

clients as well as the solicitors, and that personal considerations enter into these exigencies which are not properly explainable in Court. While deprecating any wilful carelessness causing delay or the hindrance of other litigants in a prompt hearing of their causes, the profession will welcome more reasonable consideration of their mishaps and inconveniences, many of which arise from our rapid growth, enlarged social, fraternal and charitable engagements, and the increased burden of overhead expenses necessitating too many different undertakings by the individual. Ontario stands first I should say in the facilities afforded citizens for prompt despatch of business in its courts, but even this praiseworthy attainment can be carried to the extreme.

This is a business age, and business exigencies prevail, and in the main our Judges and lawyers are business men as distinguished from legal technical controversialists, and are expected to know and apply business principles in preference to merely establishing precedents.

The successful lawyer of to-day keeps his clients out of court unless the stake is worth while and the merits on his side. The speculator litigant as well as the legal ambulance chaser are few and much discouraged.

Our rapid development and increase of wealth have increased our national and provincial expenditures, and an extensive grist of legislation is annually placed upon our statute books. Different bodies, called alliances, unions, associations and societies, are ever on the trail of the law makers and administrators, to the point almost of persecution, so that no longer do our political leaders lead the people. Our administrators are content to estimate the will of the people and to carry it into effect. The people, therefore, are largely responsible for prevailing conditions and the military unpreparedness of the Empire, as also for the superabundant chapters and sections and sub-sections of our statute books and the ever-increasing burden on the administrators of the law and the lawyer. In so far, therefore, as human efforts can keep pace, reduction by simplification or consolidation of our statute law is essential or a greatly increased tariff should be provided to enable the lawyer to keep abreast with the burden