

such intention before me, I may say that it would be well for the defendants to confine their operations to such "work of necessity" as that done by them the past summer, and that only when warm weather renders it necessary.

Our Lord's Day Act is not only intended to preserve the sanctity of the Lord's Day, but to promote the general welfare in an industrial and economic, as well as a religious and humanitarian sense. The appeal is dismissed.

### Bench and Bar.

RETIREMENT:—The Hon. Mr. Justice Britton, has recently retired from the Ontario Supreme Court Bench. This had long been expected, as he is now in his 87th year and has for several years been in failing health and unequal to the occasionally, strenuous duties of a judge. His successor has not yet been named.

Subsequently to the publication of our Sheet Almanac the names of the Judges composing the Second Divisional Court of the Supreme Court of Ontario have been announced. They are as follows: Chief Justice Mulock and Justices Clute, Riddell, Sutherland and Masten.

### Obituary

N. F. DAVIDSON, M.A., K.C.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Davidson, a well-known and highly respected practitioner in Toronto, on the 16th instant. Mr. Davidson was born at Woodbridge, Ontario, in 1864. He was educated at Trinity College School, Port Hope, where he distinguished himself and carried off many prizes. He took his degree at Trinity University, winning the Wellington Scholarship, and graduating as Prince of Wales Prizeman with first-class honours. Mr. Davidson was called to the Bar in 1888, receiving silk in 1901. He was for some time a partner of Mr. Elmes Henderson. An able advocate, he was frequently retained by the Crown in criminal cases. Much of his time was devoted to the ecclesiastic matters of the Church of England, to which he belonged. He had also a large sphere of usefulness in connection with Toronto University, to the Senate of which he was elected when Trinity joined it. His war services were unremitting, and these activities, with other work, so impaired his constitution that he could not recover from a nervous breakdown. He married a daughter of Hon. Mr. Justice Osler, who predeceased him.