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The resignation of Mr. Justice Brooks from the bench of the Superior Court, St. Francis district, was not unexpected, but nevertheless the announcement will be received with regret. Mr. Justice Brooks has held the office of judge in the district of St. Francis, during thirteen years, and these have been years of increasing labour and responsibility, the work continually growing with the growth of a prosperous and progressive section of the province. The learned judge's health during the last two years has not been as good as it was formerly, and it is understood that he felt the strain so severely that he suggested the appointment of an additional judge for the district. The government does not appear to have acceded to the request, and Mr. Justice Brooks, finding his strength unequal to the growing burden, tendered his resignation. It is probable that the appointment of an additional judge for St. Francis cannot be very long deferred, for in the past the district has made frequent calls upon the Montreal bench for temporary assistance. The judicial returns show that it is now an important centre of business. Mr. Justice Brooks carries with him