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INCREASE OF JUDICIAL SALARIES.

It has come at last, after much protesting and petitioning by this Journal.

By resolution declaring it expedient to amend the Supreme and Exchequer Courts Act, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court will receive an annual salary of \$10,000, and each of the puisne judges \$9,000. The judge of the Exchequer Court will receive \$8,000 per annum. This is as it should be. It goes without saying that the Bench of the highest Appellate Court of the Dominion should be made as attractive as possible to the best men at the Bar. This increase is one means to that end.

By another resolution the Act respecting the judges of Provincial Courts is to be dealt with as follows. We begin with the Province of Ontario: The five Chiefs will now receive \$8,000 per annum each; the twelve puisne judges \$7,000 each. This is also as it should be, and is in the line of what we have long and earnestly contended for.

In the Province of Quebec: The Chief Justice of the King's Bench is to receive \$8,000, and the five puisne judges of that Court \$7,000. This is as it should be. We see, however, that the same rule is applied to the Superior Court of that Province. Whilst we congratulate the learned judges of that Court upon their good fortune, we fail to see why even sixteen of them should be put on the same plane as the judges of the highest Court of that Province, or why all of them should be better paid than the County Court judges of other Provinces. They are termed "Superior Court" judges; but in effect that Court corresponds more nearly to the County Courts of the other Provinces; and, with some exceptions, the business done by its judges is not anything like as great or important as that which falls to the lot of many of the County Court judges. Again, there are in all thirty-five puisne judges, of whom sixteen