

au conditions les plus variées de l'humanité, inspiré par nul autre sentiment que celui d'être juste et parvenant à ses fins, sans s'embarasser d'un formalisme qui n'est qu'une concession aux faiblesses des hommes. Mais hélas ! C'est une Justice qui coûte cher ! C'est un luxe qui n'appartient qu'aux riches, ou à ceux qui jouent tout pour tout." (2 *Revue Critique*, 467.) This is not unlike the verdict of Captain Fullalove in "Hard Cash." In rambling over London with the coloured man Vespasian, whom he was trying to educate and enlighten, they passed Westminster Hall. The Captain pointed it out to Vespasian, with the remark, "There's where you can buy British justice. It comes high, but it's prime."

Limits have been imposed by various colonial legislatures as to the nature and value of the cases in which an appeal to His Majesty in Council is allowed, but when it is allowed it takes the form of a petition to the sovereign, and the order upon the petition or appeal is made by the King in Council. The petition is addressed "to the King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council." In the Province of Ontario appeals lie either (1) direct from the Court of Appeal for Ontario "in cases where the matters in controversy exceed the sum or value of \$4,000, or where the matter in question relates to the taking of an annual or other rent, customary or other duty, or fee, or any like demand of a general and public nature affecting future rights of what value or amount soever the same may be." (R.S.O.C. 48, § 1.) Or, (2) from the Supreme Court of Canada, by special leave of the Privy Council. There is no appeal as of right from the Supreme Court, but the royal prerogative is preserved.

This special leave is very rarely granted, and only in "cases of gravity involving matters of public interest, or some important question of law, or affecting property of considerable amount, or where the case is otherwise of some public importance, or of a very substantial character." There is no appeal to the Judicial Committee from the Courts of Canada in criminal cases: Criminal Code, sec. 751.

In addition to its ordinary appellate functions, the Privy Council has authority under 3 & 4 Will. IV. c. 41, to consider "any other matters whatever" which may be referred to it by the crown, and matters of great importance have from time to time been referred to it under this power.

"The result of the deliberations of the Committee is recorded,