

of the Association, thanking him for his attendance and for his address. He dwelt on some features of the British Constitution as applied to Canada, and imported into this country by the British North America Act. He quoted Sir Robert Borden to the effect that the Canadian Constitution was the most nicely balanced of any of those that Britain had granted to the Dominions.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The Presidential address was as follows:—

"At this meeting there is submitted for your consideration the propriety of incorporating the Association. Some four years ago, a resolution was passed approving. Notice of application was published but by reason of the war diverting our attention and energies, no further steps were taken. Many have expressed the view that it should now be done, for the reasons, among others, that the certainty, continuity and capacity of a legal entity having for its purposes those of the present voluntary Society would soon develop a corporate consciousness and soul which would claim the allegiance and command the support of the whole profession in Canada and would unite it; that while preserving the present absolute autonomy of the official Law Societies and Councils and Bar Associations of the Provinces, it would place them in harmonious relation, and through concerted action promote a higher standard of education, better quality and greater efficiency in the Canadian profession. That it would be capable of holding property for the Association and incidentally the publication of journals and dissemination of information of interest. That this and more frequent intercourse would create such a bond amongst us we would soon realize that the advancement of the whole body would mean benefit to each person composing it. And because lawyers, by reason of their careful training, their varied experience, and, usually, their public spirit, are natural leaders of the people in public affairs, greater unity of the profession would lead to the much needed and greater unity in thought and action among the peoples of Canada and to like mindedness and singleness of heart and soul in the interest of our country. If incorporation will even tend