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"With malice towards none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphans, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and a lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."—Abraham Lincoln.

JUDICIAL REFORMS NEEDED.

In these days, when new taxes are being imposed by Federal, provincial and municipal governments, and people are being urged to exercise the strictest economy, it might not be out of place to call attention to several matters in connection with the judiciary of New Brunswick which will stand some reforming. An Act passed by the Legislature several years ago divided the Supreme Court into appeal and trial divisions, and created an additional judge, bringing the total number up to seven. The province of Nova Scotia, with a population 100,000 greater than New Brunswick, also has seven judges, and although there is a far greater amount of litigation in the sister province, the seven judges appear to have no difficulty in disposing of the work. This being so, we believe that many will agree with us when we say that if seven judges is a sufficient number for the wealthy province of Nova Scotia, there is no reason in the world why five judges could not perform all the work that will be required of them in New Brunswick. Nobody at all familiar with the work of the courts must admit that there is less need for a seventh judge today than was the case ten or twenty years ago. In fact, it is doubtful if the need ever existed except in the minds of lawyer politicians who naturally look forward to translation from the stormy sea of party strife to the more serene atmosphere of the bench. It is seldom now that a term of the Appeal Court lasts more than four or five days, while in former times a two or three weeks session, with a docket of heavy cases, was generally the rule. It costs money to go into court and the tendency of the people is to avoid litigation if it is possible to do so.

If a report which has been in circulation for some time is well founded, there will soon be two vacancies in the Supreme Court Bench in New Brunswick. The two Chief Justices are likely soon to retire, and when they do, by reason of their long service, they will be entitled to draw the full salary of \$7,000 a year as long as they live. This large sum can be saved to the country by allowing the positions which they vacate to remain vacant, and the Legislature, if it wants to render a service to the country along the lines of economy, can amend the Judiciary Act by reducing the number of judges to five.

Action of this kind would of course be disappointing to several able lawyers, who feel that the country needs their services in a judicial capacity, but these are times when all should be willing to make some sacrifice for the public good. The opportunity to economize will undoubtedly present itself in the near future, but will the politicians and lawyers act upon it? It is a safe wager that they will not. There will be new taxes galore, and some curtailment, but there will be no reduction in the number of positions carrying salaries of \$6,000 or \$7,000 a year, which usually fall to the lot of those who have been in public life, and as for economy in public affairs, it will be far more likely to begin at the bottom than at the top.

If the proposal to reduce the number of Supreme Court Judges is not deemed feasible by the powers that be, surely something can be done to bring about a reform and economy in the matter of travelling expenses of our judges. Last year there was paid to twelve judges in this province for travelling expenses the enormous sum of \$11,696.35. In the province of Nova Scotia fourteen judges drew for travelling expenses the sum of \$5,937.72, or a little more than one half what was paid out in New Brunswick. In the great province of Ontario there was paid to seventy-eight judges for travelling expenses the sum of \$23,554.15, or just about double what the twelve New Brunswick judges received. In the province of Manitoba nineteen judges were paid for travelling expenses the sum of \$6,221.75. In the province of Saskatchewan, with its enormous territory, twenty-two judges did their travelling last year at an expense to the country of \$11,471.21. In British Columbia, which is the largest province in Canada in point of territory, twenty-three judges received for

travelling expenses last year \$20,720.85, and in Alberta, another large province, seventeen judges drew for travelling expenses the sum of \$16,146.12. It is a fact which must be apparent to everyone that there is less litigation in New Brunswick than in any of the provinces we have named. In the little province of Prince Edward Island, which is smaller in point of territory than the County of York, three Supreme Court judges and five County Court judges drew in travelling expenses an aggregate sum of \$953.10.

Lawyers state that the arrangement under which Supreme Court Chambers are now held in New Brunswick is responsible for the remarkable increase in judges' travelling expenses in recent years. Notwithstanding the fact that Fredericton has two resident judges, Chief Justice Landry travels here regularly from Dorchester to hold chambers. This arrangement is largely responsible for the fact that his travelling expenses last year totalled \$2,158.35, being the largest allowance drawn by any judge in Canada east of the Rocky Mountains. St. John has three resident judges, yet two Fredericton judges find it necessary to go to that city to hold chambers, while a St. John judge comes to Fredericton regularly on a similar mission.

The Daily Mail has no desire to criticize the members of the Bench personally, but we have no hesitation in saying that the sum of \$11,696.18 is far more than the country should pay for their travelling expenses in this time of stress and sacrifice, and if their honors have not already made a change in the system under which they hold chambers, the public interests demand that it be made at once.

In regard to the seven County Court judges, it is a well known fact that they work just as hard, if not harder, than Supreme Court judges, at one-half the salary. With one exception their allowances for travelling expenses last year were very moderate considering the amount of travelling they are required to do. The exception was in the case of Judge Jonah, of Kings and Albert, whose travelling expenses reached the surprising total of \$1,868.25. Even though he performed the duties of another judge, who had leave of absence during part of the year, Judge Jonah's account for travelling expenses bulks large. The combined allowances for travel of the other County Court judges during the year was \$1,639.50, which is \$168.75 less than what it cost the public treasury for the travelling expenses of the judge for Kings and Albert. Only two County Court judges in Canada—one in northern British Columbia and one in Alberta, drew larger sums for travelling expenses than Judge Jonah.

In the light of the facts disclosed by the Auditor General's report, there is certainly an opportunity for the exercise of economy in connection with the administration of the new Judicature Act in this province. It is not only unfair to the judges to keep them travelling about the province, when there is very little judicial work to be done, but it is also unfair to the people who are called upon to pay the bills.

Hon. C. E. Tisdale, the new Minister of Public Works in the Conservative Government of British Columbia, met with a crushing defeat in Vancouver on Saturday, while seeking the endorsement of the electors on his acceptance of a portfolio. His Liberal opponent, Mr. M. A. MacDonald, had a majority of 4,160. In the general election four years ago Mr. Tisdale, then a private member, had a majority of 1,800. The result of Saturday's contest indicates that there is a public conscience in British Columbia and it has been thoroughly aroused by the rascality and wholesale plundering of the McBride-Bowser government. A blind man would have no difficulty in seeing the handwriting on the wall for the Conservative party in Canada today.

Spanish Government Appoints Arbitrator

(Canadian Press)
Madrid, Feb. 28.—(via Paris)—The Spanish government has appointed Admiral Concas to be arbitrator between the United States and Panama in any disputes which might arise between the two countries, in conformity with the arbitration treaty which they have signed.

Admiral Concas was commander of the Spanish cruiser Gristobal Colon at the battle of Santiago de Cuba.

Pittsburg Factory Damaged By Fire

(Canadian Press)
Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 28.—Fire which broke out in the plant of Hubbard & Co., shovel manufacturers, at an early hour this morning did \$125,000 damage. The company has been filling war orders. The origin of the fire is not known.

Love is a dream; marriage is an alarm clock.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF N. B. JUDGES, \$11,696.35

Local Government's New Judicature Act is Proving Very Expensive to Operate

There are in New Brunswick seven Supreme Court Judges, two of whom, the Chief Justice of the Appeal Court, and the Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench, receive a salary of \$7,000 each. The other four judges are paid salaries of \$6,000 each. There are six County Court judges, one of whom receives a salary of \$3,500 and the others \$3,000 each. The New Brunswick Judges, according to the Dominion Auditor General's report, were paid travelling expenses last year to the amount of \$11,696.35, as follows, in addition to their salaries:

Chief Justice McLeod	406.90
Justice Grimmer	626.15
Justice White	1,360.80
Chief Justice Landry	2,158.35
Justice Barry	1,479.75
Justice Crockett	1,347.25
Justice McKeown	749.40
County Court Judges.	
Judge W. B. Jonah	1,868.25
Judge Carleton	664.65
Judge McLatchey	471.20
Judge Wilson	462.75
Judge Borden	100.90
Judge Forbes	

Total \$11,696.35

MANITOBA SCHOOL QUESTION UP AGAIN

Winnipeg, Feb. 23.—Passionate opposition to the repeal of the bi-lingual clause in the Public Schools Act was expressed by the French-Canadian members of the Legislature today, when Hon. R. S. Thomson, Minister of Education, moved the second reading of the repealing bill.

Albert Prefontaine, leader of the opposition, declared the French speaking citizens of Manitoba will never submit to the extinction of their privileges, and hinted that use will be made of a clause in the Manitoba Act providing for an appeal to Parliament against acts of legislature affecting religious or linguistic rights.

P. A. Talbot, who was elected as a supporter of the government, repudiated his party. He denounced the policy of the administration as a cowardly attack on a weak minority.

J. P. Dumas, Liberal member for St. Boniface, moved the adjournment of the debate, indicating that he too will quit the Liberal party on account of his opposition to the bill.

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Mr. Wiley Smith Dies At Halifax

Halifax, Feb. 28.—Wiley Smith, one of the wealthiest and most widely known of Halifax merchants, died here this morning aged 82 years. Mr. Smith was president of the Acadia Sugar Refining Company, and a director of the Royal Bank.

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