

The Minister of Justice used some very plain language in reference to certain members of the Bench in the discussion on the second reading of Mr. Lennox's bill respecting the judges of provincial Courts. This bill is intended to prevent judges acting as arbitrators and follows logically the legislation of last session, which was as follows: "No judge mentioned in this Act shall either directly or indirectly, as director or manager of any corporation or firm or in any other manner whatever, for himself or others, engage in any action or business other than his judicial duties; but every such judge shall devote himself exclusively to such judicial duties." The Minister of Justice in referring to this section is reported in Hansard as saying: "I have, up to the present, construed the Act that we passed last session very strictly and once or twice judges have applied to me to know whether or not on the construction of the statute it would be permissible for them to act as arbitrators in disputes between private parties. The answer that I invariably have given to them is that it is not competent for them to do so, and to-night I regret that I am obliged to deliberately say that the judges of this country have not observed the law passed by Parliament, and that they have not certainly given that example of obedience to the law which we are entitled to expect of them." He also stated that he had intended himself introducing a bill for the purpose of giving effective sanction to the legislation of last session and suggested that Mr. Lennox should allow his bill to stand over, that they might together prepare the necessary provisions.

Newspaper enterprise, which recently received such a rude jolt in Ontario by the alleged theft by a reporter of private papers, has also been in evidence in the United States, and is referred to in *Case and Comment* as "Newspaper conspiracy." It appears that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company withdrew its passes and free transportation for newspaper men, who retaliated by passing a resolution that "hereafter no railroad official of the Pennsylvania Railroad shall receive a favourable mention