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CURRENT TOPICS.

The September appeal list at Montreal exhibited a considerable increase of business, the roll containing sixty cases—a number which has not been reached for several terms past. The long interval which had elapsed since the May term accounts for the principal part of this increase. The Bar got to work with much alacrity, and seldom has better progress been made with the arguments. On one day, besides motions, five appeals were fully heard on the merits, being an average of less than sixty minutes to each case. In all, 31 cases were heard, and a large number of judgments rendered, the court rising on the 24th September.

The first annual banquet of the Bar of Montreal was certainly attended with a most gratifying success, and the result must have been extremely pleasing to the *bâtonnier* and others, who kindly gave much time and exerted themselves to make the arrangements as perfect as possible. The judges, by their attendance at the opening dinner, contributed largely to the *éclat* of the occasion. The absence of Sir Melbourne Tait, who was suffering at the time from indisposition, was generally regretted. From the success which attended the first meeting, it is natural to expect that succeeding celebrations will be