

members on the objects of the Association. One of their leading dailies next day had an editorial on the subject, which was headed: "A Twentieth Century Wonder. Lawyers trying to simplify the law." In part it said:—

The charge is not infrequently made that lawyers deliberately bring about complications and uncertainties in order to make it necessary to call on their services the oftener. But this well-rooted idea received a serious jolt when we learn of the movement that is on foot among the leaders of the Canadian Bar. They are anxious to bring about greater uniformity in the body of Canadian law. The varying methods of handling what is essentially the same problem in the different provinces they can see no excuse for. The evils accruing to those whose business extends through more than one province are obvious. Manufacturing processes are impeded and enormous additions are made to administrative expenses. The lawyers gain largely in fees and if they had purely a selfish purpose in view they would be glad to leave things as they are. Fortunately, the more eminent members of the profession, at least, are taking a broader view-point and in the reforms which they propose they should have little difficulty in securing the backing of the business men.

Manufacturers' associations, boards of trade, credit men, workmen, insurance managers and companies could not secure that sameness they require without the assistance of the lawyers of Canada, nor can we give much aid unless we are united in that purpose. We know their difficulties. Will not the "noblesse oblige" of our profession induce us to lend our aid in overcoming the difficulties met by the business men, and so help to create that national tie, that oneness in business and in business laws so necessary for the solidarity of the country?

Since the Canadian Bar Association took up the subject of standardizing the commercial laws, officers and members of the Council of the Association have been interviewed by the Credit Men's Association, boards of trade, manufacturers, insurance managers, all urging action, and offering financial support in the work. Money is indeed needed for the employment of experienced lawyers to make a comparative study of the laws of the province, to arrange the principles, on which all are agreed, and to codify and consolidate them into proper form for submission