

The *Canada Gazette* of June 16th announces that the Hon. Sir Ezekiel McLeod, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, and the Hon. Louis Tellier, a retired Judge of the Superior Court of the Province of Quebec, have been appointed Commissioners to review, consider and report upon the evidence taken before the Hon. Mr. Justice Galt, of Manitoba, a Commissioner appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba to investigate and report upon certain matters of concern to the Government of Manitoba. It is much to be regretted that it is thought to be necessary to use our judges to investigate and report on matters which are connected with alleged scandals in which party politics figure largely. It is degrading to the Bench and not satisfying so far as the public is concerned and never will be. Let judges attend to their proper duties and let politicians settle their squabbles without dragging in the Bench.

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### Flotsam and Jetsam.

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A triumph of commercialism over sentiment was exhibited in the United States in the case of *Pollock v. Symon*, Fed. 1005. A swain became engaged to a young lady and presented her with an engagement ring of considerable value, and shortly afterwards went into bankruptcy. It was held that, notwithstanding the custom of betrothed persons in regard to such matters, a man must be just before he is generous, and cannot be generous with money which really belongs to his creditors, even for the purpose of retaining the affection of his lady-love. The ring being, therefore, part of the bankrupt's estate, the lady was told that if she desired to retain it she would have to pay its value to her lover's creditors.

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It may be interesting to some members of the profession to know that the total amount of fees paid to counsel on the celebrated prosecution of the seven bishops was only £240 16s. 0d., and that the largest fee paid to any counsel on that occasion was £20. What would the present generation of lawyers think of such fees in such a case?