

more than to the military genius of her great warriors have been elaborated by men whose names are revered throughout the Empire, such as Coke, the greatest oracle on municipal jurisprudence, by whom the petition of right was established; Lord Mansfield, whose name is a by-word for judicial sanctity, and so many master minds who, generation after generation, have adorned the English Bar, of which we enjoy, to-night, the presence of a worthy representative in the distinguished person of the Right Honourable Sir John Simon, former Attorney-General of Great Britain.

The people, after all, are rather sound in their logics, quite alive to their best interests. If we cast a retrospective glance on the civilized countries of the globe during the past century, we cannot escape the conclusion that the nations of the world have persistently thought that Justice, i.e., their destinies, their liberty, their very existence, could not be entrusted to safer hands than when in the keeping of legal men. And so it is that the United States, that great country numbering over one hundred and twenty million inhabitants, perhaps the most prosperous country in the world to-day, has elected twenty-four advocates out of the thirty Presidents of the great republic. So it is that France, since 1870, has almost invariably had at her head, either as her Presidents or Prime Ministers, men belonging to the profession. So it is that the Premiers of Great Britain, for upwards of one hundred years, have nearly always been distinguished members of the Bar. And so it is also that the history of our dear Canada is so closely linked with the history of the Canadian Bar, that it is identified, so to speak, with such men as Baldwin, Lafontaine, Morin, Macdonald, Cartier, Thompson, Laurier, Borden, and last but not least, the Right Honourable Mr. Meighen, all foremost barristers who, besides the brilliant role they played before our courts of justice, have shown themselves to be nation-builders in this part of America, the most precious gem in the British crown.

Justice is not dead in the world, and it shall not die as long as the Bar lives; Justice will live as long as the advo-