

comparisons, the object of which is to suggest certain changes and modifications, never thought of before, the adoption of which in certain parts of the Dominion would certainly tend to serve the ends of justice.

To be more explicit, let us compare the formation of a jury in some of the Provinces with that of our own Province.

As it will be seen by the perusal of this work, the jury, by virtue of special legislation, must be composed of six members, at least, in British Columbia and in the North West Territories; in Prince Edward Island, there must not be less than seven jurors. In the Province of Quebec, the number of jurors required is twelve, and never more than twenty three.

Why twelve jurors ? Because it is so enacted by common law, and there is no special legislation on this subject in our statutes.

The coroners of this Province are well aware of the trouble and difficulty they meet with when called upon to empanel a jury of twelve, as the law enacts, and they will readily appreciate which is the most