

On the 18th November last the resignation of the Hon. John Foster McCreight, who for the past nineteen years has been Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, was announced. Mr. McCreight was the last of that race of well trained English barristers who came to that Province on the discovery of gold in the early sixties. He immediately took and maintained his position as a leading authority on all questions of law. For a short period he was Premier of the Province under the first responsible Government, after Confederation. Through and through a lawyer, learned, conscientious, fearless, indefatigable and possessed of a marvelous memory of cases in all branches of the law, he carries with him on his retirement the esteem and respect of all with whom he has come in contact.

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The appointment of a successor to Mr. Justice McCreight was deemed in legal circles in British Columbia a matter of pressing importance. Owing to the illness of two judges an excessive strain was thrown upon the other occupants of the Bench, and the Benchers of the Law Society of that Province considered it of sufficient moment to despatch an urgent request to the authorities at Ottawa that the appointment of a Judge to fill the vacancy might not be delayed. Mr. P. AE. Irving, Q.C., who was mentioned as his possible successor, and who, it was said, would be acceptable to the profession, has received the appointment. It is believed to be a good one.

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The profession will watch with interest judicial appointments by the government which has recently assumed the reins of power. We are glad to voice the general opinion that the three which appear in the *Canada Gazette* of the 1st inst., are exceedingly good. Of Mr. Justice Irving we speak in another place. Mr. John A. Barron, Q.C., of Lindsay, will, we venture to predict, prove a valuable addition to the County Court bench. He is a sound lawyer, of good judgment, and irreproachable character. He has had a large