

Correspondence.

OCCASIONAL JUDGES.

To the Editor, CANADA LAW JOURNAL:

DEAR SIR,—While some of our Canadian Judges have been "good sports" in their day, they have not had the luck (or otherwise) of Mr. Justice Landis, one of the Judges of a Federal Court in the United States, who secured a berth as Supreme Arbiter of Organized Baseball at a salary of \$42,500 per annum. His impeachment for this alleged inroad into his judicial duties has been asked for.

It would appear therefore that there are other ways in which Judges can add to their limited salaries besides sitting on Commissions. It may be a question whether it is more harmful or more objectionable, on public grounds, for a Judge to spend part of his time and strength (perhaps all of it at times) in promoting clean sport, than as a Commissioner striving to disentangle a dirty mess in the game of party politics caused by squabbles between rival aspirants for timber licenses, which, some say, no honest Government should ever have granted. The evidence, in the Landis case, if it goes further, will be interesting in this regard.

It will also be interesting to see what view the Senate of the United States may take of Judges "accepting outside employment, while serving on the Bench;" and, whether or not, or to what extent, it is consistent with their judicial position to give up their proper work and accept employment which takes up part of their time therefrom. The sympathies of the many sporting men in our profession will probably go out to "Brother Landis."

Yours, etc.,

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PRIVILEGES OF JUDGES.

To the Editor OF THE CANADA LAW JOURNAL:

DEAR SIR,—In the *Toronto Globe* of April 27th, 1921, there is a long editorial headed "Judges not law makers." It is practically an attack on Mr. Justice Orde and a defence of the Ontario Temperance Act. The writer of the article seems to think that Mr. Justice Orde is not justified in making observations in cases that come before him under this outrageous Act.

In one paragraph it states that "The Legislature may find it necessary, in face of these reiterated criticisms, to tell Mr. Justice