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There are other considerations than those he urges.

As to pedantry, if it be pedantry to use what is most harmonious, expressive and complete, let us be pedants, by all means. Latin "slang," if we can concede such a classification to "Lucian," is much preferable to English "slang," all things considered.

The historical phase counts. Let us not bow in humility and worship to the "cant" that regards veneration for historical value as "fetish worship." More of reticence, more of reverence, is not the less needed, but the more in these days of flux and evolution.

Also, shall we say that our lawyers know too much of any language, or shall we say that pity demands that their overtaxed brains shall not be required to struggle with the difficulties of Latin?

The lawyers themselves would doubtless be the first to object to having their professional standing lowered by any serious application of "Lucian's" policy.

How also would "Lucian" meet the difficulty of the poor lawyer who, trained in his "unless before" system of books and teaching, found himself face to face with "Nisi Prius" quotations and references in the law publications issued through many years? Would there be an official interpreter in each library, or how else do it? The blessings "Lucian" and "Pauline" would receive from those educated along their lines would not add to the future comfort of their souls, though "Lucian" would, no doubt, take it in good part.

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QUERIES

From the golden hand of blessing have you coined yourself a curse?

How were you impressed with Laurier's statesmanship in blaming the Quebec riots on the police?

When are we to distinguish between real, even-handed justice and the nauseating requisitions of sickly sentimentalism?

Are there not those in Canada who would forgive Kaiserism all its banalities if its blighting terrorism only did not touch them or theirs?

Why not overhaul our banking system, with many objects in view, one of which would be the limiting of "dividends" obtainable for doing the nation's business?

Why not recognize where we are, what we are and why we are, and be happy?

When are we going to interest men like B. T. Rogers, William McNeill and R. P. Butchart in city business?

How much do you know of British Columbia's industries and their histories?

Can you name fifty of them?

How are you to tell the visitor about them if you do not know them yourself?

How many British Columbians realize the value and future of its fisheries?

Why not a library in every school as a part of its regular equipment?

What do you know of Canada's literature?

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