

merchants, and designers of the country? There are annually about 725 Canadian inventors, and 375 parties who obtain trade marks and designs in Canada.

The obtaining of invalid foreign patents by Canadians is an evil which prompt action on the part of the Government, in joining the Convention, would tend to minimize, and, now that we have a Franco-Canadian treaty, and are seeking other foreign treaties, no time should be lost in protecting our merchants' interests.

Yours truly,

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Toronto, May 11th.

[Legislation is apparently called for to give effect to the articles of the Convention. A short Dominion Act making the provisions of our Patent Act and Trade Mark and Design Act applicable to the subjects or citizens of the States of the Union, or aliens who are domiciled in the territories of any of these States and who possess commercial establishments therein, would seem to be necessary, and we should be glad to publish any suggestion which may occur to a reader.—ED. C.L.J.]

INTEREST REIPUBLICÆ UT SIT FINIS LITII.

MARRIOTT v. HAMPTON.

[7 T.R. 269 (A.D. 1797).]

(With apologies to the shades of Messrs. Durnford & East.)

'Tis strange that clothes perform so great a function
Through anthropology's progressive stages !
In sooth, they are but an embalming unction
To keep Man's manners for succeeding ages,
Whose antiquarians, *savants*, and sages
(Drear revellers in wreck, and rust and runes !)
Proudly expound them in most learned pages,
And trace his lineage back to grim baboons
By dint of Fashion's pranks with his best pantaloons.