

with a subject in which Canada has and ought to manifest a livelier interest than any part of the British Empire. This circumstance alone emphasizes the need of a national Association of our Bar, where such branches of law of more than provincial import can be suitably entertained.

Canadian lawyers are not lacking in the necessary ability to grapple with these larger questions. What has been lacking was an organization suited to bring such subjects into prominence. In this and other matters it may be hoped that the Canadian Bar Association will fill a blank hitherto existing in our institutions. Its existence may be expected to have an effect upon the enlargement of legal thought and action analogous to that produced in the political field by the union of the provinces and the creation of the Dominion Parliament. And it may not be a mere matter of sentiment that members of the Association will be able to describe themselves as members of the Canadian Bar, a term which will convey a meaning abroad much more significant than members of the Bar of any province.

If there are those who think that at present there does not appear to be much practical benefit to be derived from this Association, it would not be difficult to enumerate many other matters of interest in common to the members of the Bar of the various provinces which such an Association might deal with. For example all are equally interested in matters of appeal to the Privy Council and the convenience of those who are called upon to appear before that tribunal. There are arising, and always will arise, important questions of constitutional law, which should be dealt with by legislation and otherwise; a strong and representative Association, such as is contemplated, would be a great benefit in this regard. Such an Association would also tend to develop a helpful esprit de corps among, and consolidate the interests of the profession in the Dominion as a whole.

We do not, however, at the present time attempt to forecast the full development of the Association; suffice it to say that there is already a *raison d'être* for its existence, and as time goes on its field of usefulness will be more apparent and gradually enlarge. At least it will not, and is not in-