

*OUR FINAL TRIBUNAL OF APPEAL.*

An address delivered on this subject by Hon. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, K.C.M.G., K.C., at the third annual meeting of the members of the Law Society of Alberta, is worthy of reproduction; and, perhaps, we are the more glad to give it to our readers as the conclusion he has arrived at is the same as has appealed to us, when he says "for myself I favour an Imperial Court of final appeal." After some preliminary remarks of a personal character, he continued as follows:—

"In the time allowed me, I have no opportunity to do more than outline a subject that possibly has engaged your attention already, but in the near future is likely to have the attention, not only of yourselves, but of the members of our profession from one end of Canada to the other, and that is the discussion which has been going on for some years in regard to the final tribunal of appeal. (Hear, hear.) I had the advantage. I don't think it is a general one, because these books do not seem to be circulated, of following the proceedings that have taken place at the different Imperial Conferences in London, running down to about 1911. And at all of these conferences it was interesting to observe—the whole of the colonies are practically represented (all of the self-governing colonies being represented)—the discussions. We have, in the first place, to observe this: that in regard to these lords of the sea and lords of the law in this country, as well as in other self-governing colonies of the empire, we have the security for our national rights, and the security for our private rights, and for neither of these great advantages do we pay one single farthing. That is a subject I think should be borne in mind in connection with the working out of the problem, particularly in regard to this matter of the Judicial Committee and the suggested reforms, because in all the years past that tribunal, whatever may be said about its continuance, has given us incalculable advantages and great benefit as, I say, absolutely free to us all and without charge. The questions involved, shortly put, seem to be as follows: whether