

in their own ability to conduct a case, and who would spurn the assistance of other counsel. They may make mistakes—so did the great leaders. The man who never makes a mistake is the man who never does anything. It is to be hoped the day is far distant when the seat of learning for the student at law will be removed from Osgoode Hall, which, according to my way of thinking, is the ideal place where complete facilities can be afforded the students for practical as well as theoretical instruction in the law.

It has been truly said that the twentieth century belongs to Canada. The lawyer—particularly the younger lawyer—and the law student of to-day will surely play a prominent part in the wonderful onward and upward movement of this country. The bar of this province was never better equipped for the great work before it. It never has had as much honour, as much talent, as much industry, as it has to-day. Surely such a foundation is all that is required to build upon for the future.

This is fast becoming an age of specialists. This country's business transactions are becoming so multifarious, so complicated and extensive that the general practitioner finds difficulty in keeping pace with the requirements of the times. Specialists are demanded in all professions and in all walks of life. In the legal profession specialists are called for, in real estate law, corporation law, commercial law, patent law, marine law, insurance law, railroad law. Our national expansion calls for specialists in international law. Moreover, if the history of other countries is repeated here, as it probably will, it will not be long before we will have a mass of colossal trusts, combinations of capital, as they are called, which some of you will be called upon to challenge or defend. Beyond that again some of you will be called upon to undertake the task of codifying and assimilating our laws and making them applicable for the whole Dominion. Then too, there is a great field before us to specialize in criminal law, but in order to make a name and fame in that branch of law one must be careful not to be