

That sentiment is, I think, particularly apposite on this occasion when we are fraternizing with the very flower of the Canadian legal profession which is comprised in that great and highly useful institution called the Canadian Bar Association extending its ramifications throughout the several Provinces of our Confederation, "a mare usque ad marem."

The Canadian Bar Association is a progressive institution, and I say that it cannot be otherwise under the eminent and able direction of its very worthy and most popular President, whose fine tact, untiring energy and Maccenian munificence have given it a vigor and prestige such that the Association is now in a fair way to realize the ideals cherished by all men of law—to promote the glorious aims of Justice.

I have uttered the word "Justice," which is perhaps the most solemn that may be found in any dictionary among the civilized nations.

Justice! I need not define what it consists in, as every one of us knows it is the firm and perpetual determination to give everyone his due. To attain that end, to realize that purpose, the Roman law had enacted three outstanding, immutable rules: live honestly, *honeste vivere*; injure no one, *neminef laedere*; give everyone his due, *sum cuique tribuere*. In fact, what is the fundamental basic principle which underlies society? What is the governing spirit which rules the world, protects virtue and avenges crime? Is it religion, idealism, interest, love, might? No, the great organic principle of society is Justice, which is the very essence of humanity.

History shows that at all times has Justice been revered among the nations of the world either as a divinity, either as the very standard of social excellence, or as the greatest of Christian virtues, Justice being the most peculiar attribute of the Almighty. From the most remote ages down to modern times, Justice has been as a beacon light guiding civilization to higher and yet higher ideals. What is history itself but a work of justice, but an impartial judgment