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Parliament has once more concluded its business without doing anything to increase the remuneration attached to the judicial office. But there seems to be a disposition to treat the members of the Supreme Court with a consideration not accorded to the provincial appeal courts. A resolution introduced on the 25th June by the Minister of Justice reads as follows: "That if any judge has held the office of judge of the Supreme Court of Canada for fifteen years, or the said office and that of judge of the Exchequer Court, or the said office and that of judge of one or more of the superior courts or of the courts of vice-admiralty in any of the provinces of Canada, for periods amounting together to fifteen years or upwards, and if such judge has attained the age of seventy years and resigns his office, he shall during the remainder of his life continue to receive his full salary, which shall be payable to him in the same manner as it was payable at the time of his resignation; provided, however, that nothing herein shall apply to a judge who has held the office of judge of the Supreme Court of Canada for a period less than five years." This proposition would enable almost the entire Supreme bench to retire without loss of any portion of their emoluments. It is doubtful whether such an inducement should be held out. It