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CURRENT TOPICS AND CASES

The anticipation of a return of activity in the Court of Appeal, after the election period, was fulfilled at Montreal last month. The September list contained 48 cases, of which 23 had been continued from the May term, when only nine out of 32 cases on the roll were actually heard. The first two days of the recent term, with great liberality, were ceded by the Court, to permit the bar to give their attendance at the inaugural meetings of the Bar Association, which were held in Montreal on those days. But subsequently business proceeded very actively, and satisfactory progress was made with the list, which was fully called over before the term was declared closed.

The most important case of the term, as regards the magnitude of the interests involved, was one which did not appear on the list, the appeal being taken about the middle of the term, and heard by privilege. This was the case of *City of Montreal & Standard Light & Power Co.*, in which the Court affirmed the decision of Acting Chief Justice Tait, to the effect that the local legislature has power to authorize a private company to open the streets