

benchers and others occupying similar positions should convene for consultation at our annual gatherings. Some are of opinion that the members of the Judiciary in each province should name representatives for the Council.

When satisfactory by-laws and rules are passed under Section 4 of the Act for the administration and management of the business and affairs of the Association, and for carrying into effect the suggestions just mentioned, the organization will seem to be complete. Yet we all know, however perfect the machinery, it is helpless without having infused into it the power to operate it. However beautiful the form, it is a thing of dust into the spirit is breathed into it, and then it lives, and realizes the purposes of its creation. It is concerning the mind of that spirit I wish to address you this morning. The Association is a fine ideal, with great possibilities for usefulness. It is for us to make it real and demonstrate these possibilities, for us to make that mechanism move with well directed energy, to make that form to pulsate with vitality. The Association corresponds to a great present day need in the social and public life of Canada, therefore it should not fail. If it does, it will be by reason of the apathy or the lack of comprehension on the part of the members of our Canadian profession. That failure will indicate in those who should be leaders in our nation such a lack of united Canadian spirit, such a weak national consciousness that we cannot expect our country to be united to be free from disorder and weakness. My reason for saying that is a nation is a society organized under the same government, or if you prefer, under the same supreme law. Law is innate in a state or nation. The one cannot exist without the other and as the people progress the law changes suitably to that advance.

Now societies mean an alliance, in law a partnership. Both imply co-operation. The word 'sequor' from which it is derived implies leadership. But by whom? History shows that in prospering nations lawyers generally have been leaders.

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