

the British North America Act does on the Dominion Parliament. But notwithstanding this handicap a large field for useful work has been found and a remarkable achievement has been recorded. A glance at the history of this movement may set us thinking as to the applicability of the methods employed to our own conditions, and suggest the extent to which we may follow along those lines.

The efforts of the American Bar Association resulted in the creation of a commission on Uniform State Laws. This organization consists of commissioners appointed by the governors of the different states, territories and possessions of the United States for the purpose of drafting and recommending for adoption by the various legislatures, forms of bills or measures to make uniform the laws of the different jurisdictions on which uniformity seems practicable and desirable. In every state of the Union (48), in every territory and possession, including the District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii, the Philippine Islands and Porto Rico, commissioners have been appointed, and twenty-four annual conferences have been held since 1892. From the report of the conference held last year, it appears that the Negotiable Instruments Act, adopted by the conference of 1896, is now the law in forty-seven states, territories and possessions; the Warehouse Receipts Act is in force in thirty-one; the Sales Act in eleven; the Bills of Lading Act in twelve; the Stock Transfer Act in nine; the Act Relating to Wills executed without the State in ten; and the Family Desertion Act in eight.

Reports have been presented on the Uniform Incorporation Act, the Unification of Commercial Law, the Uniform Partnership Act, Wills, Descent and Distribution, Insurance, Workmen's Compensation Act, Situs of Real and Personal Estate for purposes of Taxation, Automobile Legislation, Uniformity of Judicial Decisions, and on various other important subjects.

It is worthy of note that the State of Louisiana which, like the Province of Quebec, is governed by the civil law, has participated in the movement for uniformity and has up to this