

members who have died in Montreal being Mr. L. W. Marchand, Q.C., Clerk of Appeal; Mr. A. H. Lunn, Mr. Louis Laflamme, and Mr. Euclide Roy.

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The New Year's honours, so far as colonial judges are concerned, have been wafted to Hong Kong and the Punjab, and Canada is not mentioned in the list. The Chief Judge of the Chief Court of the Punjab and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong have been knighted, and one Scottish judge, Lord Kinnear, receives a peerage. We hope to be able to record before long that the Acting Chief Justice of the Superior Court at Montreal in this Province has received the distinction which was accorded to Chief Justice Casault while filling a similar position at Quebec.

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Real estate agents are distinguished for the perseverance with which they beset persons who may be supposed to be willing to sell a piece of land or other property. It is extremely desirable, therefore, that in the matter of remuneration and commissions they should be kept within the rules which apply to ordinary contracts, and that they should not be permitted to create so-called customs or usages which would give them rights superior to other persons who are ready and anxious to give their services for a consideration. In *Plummer v. Gillespie*, the pretension of the real estate agent went so far as to allege that wherever a sale is brought about by the agent having called the attention of the purchaser to a property, the agent should be entitled to a commission, although the owner was not aware of his intervention. If this were law, the result might be an unseemly scramble among real estate agents of the locality whenever a piece of property was, or was supposed to be, in the market. Mr. Justice Archibald very naturally rejected the plaintiff's preten-