

All of this is to some extent a far cry from the original rules of Roman Law which have been extended and distorted to give English Law its modern doctrine of frustration. Although Roman Law did not arrive at a generalization of the principles as they are known today yet a study of that heritage has brought great and fruitful results to both English and other systems of Jurisprudence.

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### THE THIRTIETH MEETING OF THE CANADIAN BAR ASSOCIATION

Although the Thirtieth meeting of the Canadian Bar Association began on Monday, August 30, with registration taking place all day, the meetings were confined to the Executive Committee of the Canadian Bar Association, the Conference of the Governing Bodies of the Legal Profession in Canada and the Council of the Canadian Bar Association. Not until Tuesday, August 31, was the official opening held, with the President of the Association, John T. Hacker, K.C., M.P., presiding. At this opening session Prime Minister Maurice Duplessis of Quebec spoke. His speech was both interesting and novel especially in the manner in which he presented Quebec's case for judgment in connection with the much-talked about and famous Quebec Padlock Law.

The Presidential Address was given by John T. Hackett and the annual reports of the various committees were then given. At noon there was a luncheon given by the Bar of Montreal in the Normandie Room at the Mount Royal Hotel. The Hon. A. T. Vanderbuilt, Chief Justice of the State of New Jersey, gave a most interesting address.

The afternoon was taken up by meetings of various sections of the Bar Association; a somewhat unique situation occurred in that all sections met at the same time, a fact which was to receive some criticism by the close of the conference.

Dinner was given by the Government of the Province of Quebec in the Windsor at which Maitre Maurice Ribet, Batonnier de l'Ordre des Advocats a la Cour de Paris, was the speaker.

Wednesday started with sectional meetings till noon when a luncheon was given by the General Council of the Bar of Quebec. The address was given by the Hon. John A. Costello, Prime Minister of Eire. His address centered around the independence of Eire which he termed Ireland and he stressed the lead

which Eire has shown in showing her independence from the British Commonwealth, advocating that the other Dominions should follow this lead, a point which was received with dubious enthusiasm by the assembly.

Eventually the luncheon was ended and the sectional meetings were again undertaken for a short period before everyone went off to the University of Montreal to witness a special convocation to confer Degrees upon certain distinguished persons gathered at the Bar Convention. All remarked on the newness of the University of Montreal, which stands out on the back of Mount Royal, an imposing collection of buildings situated on a spacious campus with a magnificent view to the north.

Wednesday evening was most enjoyably spent at an informal buffet dinner given by the Mayor and Municipality of Montreal, followed by music and dancing. This was held at the Chalet, on the top of Mount Royal, and for the first time automobiles were allowed to drive to the top of the mountain to the Chalet for the convenience of the legal profession, an event unprecedented.

Thursday opened with more sectional meetings and the first and only meeting of the Junior Bar section. In the afternoon there was a special convocation at McGill University and a garden party was given on the McGill Campus afterwards.

The annual Association dinner was held Thursday evening under the patronage of Their Excellencies the Governor General and the Viscountess Alexander of Tunis. After a lengthy introduction by the chairman, the address was given by Mr. Godfrey Russell Vick, President of the General Council of the Bar of Great Britain. His address was the climax of after-dinner speeches, full of humour and with heartening remarks on the soundness of Great Britain in spite of rumours to the contrary.

The final day of the Convention was spent in hearing reports of the various sections and a luncheon at noon at which the inauguration of the new president of the Association, Stanley H. McCuaig, took place.

Thus the meeting came to a close, a meeting noteworthy for the hospitality shown by the citizens of Montreal and members of the Quebec Bar. A meeting which will long be remembered for its social functions and also remembered for the amount of time spent on real work at the sectional meetings.

However, from an impartial viewpoint, it is to be recommended that all who can attend, do attend the meetings of the Bar Association whenever and wherever they can.