

posed, there is nothing surprising that fools should neglect it in their stupidity and tricksters abuse it in their knavery. But it is more to the honour of those, and I will vouch for many, who unite integrity with skill and attention and walk honourably upright where there are so many pitfalls and stumbling blocks for those of a different character. To such men their fellow-citizens can safely entrust the care of protecting their patrimonial rights, and their country the more sacred charge of her laws and privileges."

I think I have thus outlined correctly the spirit, the ideals, the learning and the qualities which characterize the Canadian lawyer and how, as an adviser in human affairs, he accompanies his clients into their respective avenues of life.

If I have, it is manifest that these and his opportunities or useful service impose upon him duties and responsibilities not only of a private, but public nature far beyond those resting upon persons in other employments. In a general way we recognize this but we do not always give effect to the conclusion that we should do what we are so well qualified to do, both individually and as a profession in which concerted action is not only possible, but necessary for effective work. As a profession in Canada are we not sadly lacking in the *esprit de corps* and wanting in unity? We are a profession and not a craft. We may take lessons from the Dominion Medical Association and the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers and would do well to consider the benefits of existing Dominion associations and business men who in their day and generation are in these things wiser than "the children of Light," their legal advisers. They know the strength coming from unity.

However excellent the British North America Act as the constitution of our country, however wise its distribution of legislative powers, it cannot create or assure a real united Canada unless the spirit of union and co-operation is pervasive among the people. Our provinces are far-flung, and feelings of mistrust, lack of sympathy or cordiality, asperities which may have happened between the respective bodies of citizens in the different provinces, arise very largely from the fact that the separated