

communities do not know or understand each other, or their aims and ideals, or the various steps which may have been taken toward the development of those ideals and the accomplishment of those aims. Yet every true Canadian in his heart purposes a strong, united Canada, founded upon that spirit of freedom, justice and honour inherited from our great ancestors.

True it is that, owing to our historic beginnings, there will be diversity in our population, but that will not prevent oneness. That very diversity in our unity may make for our safety and ennoblement. Different grafts on the one national stem, nourished by the same soil, refreshed by the same showers, gladdened by the same sunshine, bringing forth blossoms of various hues, the people of Canada should produce the one rich fruit—one true and virile Canadianism. In this our profession has an important and essential part to play.

That country is fortunate which has dwelling in it a body of men, usually dispassionate and just and learned men, who have accommodated the teachings of experience to progressive energy and a wise philosophy and who are willing to advise and assist in its development. There never was a time when the trained and experienced members of the Canadian Bar, mindful of the obligations which rest upon our profession, resting there, because, as in the case of the dove when first sent from the Ark, there is nowhere else to rest, and willing to meet those responsibilities, could render more useful service to our people and country than now, in helping to consolidate our nation and to improve our jurisprudence.

The stated objects of the Canadian Bar Association indicate the path along which, in the public interest and our own, we should proceed. The one first mentioned is:—

“To advance the science of jurisprudence.” The seemingly proper use of the word “science” in this connection is “a particular branch of knowledge or study.” So our Association undertakes to make an effort to advance that particular branch of knowledge—jurisprudence.

This word jurisprudence also has various interpretations. It may mean as one authority states: “Knowledge or skill in