

vinces. Those, however, who were there, were accorded a full voice in the conduct of the proceedings, and took no inconspicuous part in the labors that brought the meeting to its successful conclusion. We are glad to be enabled to say that some of the most prominent members of the Bar of this province have since the meeting signified their intention of joining the Association, and we trust that their example may be speedily followed by the profession generally, so that all the possibilities of the new organization may be the more quickly and fully developed.

The Law Society of Nova Scotia is entitled to the credit of initiating the movement, and the best men from the Maritime Provinces were at the inaugural meeting in full force.

The Bar of Montreal was naturally the most numerous element in the gathering. It had made excellent arrangements and took charge of the delegates in the most hospitable manner. The Bench of that Province also treated the assembly with marked courtesy. It was fitting, in view of these facts, as well as of the seniority of the Quebec Bar and of the merits of its able and genial Batonnier, that he should have been chosen as the first President of the national Association.

Perhaps the only omission in the preparations was the failure to secure a verbatim report of the speeches, many of which were well worthy of being fully recorded. The Montreal press, however, was well represented, and by its aid a very fair report has been prepared. By following it our readers can obtain a good understanding of the views held by those who took part in the discussion, and as to the prospective utility of the new born Association. Further it will be seen that a strong and representative Executive Council has been formed to carry the plans of the organization into effect.

Prominent among the objects may be mentioned Canada's interest in International Law. It may have occurred to thoughtful members of the legal profession in Canada that when a Lord Chief Justice of England came to this continent for the purpose of discussing the great question of an International Court between our Empire and the United States, the Canadian Bar should have been heard from in connection