

constantly keep before us how we can draw into closer union the several Provinces of Canada and create in our new populations a sense of Canadianism sufficient to make them realize that they are national comrades and fellow citizens in one country. What, therefore, can the men of the Canadian Bar unite in doing in this work?

The ordinary bonds which give the people of any country cohesion are common business interests and common national sentiment. In established nations, these are entwined. In a young country, both must be stimulated and strengthened.

Of those two bonds, primary attention should be given to the business nexus, for if it is not to the material advantage of the communities or sections of Canada to remain together, the fervour of any national sentiment will cool, its tie will be strained, irritation and dispute may follow, then Atropos with her shears will wait expectant at the door. Every removable obstacle therefore that interferes between the people of Canada provincially separated should be set aside; the pathway should be made easy for commerce to travel in, all obstructions should be gathered out of it, and every facility for inter-provincial trade should be offered. Confidence between the people, which is the base of all profitable commercial transactions, should be established. One of the objects of our Association is to establish that confidence between the members of the Bars of the different provinces. Accordingly, the constitution provides "for the promotion of cordial intercourse among the members of the Canadian Bar." I like the name "The Canadian Bar," not the Bar of Manitoba or of Ontario or of any province but the Canadian Bar which expresses oneness. This Association is intended to represent as far as possible the Bar of Canada and to speak for it.

The confidence created by such intercourse is a good foundation for the efficient carrying out of the other purposes of the Association. Such personal intercourse however between the people generally in far distant communities is scarcely possible. Failing that confidence thus secured, there is a business confidence which arises out of the security offered by the law to people transacting business. Those embarking on undertakings wishing to expand