

in 1907 was made a K.C. of that province. He and his son, A. Nevill Morine, LL.B., are now engaged in the practice of the profession in the city of Toronto.

In politics Mr. Morine is a Conservative and at the last Dominion election contested the constituency of Queens-Shelburne, Nova Scotia, with the Hon. Mr. Fielding, the Minister of Finance, reducing somewhat the majorities previously given to that popular gentleman.

RECENT APPOINTMENTS.

The profession has been worthily represented in two recent appointments to high positions. Hon. James Munro Gibson, K.C., Attorney-General in the late government of Ontario, being now the Lieutenant-Governor of that province, an appointment which has met with universal approval. The other appointment is that the new Speaker of the Senate of Canada in the person of the Hon. James Kirkpatrick Kerr, K.C., a lawyer of prominence in the city of Toronto. We venture to prophesy that he will with dignity, courtesy and wisdom represent the august body of which he is a member. Both these gentlemen are eminently qualified to fulfil the duties of the dignified positions to which they have been promoted.

COURTS AND THEIR CRITICS.

It seems almost impossible for the unthinking public, and even for the average layman who seeks to instruct them, to grasp the rules which necessarily govern courts and judges in applying to cases before them the fundamental principles of the law under which we live. This presumably arises from ignorance. It was once said, many years ago, that every Englishman who might have any public duties to perform should go through a course of Blackstone's Commentaries on the laws of England. Whilst this might be a somewhat ponderous book for our public