

that the differences in language between the Canadian Acts and the English Act do not constitute a sufficient reason for attempting at present any general revision of the Canadian Acts, especially in view of the substantial uniformity of legislation now existing in Canada on this subject and in view of the fact that there are many other subjects of more pressing importance requiring the attention of the Conference.

"12. The system of requiring partnerships to be registered, introduced in the United Kingdom only in 1916, has been in force in Ontario since 1869 (33 Vict. ch. 20), and in Quebec since 1849 (12 Vict. ch. 45; *cf.*, the Civil Code of Lower Canada, article 1834). As pointed out in your committee's report in 1919, there are now statutes on this subject in force in all the provinces of Canada. There is some diversity in these various statutes. In New Brunswick, for instance, all partnerships must be registered, while in some other provinces only trading, manufacturing and mining firms need be registered, and there are other differences of detail in different provinces. In the opinion of your committee, however, the subject of the registration of partnerships and trade names might well be left, along with the subject of limited partnerships, for consideration at some future time when other matters of more pressing practical importance have been disposed of."

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#### REPORT ON LEGITIMATION ACT.

This was followed by the Report of the Commissioners on the Legitimation Act; being as follows:—

"1. A report on this subject would have been made by Mr. Matthew Wilson, K.C., D.C.L., as corresponding secretary of the Conference, had not his death, to the profound regret of his colleagues, deprived the Conference of his services. Mr. Wilson was an enthusiastic and able officer and member of the Conference, as well as discharging with great efficiency the duties of chairman of the Ontario commissioners. In accordance with the request of the president of the Conference, the undersigned now submits a report in Mr. Wilson's place.