

And Western Australia was of opinion

"that by the possession of one Court of Appeal for the whole British race, whose decisions are final and binding on all the courts of the Empire, there is constituted a bond between all British people which should be maintained inviolate as the keystone of imperial unity."

Canada has given many recent evidences that she has no reason to regret the absence of absolute finality in the decisions of her own courts, and has many times shown that together with all other portions of the British Empire, her people look to the advisers of the Sovereign in Council in matters of the highest moment for a breadth of decision not surpassed by that of any other tribunal in the whole world.

To appreciate our view of this tribunal, you have to enter into the difference of spirit prevalent under the English Constitution and others.

"One of the great glories of the Roman Empire was that the system of jurisprudence which we know as the Roman Law extended in its application practically throughout the Empire. Napoleon will be remembered by the only beneficent act of his life which remains, and which still influences the lives and the actions of the vast continent of Europe over which his dominion was once overspread. Napoleon, by sweeping away all the separate systems of local law which prevailed in Europe, and substituting the Code Napoleon, with its comparative simplicity and reasonableness, did undoubtedly introduce a uniformity of law throughout his empire. That has not been the method of the British Empire. Our method has been totally contrary. We have always proceeded on the principle of jealously preserving and maintaining local laws and usages."