

This Conference of Judges was composed of the forty-eight Chief Justices of the several states, and the nine presiding Circuit Judges of the United States Circuit Courts of Appeals, who were all present with the exception of three or four absentees. It was admittedly one of the most unique and distinguished audiences ever assembled in connection with the legal profession, and the prediction was made that it would mean to interstate judicial relations what the famous Mt. Vernon Conference, held in 1785, between Virginia and Maryland, meant to interstate commerce relations. The speaker expressed the "fervent hope that the Montreal Conference would mark itself in history as the beginning of fixed interstate judicial relations, made so by unselfish patriotism and not by fundamental law." All this gives to us in this Dominion food for thought, which may well mean something for our benefit in years to come.

In the third place, the meeting of the American Bar Association, and the Conference of Judges in connection therewith, was of importance by reason of the number of eminent men who were present and took part in the proceedings. In addition to those who would naturally be there on such an occasion, there were notable representatives of the legal fraternity, both of Great Britain and of France, as well as the Dominion of Canada. Prominent among these was the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, Viscount Haldane. The occupant of this high office is said to rank as the second non-royal subject in the Kingdom—is a member of the Privy Council by prescription—the Speaker of the House of Lords—the Keeper of the King's Conscience—the Custodian of the Great Seal of the United Kingdom—the head of the judicial administration of England, responsible for the appointment of the judges of the High Court (with the exception of the Chief Justice, who is appointed by the Prime Minister), and who has also the appointing of County Court Judges—the President of the High Court of Justice and of the Chancery Division of the High Court, and the presiding officer of the Court of Appeals, besides holding other honours and responsibilities for various other duties.

France was well represented by Maitre Labori, Batonnier