

behind, and makes out of them rules of conduct, for instance, the common law passed by no Parliament was the crystallization of those usages which have stood the test of time into law by judicial decision and interpretation. But usages and methods change to suit the requirements of the day, and on occasion, swiftly. Indeed instant regulations are sometimes essential for new discoveries and inventions. The Common Law, Code Law, and Constitutional Law, are constantly altering and advancing to harness, control and utilize the new born thoughts and expressed wishes of people. The Common Law of Blackstone's time has been so modified by judicial interpretation and legislation that it is scarcely recognizable in the rules of conduct of today which we are pleased to call the Common Law. It is borrowing largely now from the Pandects and Institutes of the Civil Law. For the same reason Code Law is changing. The Constitution of the United States has been stretched on all sides by the Supreme Court to cover the growing body, and the Congress has been busy in sewing on amending strips. Even young Canada would feel itself bound by some restricting clauses of the British North America Act, if it and the Imperial authorities did not quietly ignore them, and all are happy because they know the objectionable clauses can at any time be repealed when Canada requires it, and we are warned against any further written definition of status in the Empire which undoubtedly would embarrass free development. Until Canada has finished growing it cannot be defined. It doth not yet appear what we Canadians shall be. Let our advancing thought and evolving acts as we move toward the beckoning ultimate declare us "Omnis definitio periculosa est."

LAWS IN CANADA AND AMERICA.

It would be a mistake to assume from what has been said that fundamental laws of all the Canadian Provinces would be the same. They are not. That is why there is in the Constitution of the Canadian Bar Association the clause relating to its objects:—

"Promote the administration of justice and uniformity of legislation throughout Canada so far as is consistent with the preservation of the basis system of law in the respective provinces."