to little or nothing. An uniformity of law would soon create a legal literature of which we might have reason to be proud.

It would be unwise to attempt too much at once, but why should not an effort be made to secure uniformity of procedure? That alone would be an immense boon; and if it should prove successful, it might lead to other subjects being dealt with.

In most of the English speaking provinces the principles of the Judicature Act have been adopted; why should not a code be passed on the lines adapted to all of these provinces? The provinces are not unnaturally tenacious of their legislative rights; but the adoption of a well-considered code of