

salaries have not only never been increased, but, on the contrary, have been decreased. The anomalous position of judicial matters in the Province of Quebec is the reason why the County Judges of Ontario, who are in name of inferior rank, but whose duties are quite as responsible as, and who do much more work than the so-called judges of the Superior Court of Quebec, are so badly paid. As Judges are paid by the Dominion, there is no use, in view of the state of affairs in Quebec, in appealing to the Dominion; but it would be quite competent for the Ontario Government to make a small appropriation out of their surplus, at least to pay the expenses of the attendance of the County Judges when they come to Toronto, not for their own pleasure or profit, but to meet together to discuss matters affecting the due administration of justice. We trust that this matter, being brought to the attention of the Attorney-General, will result in provision being made to do what is really a simple act of justice in the premises.

UNIFORMITY OF LAW IN THE DOMINION.

Thirty years have nearly elapsed since the confederation of the provinces came into effect, and yet nothing has ever been attempted in the way of carrying out section 94 of the British North America Act. That section empowers the Parliament of Canada to make provision for the uniformity of all or any of the laws relative to property and civil rights in Ontario, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and of the procedure of all or any of the courts in those three provinces, but any such law is not to take effect in any province unless and until adopted as a law by the Legislature thereof.

Uniformity of law throughout the Dominion is a thing much to be desired, and it is strange that no effort has been made to attain even that modicum of uniformity which the British North America Act aims at. Since its passage other provinces and territories have come into the Dominion which might well be embraced in any scheme of uniformity. Quebec unfortunately seems to present a somewhat insuperable diffi-