

A change on the Bench of the Superior Court has been caused by the retirement of Mr. Justice Malhiot, of the Ottawa district, who was unhappily obliged to retire owing to the loss of his sight. Judge Malhiot's sight has been failing for several years, and some time ago he visited Paris to consult specialists, but without success. The judge will have the sympathy of the Bar in the affliction which has befallen him.

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Mr. Justice Malhiot's place has been filled by Mr. J. Lavergne, law partner of Sir Wilfred Laurier, the Premier of Canada. Mr. Lavergne was called to the Bar in 1872, and has practised in the district of Arthabaska.

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An illustration of the expedition with which a case may pass through all the courts, including the final appeal to the Privy Council, is afforded by *City of Montreal and Standard Light & Power Co.*, reported in the present issue. The judgment of their Lordships of the Privy Council was rendered on the 3rd August, 1897, and, as will be observed by the opening remarks of Lord Macnaghten, who rendered the judgment, the incidents which led to the litigation occurred on the 10th September preceding. The judgment of Acting Chief Justice Tait was rendered on the 21st September, 1896, and the judgment of the Court of Queen's Bench, affirming the decision, on the 3rd October. This case shows that in the matter of expeditious administration of justice, the province of Quebec takes a very high place.

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The second meeting of the Canadian Bar Association was held at Halifax on August 31. The president, Hon. J. E. Robidoux, Q.C., delivered an address. The meeting was well attended. Several of the judges of Nova Scotia were present during part of the sittings.