

ception of our duty to our fellow man and his to us, and that it is worth studying from time to time, whether the duty has not somewhat changed or its expression in our law has not become archaic or fragmentary. We have all witnessed recently the absolute breakdown of the Public Health Act, owing to the fact that when it was framed those who constructed it had not visualized the situation which might occur and which would then demand a remedy. Apart altogether from the merits or demerits of the particular point involved the failure of that legislation to attain its ends was definite and unmistakable.

Let me go over a few of the topics that may appear to need study in the light of new experience and progressive ideas: In the field of Criminal Jurisprudence, the Code has eliminated many problems, but things have moved rapidly since it was passed, and Community work has brought to the surface questions and difficulties not reached by the Code. To anyone looking at the fact that the great mass of crimes and offences are triable by the County Judges and that the City of Toronto, with its vast population, provides more than these judges can do, the idea of a Central Criminal Court with all its advantages naturally suggests itself and, with that, the necessity for a Director of Criminal Prosecutions. I am not now discussing the wisdom of these courses, but merely using them as illustrations to shew that if our profession would study the situation here in regard to these matters, from a juristic, social and economic standpoint instead of assuming that these things must be good because they have been adopted elsewhere, it would be of great advantage to the community.

Recently, too, attention has been called to the practice in the Police Court and the archaic nature of its proceedings, having in view the complex matters which are continually brought up, to say nothing of their enormous number. That reforms in that branch of procedure are necessary is probably not disputed and a study of them from the outside would be valuable. It is to be regretted, however, that in introducing the matter to public attention, the chief attack was made on our profession as if all its members practised in the Police Courts. Journalists who report the proceedings in that Court should remember that in their own pro-