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The lawyers in Canada evidently are leaders and guiders of public opinion; 2,150 lawyers we calculate were on the stump throughout Canada during the Dominion elections. The number of lawyers elected to the House on June 23rd last is enormous, being 95. It would appear that the bar is an avenue to political fame.

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We have always been found advocating the formation of provincial and Dominion Bar Associations. Had such associations been formed it might be that the Lord Chief Justice of England would be entertained at Montreal or Toronto instead of at Saratoga on his visit to America next month. We refer to the matter not in a spirit of jealousy but rather express a dissatisfaction that our own inertness should find us in such a position that the Bar of Canada have not

a properly representative executive empowered to extend some courtesy to so distinguished a jurist as Lord Russell of Killowen on the present occasion. Far from jealousy, we find it a most agreeable sight to see such cordial relations existing between the English Bench and the American Bar. If a like cordiality were shared by all other elements in the two countries there would be no talk of war between them.

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It seems that the rascal element in the legal profession will never grow less. Our contemporary, *The American Lawyer*, which is, by the way, one of the most complete of our exchanges, has a column under the caption "Lawyers in Trouble," in which are recorded the cases of lawyers who fall from grace. The June number tells the story of no less than nine instances where the guilt has been brought home to such gentlemen.

LAW AND POETRY.

Richard Cranston, a young English barrister, who had attained eminence in his profession, while spending a few days in the city of New York, was the guest of Ogden Hoffman one evening. The conversation turned on lawyers and Judges who wrote poetry. "I sometimes think, Mr. Hoffman," said Cranston, "that law and poetry

are entirely opposite elements and cannot unite harmoniously in one character—that the lawyer who writes poetry and the poet who undertakes to practice law are both widely out of their spheres. Have you ever known a lawyer or a Judge who wrote poetry, or a poet whose themes were law, and ever succeeded?" "Most certainly," said Hoff-