

universal interest that it would be in the highest degree beneficial that they should be dealt with and governed by one uniform law extending throughout the whole Dominion, even at the expense of a sacrifice of provincial legislative power over such subjects.

Whatever facilitates trade and commerce is beneficial to the whole community, and our great facility for trade and commerce would be the uniformity of commercial law throughout the Dominion. We have, fortunately, some branches of commercial law which are already uniform, for instance, the law relating to Banks and Banking, the law relating to Bills and Notes, the law relating to Shipping, the law relating to Railways, to a very large extent. No one in his senses would wish that the provinces should be at liberty to make different laws on these subjects. Everybody who is engaged in commerce has daily experience, though he may not realize it, of the benefit of there being one, and not a multiplicity of varying laws in the above subjects. But if it is beneficial to the whole Dominion that there is this uniformity law in the class of subjects above mentioned, it would be still more beneficial if the uniformity were extended to some other classes of subjects.

The Imperial Parliament has, with the benefit of the most varied experience, and with the assistance of the best legal talent the Empire can furnish, recently consolidated that very important branch of the law which relates to limited companies. If the Parliament of Canada, taking that as the model, were to frame an Act which could be adopted throughout the Dominion, it would be of inestimable benefit.

There are three other branches of law which the Imperial Parliament has codified, viz.: Partnership, Insurance and the Sale of Goods, which it would also be most desirable to have enacted as the uniform law of the Dominion.

There are two other subjects which might also be made the subject of Federal legislation with immense advantage to the working classes, and they are, Mechanics' Liens, and Workmen's Compensation for Injuries. Workmen going from one province