

be said in favour of such appointments, but we must hold to the opinion that the growing practice of taking judges from work which properly appertains to their office and employing them in outside matters is not in the best interests of the public.

It was suggested in a letter which recently appeared in our columns that it would be well to take some practical steps towards having notes of decided cases in the various provinces incorporated in the revision of the Dominion statutes; the thought being that these decisions should be confined to subjects of purely Dominion jurisdiction, and that a reference to the decisions of all the provinces should thus be gathered together. We presume it was not contemplated that these statutes should be annotated, but merely that a citation of the cases under appropriate sections should be given. This is all that could well be done in this connection. It was also suggested that the work should be done under the direction of the Law Societies in each province. There is much to be said in favour of this suggestion, but would it not be more appropriate that the work should be done by the Commission or by some one who might act in connection with it? It might be objected that in relation to some sections there would be an immense number of cases which, without some system of digesting, would be cumbersome and practically useless. There is a good deal of truth in this, but possibly some division of the cases might be made of an analytical character where the cases were so numerous as to make this worth while. The proposition has much merit and we commend the discussion of it to the Commissioners as well as to the Law Societies as suggested by our correspondent.

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On the 8th inst. the Hon. David Mills, one of the judges of the Supreme Court of Canada, died suddenly at his residence in Ottawa. He had been in Court during the day and was apparently in his usual health until a few minutes before he passed away. A good and kindly man his loss in his home circle and in the larger circle of his many friends will be keenly felt. We have already referred at length to his public career (see vol. 36, p. 393, and vol.