

THE CANADIAN BAR REVIEW

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TO THE ENGLISH PROFESSION.—The admiration of the Canadian legal profession for the fortitude and endurance of their English brethren, as well as the sorrow and anger with which we learn of the shattering of buildings sacred to the rule of law, order and civilization, has been expressed by our President in two letters which we reproduce here. They speak for themselves and for the entire legal profession in Canada.

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Toronto 2, Canada,

February 15th, 1941.

Sir Herbert Cunliffe, K.C.,
Chairman, General Council of the Bar,
5, Stone Buildings,
Lincoln's Inn,
London, W.C. 2.

Dear Sir Herbert:

At the Meeting of the American Bar Association happily held at Montreal in 1913, Viscount Haldane spoke these words:

"The occasion has seemed to me significant of something beyond even its splendid hospitality. I have interpreted it, and I think not wrongly, as the symbol of a desire that extends far beyond the limits of this assemblage—I mean the desire that we should steadily direct our thought to how we can draw into closest harmony the nations of a race in which all of us have a common pride. If that be now a far-spread inclination, then, indeed, may the people of three great countries say to Jerusalem 'Thou shalt be built', and to the temple, 'Thy foundation shall be laid.' "

Today the lawyers of Great Britain, of the United States and Canada, sharing ancient traditions, common ideals and memories undimmed, have re-sealed the ancient bonds of freedom.

Since our own Bar Association was formed in 1914, it has been our high honour and our great pleasure to entertain distinguished representatives of the Bench and Bar of Great Britain. In 1924, we joined with you in the entertainment of the American Bar Association, and in 1939 you sent to us the Right Honourable Lord Maugham, then Lord Chancellor of England, whose prophetic words, spoken at Quebec, still remain with us. We have watched your sufferings with deep anxiety and your matchless courage with the pride of kinsmen. We have looked upon the wanton destruction of the Hall, the Library and Chapel of Lincoln's Inn, the Hall and Library of the Inner Temple and the Hall of the Middle Temple and the historic habitations which surround them as the profaning of sacred places. In the fullness of time they will be restored by all those who speak Blackstone's tongue and cherish the laws and freedoms of England.

With unquenched faith and hearts exalted by your example the people of Canada face the future with indomitable purpose and unfaltering will. The lawyers of Canada, speaking for themselves and their fellow citizens, salute the Barristers of England with this humble expression of their admiration, their sympathy and their brotherhood.

Yours very sincerely,

D. L. MCCARTHY.

President.

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Toronto 2, Canada,

February 14, 1941.

Lt.-Col. Samuel Tompkins Maynard, T.D., J.P.,

Law Society's Hall,

Chancery Lane,

London, W.C. 2.

Dear Colonel Maynard:

On behalf of the Canadian Bar Association and the legal profession in Canada, it is my privilege to send you these words of greeting.

The lawyers of Canada have watched with pride the heroic deeds and temper of the British people, whose example inspires

their kinsmen and their friends throughout the world. I cannot tell you how deeply our ancestral memories and the sympathy born of common traditions have been stirred by the magnificent example of the ordinary men and women of the British Isles.

We lawyers of Canada, who owe to the lawyers of Great Britain an unrepayable debt and derive from the law of England all that is most admirable in our own institutions, offer our deepest sympathy to our British brothers and share their grief and anger in the devastation of the ancient buildings which have been throughout the years our temples and our sanctuaries.

We look forward, with unflinching hope, to the restoration of law and order in this turmoiled world and together with all our fellow citizens have pledged our heads, our hands and our hearts to the complete triumph of our ancient freedom.

Would you please express to the members of your society our cordial good wishes and profound admiration.

Yours very sincerely,

D. L. MCCARTHY.
President.