

province. He goes abroad on pain of perhaps having to begin life again at the beginning. This disadvantage partly arises from the difference which exists between the subject matter of law and of other professions, the laws of men being diverse while the laws of nature are uniform. A Quebec lawyer would be helpless in Ontario, but a Quebec doctor not necessarily so. But admitting such necessary limitations, it still seems that the lawyer's sphere is unnecessarily narrow, and might fairly and with advantage be extended in certain cases.

With certain well known exceptions, such as Scotland and Quebec, the law of the various parts of our empire, and, indeed, of the English-speaking world, are alike founded on one basis, the Common Law of England, and despite various statutory modifications in different colonies, (and these have been by no means on dissimilar lines) the body, essence and terminology of all these systems remain substantially the same. The colonial student still learns his law from Anson, Pollock and similar text-books, and is rather annoyed at having to discover for himself which of the statutes mentioned are not in force in his locality. A competent lawyer familiar with the laws of England or of any colony, would have no difficulty in fitting himself, in a very short time, for the practice of law in a new part of the empire. Such being the case it seems hard that the lawyer, obliged, perhaps, by reasons of health, to live abroad, should be denied the privilege of exercising his profession except on condition of serving his articles over again.

These remarks have been suggested by a movement now on foot for affording lawyers the advantage of a wider field. It is understood that a proposition, emanating from the English Colonial Office, and having for its object reciprocal legislation, is now under consideration by the Law Society of Upper Canada. It is suggested that solicitors of certain colonies should be permitted to practice in England on passing an examination and paying fees; like advantages being afforded by the colony to English solicitors. A somewhat similar arrangement is at present in force as