

advantageous of the various systems just alluded to.

This comparison will perhaps move them to ask for legislation other than common law, and contrary to common law, to assist them in the proper fulfilment of their important duties.

They might invoke in their favour a certain law which disappeared from our statutes with the captains of Militia in each parish.

In fact, formerly, the captains of Militia, in our parishes, possessed, *ex-officio*, the powers of a coroner, and their jury was composed of six of the notables of their locality.

And if this review of the different systems proves to be of service to the coroners of the Province of Quebec, may it not like wise be found useful to the coroners of the other Provinces of the Dominion of Canada ?

But more particularly for this Province, will the practical utility of this work be acknowledged by all.

We have not, as in France, in every locality, commissioners of police who