

Justice, composed of judges of the highest standing, for the determination of justiciable causes between nations on the basis of public right, a Court, to which all nations, small as well as great, may resort in confidence that their causes will be determined, not on the basis of either military or commercial strength or both, but on the very right and justice of their cause, is a great practical step towards the establishment of "public right" and of the "rule of law" among the nations of the world, and is a very great contribution toward the cause of world peace and world stability.

If the League should accomplish no other purpose than the establishment of this Court, it will have justified its existence and proved itself one of the greatest and most beneficent international organizations ever formed.

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#### *PROVINCIAL JURISDICTION OVER DOMINION COMPANIES.*

One of the difficult questions arising under the British North America Act has been one concerning the right claimed by Provincial Governments to exercise a certain jurisdiction over companies incorporated by the Dominion Government.

The British North America Act does not expressly authorize the Dominion Government to incorporate companies. It does expressly authorize it to incorporate banks: sec. 91 (15). But under its general authority for the regulation of trade and commerce, sec. 91 (2); and under its authority to deal with all matters not coming within the classes of subjects by the Act assigned exclusively to the Provincial Legislatures, it undoubtedly has a right to incorporate companies inasmuch as the only authority the Provinces have in this respect is the incorporation of companies with provincial objects: sec. 92 (11).

In the interpretation of the Act regarding these matters, we are inclined to think it would have been a fortunate thing if it could have been determined that the provincial authority was definitely limited to granting incorporations to companies whose operations were to be confined exclusively within the territorial