

members themselves, should be from the Governments, which represent all the people. The Association has been well approved by the profession generally. In this movement, as in all progressive innovations, the apathetic retard as well as the obstructionist. The benevolent critic, however severe, is not of that number, for he causes those who are advancing to ponder the path of their feet that their ways may be established. In the highway along which lawyers worthily press to their objective, there are always those who cause some delay by sauntering aimlessly along, or with deliberation stop to tie a shoe-string. Woe betides such, as it usually does in the intense race of life. A few members of our profession may desire to keep up the difference in the expression and in the details of provincial business laws and the consequent divergences of judicial decision although in substance they are the same. In other words, out of the confusion and loss to business men occasioned by such confusion, those few may think some little gain may be made. The mere mention of this is equivalent to public condemnation of that attitude. While the manufacturing, agricultural commercial and industrial organizations, and the public to whose attention the purposes and work of the Association has come, have generally commended, there are some fearful and unbelieving who have hesitated to applaud. For, from observation, perhaps their own experience, they know of organizations whose sins are to help themselves regardless of the interests of others or the principle of Fair Play. That disregard in the end breeds trouble everywhere. They know that Capital can combine against Labour and workingmen organise against property-owners, know middlemen, manufacturers and producers can in their respective occupations unitedly manipulate to their material advantage though not of others. They overlook the fact that the learned professions are fundamentally different from trade occupations, accordingly they fail to comprehend how lawyers can form an association for other than the purpose of the material advancement of the individual members. They understand the keenness of the lawyer's analytical mind, not always the sincerity of his heart or his public spirit. To these are unintelligible such phrases as "the honour," "the elevation," "the dignity of the profession" of which we are