

the following remarks of Hon. Mr. Justice Sedgewick on the opening of the Supreme Court last month:—

“At the close of the Court yesterday the Right Hon. Sir Elzear Taschereau waited on us, announcing his retirement as Chief Justice of this Court, and wishing us an affectionate good-bye. It seems to me fitting that this morning we should place on the records of the Court a statement of our appreciation of his services to the jurisprudence of Canada as it exists among the several Provinces to-day. Coming to us from the Province of Quebec, well versed in the Roman law, the civil law of France, and in the domestic law of his own Province, he was equally erudite in the English system which together with the French, forms the law of Canada. By reason of his accuracy, experience and ability he was able to bring into our consultations a trained mind which was of the greatest possible advantage to the Court in the decision of the various cases brought before it from different parts of the Dominion. His uniform courtesy alike to his colleagues and to the gentlemen practising at the Bar were greatly appreciated and will long be remembered. We officially part from him with the most profound regret, and trust that in his well-earned retirement he may enjoy many years of health and happiness.

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#### *THE NEW MINISTER OF JUSTICE.*

When some months ago Mr. A. B. Aylesworth, K.C., at the urgent invitation of the Premier, entered the Dominion Cabinet as Postmaster-General it was anticipated that, in view of Mr. Aylesworth's distinguished career as a lawyer, he would succeed in a short time to the office of Minister of Justice. This has now happened upon the appointment of the Honourable Mr. Fitzpatrick to the Supreme Court Bench. There can be no question that the new Minister of Justice is pre-eminently fitted to be the head of the legal profession in the Dominion. For many years Mr. Aylesworth, by reason of his intellectual attainment, personal force and high character, has held a foremost place among the leaders of the Ontario Bar, which suffers a distinct