

failed one iota in his mental vigour. We might refer also to Mr. Gwynne's contemporary of the same age, Senator Gowan, whose intellect is as keen to-day as it was when he retired from his position as one of the most eminent judges of the Ontario Bench.

That the new judge will be kind and courteous in all his relations with both Bench and Bar goes without saying; he could not be otherwise. His tact and experience in dealing with men will, we trust, help to secure some improvement in the transaction of business in the court to which he has been appointed, so that if possible there may be less internal friction, more care for the convenience of counsel, and, above all, a proper regard for the necessity of consultation and interchange of thought amongst the judges, without which no court can be a success.

The attention of the department over which Mr. Mills formerly presided has time and again been called to various matters requiring change and attention in connection with the administration of justice in the Supreme Court. He is therefore thoroughly familiar with the situation, and having now a seat in that Court, and possessing the confidence of the Government, the country will look to him to play an important part in endeavouring to place the Tribunal in a more satisfactory condition.

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#### *REFORM IN THE JUDICIARY.*

The daily press informs the public that "some plan of dealing with judges who are incapacitated by age or other infirmity from performing their duties seems to be called for," and as this expression is from the leading exponent of the party in power, we may look for something with more substantial result than befell the projects ament the County Courts and procedure during the last two sessions in the Queen's Park.

In the administration of justice the interest of litigants is, of course, of paramount importance; and the remedy must come from both the Dominion and Provincial Legislatures.

The number of the County Court judges is quite out of proportion to the work assigned them and the needs of the province. They are as numerous as in the neighbouring great and populous State of New York. While those in Toronto, and in half-a-dozen other centres, are well occupied, the others rust from official inactivity. Several of the counties might well be amalgamated for