

I. The practice is not consistent with our national self-respect.

II. The administration of justice would be improved by cessation of the practice.

III. It is principally in connection with constitutional cases that we suffer by appeal to the Privy Council.

IV. The appeal is not "a powerful link between the colonies and the Crown." It is only a mark of degrading subordination.

"No patriotism was ever inspired or sustained by any thought of the Privy Council."

V. It is not true that the practice

"secures to every subject throughout the Empire the right to redress from the Throne," for

(1) Only the wealthy subjects can exercise the right.

(2) The redress does not come from the Throne, but from some British Judges.

VI. As to uniformity of the laws—

(1) We do not desire uniformity of interpretation of diverse laws.

(2) Uniformity in Canada of some of the provincial laws would undoubtedly be beneficial; but to bring our laws into harmony with those of England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, and India, is a project neither possible of accomplishment, nor desirable.

(3) If uniformity is necessary, it is not from the Privy Council that it can be derived. That body finds uniformity amongst its own decisions quite impossible. For example—

(A) In the Manitoba School Cases, their Lordships said both that the rights of the minority had been affected, and that they had not.

(B) Their Lordships have said both that the antecedents of a constitution may be looked at for the purpose of its interpretation, and that they may not.

(C) The series of decisions in the succession duty cases is a series of contradictions.

(D) Their Lordships have said that a provincial statute is not *ultra vires* merely because it produced "an effect outside the limits of the Province," and have also said that the production of such an effect does render the legislation *ultra vires*.

(E) Their Lordships have held that a Dominion statute permitting local option with reference to liquor licenses was valid; and they have also held that the Ontario Legislature could, after