

The September Divisional Court opened with a list of ninety-nine cases of which only nineteen were disposed of during the two weeks' sittings. On one day no case on the peremptory list was ready and no business was done. On another the Court sat for two hours only. The difficulty of getting into harness again so soon after the Long Vacation may perhaps account for the slow rate of progress in the business, and suggests the inquiry whether the first sitting of the Divisional Court after vacation might not in future be more advantageously held in the second instead of the first half of September.

ANARCHY AND ITS VICTIM.

The civilized world stands aghast at the crowning exhibition of the spirit of lawlessness abroad to-day. Though the governments of Europe are now more or less free and responsive to the will of the people, the one that claims the greatest advance in this respect was the one selected by the anarchists for their most recent attack upon law and order. It is noteworthy, moreover, that the last selected victim of the hateful malice of these miscreants was a man who personally could not have been obnoxious to their misguided and distorted views. He was, moreover, the free choice of a free people and moved freely and without fear amongst those who had selected him as the representative head of their nation. On the 6th inst. the dastardly attack upon Wm. McKinley, President of the United States, was made. On Saturday the 14th inst. he passed away. Whilst his loss is mourned by his people as a national calamity and as the loss of a beloved personal friend, the heartfelt sympathy of other nations and notably (and properly so) that of Great Britain and this Dominion has gone out in full measure to his family, his friends and his fellow citizens. In public and in private life he lived without reproach. As a constitutional ruler he will take a high place. A great man in many ways, he had risen from a humble position—schoolmaster, soldier, lawyer—to be the head of a great nation. Deservedly popular and respected and growing daily in the esteem of his people, the last days of his life told of a man even greater than his record. In his words of pleading for his murderer, his brave patient endurance, and his resignation to the Divine will, he breathed the spirit of his Master, whom he loved and sought to serve.