

wife, it is not essential. For twenty-six years the deceased respondent had lived with and been maintained and had children by a deceased Chinese merchant in Penang. One child, who survived the father, was referred to in his will as "my daughter" and the name of his secondary wife appeared on his tombstone. The respondent had been recognized by the Chinaman and his primary wife as occupying the position in his household of a secondary wife. The Judicial Committee in these circumstances held that the position of the lady, as a secondary wife, had been established, and, on the death of the husband, so far as he was intestate, she was entitled to share in his estate as a widow.

Small wonder that the Judges, who advise His Majesty on appeals to the foot of the Throne, are remarkable for their breadth of view and general information, trained as they are in such a wide field; and being required to deal swiftly with all sorts of complicated questions.

It is a far cry from Downing Street to the Straits Settlement, but there are events of constant occurrence which bring these matters to one's attention. The most recent is the setting up of a chair of Roman-Dutch Law at the University of Oxford, to which Dr. R. W. Lee, Dean of the Faculty of Law at McGill University, has been appointed. This eminent jurist is known to the profession throughout Canada in connection with the Canadian Bar Association. His paper on Legal Education read at its last meeting, and which appears in another column of this issue, is evidence of this. As our readers are aware, some parts of the Empire, notably South Africa and Ceylon, are under Roman-Dutch Law. Then we have at our own door, French Law founded on the Code Napoleon; and then, across two oceans, we find laws made expressly for the people of our Indian Empire, *cum multis aliis*.

When we consider and appreciate the wide extent of the Empire and the numerous people who are united therein, and who look to our Sovereign Lord the King as the centre and foundation of justice, it behooves us to think Imperially and not to suffer ourselves to be beguiled into the petty parochialism of those who, in the interest of what they call nationalism, would tamper with that great and visible link of unity which is found in His Majesty in Council.