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THE appointment is just announced of Mr. Désiré Girouard Q.C., of the Montreal Bar, to the Bench of the Supreme Court, Mr. Justice Fournier retiring. We will refer to the change in a subsequent issue.

THE judicial haste which sometimes marks proceedings in our courts of justice in Ontario is not always conducive to the proper disposition of business. No doubt judges are often very sorely put about to get through, within the limited time at their disposal, the amount of business which they are expected to discharge; but we very much doubt whether it is wise, or even just to suitors, to attempt to perform in one hour what should reasonably take two. Every suitor is entitled to have his case carefully and deliberately considered; and it is a denial of justice for a judge to deal with any case in a perfunctory or hasty manner. The fact that there is a remedy by appeal is no answer, for a suitor is entitled to have his case carefully weighed and considered by every judge before whom it is brought; and it seems to us that a judge who contents himself with giving hasty and ill-considered judgments is falling very far short in his duty to the public, and the excuse that he can be set right by a Court of Appeal, if he is wrong, is no justification whatever for such a course. But if judges of first instance are bound to exercise care and deliberation in the trial and adjudication of cases, the duty so to do in the case of appellate courts must, if anything, be stronger. While reasonable expedition in the administration of