THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

We are glad to be able to give to our readers, so soon after the meeting of the Ontario Bar Association, the major portion of the address of Mr. Gagné, K.C., of Montreal, as a contribution to the literature on the above subject.

As will be seen, the Quebec Bar (for we presume Mr. Gagné speaks with some authority) are in favour of the retention of the Judicial Committee as the final Court of Appeal from the Dominion.

We do not need to reiterate our opinion to the same effect. Doubtless, judging from recent events, there will be a full discussion of this subject, for it is stated that the Farmer Government of Ontario have in view some project to do away with, or to make some radical changes in the right of appeal to the Privy Council. We cannot, of course, discuss this until their proposition has been formulated.

It seems strange that a Government that has only just got into the saddle, the members of which, with the exception of the Attorney-General, have had very little experience in Governmental matters and constitutional law, who will have their hands more than full in dealing with the subjects which are proclaimed from the hustings as needing immediate action, and being subjects with which they have some familiarity should at the beginning of their career attempt to deal with a subject of this importance. Suggestions have been made at various times in relation to this, but so far have come to nothing, and we trust that this inaction may so continue. Men of much more experience and larger education have failed to see their way to do away with a right of ancient date which helps to bind the Empire together. Surely every lover of his country ought logically to see that if the Empire is to continue in its solidarity, every break in the unity and uniformity of its parts is a step in the wrong direction. The law in all the Provinces should, as far as possible, be the same. Those who desire to see the national spirit of Canada increase ought surely to see that this can best and only be done by closer union between all the Pro-