

acquire in time among all nations authority to dictate the standard of international justice to be enforced by all the sanctions at the command of civilization, and this would prove to be the one essential bond of union and understanding between the Occident and the Orient.

Until there shall be convened a general meeting under the joint auspices of both Occidental and Oriental Bar Associations, the International Bar Association cannot be said to have entered upon its real existence.

The inauguration meeting of the International Bar Association took place at Tokyo in April last year. The first regular meeting of the duly constituted International Bar Association will be held on the 24-26 October next in Peking. I shall be proud to welcome the day when the International Bar Association meets in the Capital of your Great Dominion.

APPEALS TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

By HON. L. A. TASCHEREAU.

As this subject comes up for discussion from time to time, its literature will be enriched by the remarks of Hon. Louis A. Taschereau, Premier of Quebec, in an address delivered in Toronto on the occasion of his being given the degree of LL.D. by the University of Toronto. From one occupying the high position he holds in his own Province, his views will carry weight. He spoke as follows:—

“How does Quebec feel on the advisability of appeals to the Privy Council?” we are often asked. And then come the resulting questions: Are we not a self-governing country? Does not Canada possess judicial minds big enough to sit in a court of last resort? Why leave the ultimate interpretation of our laws to men who often know very little of Canada? Is not the Privy Council the rich man’s court? Are not the long delays and heavy expenses incident to these appeals a serious impediment to the best administration of justice?

“Strange to say, these objections do not, as a rule, come