<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Term</th>
<th>Law</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Quote:</td>
<td>...the essence of law consists in its being a conditional truth about the indefinite future, and never can become matter of actual fact. Or we may say it is such a truth that upon the knowledge of it a perpetual or indefinitely lasting conditional expectation may be founded. We say “indeinitely lasting” because as a general rule our laws are vaguely understood to endure only so long as “the present state of things” continues; but that state of things may endure forever, or if it ceases, may return some day.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>References:</td>
<td>MS [R] 1476:10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Date of Quote:</td>
<td>1904 [c.]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>URL:</td>
<td><a href="http://www.commens.org/dictionary/entry/quote-draft-nichols-review-c-11">http://www.commens.org/dictionary/entry/quote-draft-nichols-review-c-11</a></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>