

sion. Naturally Mr. Macmaster is severe upon the terms of the reference, which prevented the arbitrators from disposing of the whole matter, and more especially excluded from consideration the question of liability for damages suffered by the owners of vessels unlawfully seized in Behring Sea. Full credit is accorded to the arbitrators themselves and to the eminent and learned counsel engaged in the case, for doing the best that was possible under the terms of the reference. Canada did not get all that she might reasonably have expected from the award: on the other hand Canada was specially interested in having a troublesome question between the two countries disposed of in a peaceful manner. The pamphlet of Mr. Macmaster, which treats the subject in a very clear and able manner, will be found useful to those who wish to have in a convenient form the leading incidents of this famous arbitration.

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The solicitor-general, Sir John Rigby, has been promoted to the office of attorney general vacated by Sir Charles Russell, and Mr. R. T. Reid has been appointed solicitor-general. It is stated that these appointments are now made with the understanding that the law officers shall cease to take any private cases. Up to the present time they have had the privilege of practising privately before the House of Lords and Privy Council. Now their whole time is to be available for official duties.

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The Montreal appeal list for the May term has shrunk to 61 cases, including two re-hearings. Only 12 new appeals appear on the list since the March term.

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