

"Responsible as we are in our separate spheres for a share in the guidance of the British Empire as it faces the problems of the future, we believe that in the acceptance of those spiritual principles lies the sure basis of world peace. We would therefore commend to our fellow citizens the necessity that men of goodwill who are everywhere reviewing their personal responsibilities in relation to the reconstruction of civilization should consider also the eternal validity and truth of those spiritual forces which are in fact the one hope for a permanent foundation for world peace.

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#### APPEALS TO THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

We have from time to time heard something about abolishing appeals to His Majesty in His Privy Council in civil cases, but so far the talk has been merely suggestive and founded chiefly upon the dislike of some corporation or municipality to a particular decision. The proposal has been advocated, if we may say it without offence, rather by the evening newspapers than by any one entitled to speak, or to reason, with authority on the subject. The suggestion has not met with favour among the general body of the profession and hitherto nothing concrete has come of it, and as regards civil cases the law stands very much as it did before Confederation.

Special reasons may perhaps be urged for sec. 1025 of the Criminal Code, prohibiting appeals in criminal cases; but this can hardly be said to be more than an invitation to the Crown not to exercise its prerogative in such cases.