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It is always refreshing to see marks of distinction conferred upon deserving men, apart from political considerations. We have, therefore, the greater pleasure in noting the fact that that Her Majesty has been pleased to make Hon. James R. Gowan, formerly judge of the County Court of Simcoe, a C.M.G., in recognition, doubtless, of his long and valuable services to his country as a jurist, both on the bench and in his place in the Senate of Canada.

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It is pleasant to notice that on the few occasions when the best men of our Bar are brought into contact with those who occupy a similar position across the water, they lose nothing by comparison. Whatever may be the opinion as to the political views of the late Treasurer of the Law Society, a matter in which this journal has no interest, there can be no question that there are few to compare with him, either in mental grasp or facility of expression; whilst, from all we can judge, the eminent counsel who was happily selected to represent the Canadian Government in the Behring Sea arbitration has not disappointed the expectations of his many friends, but, on the contrary, if reports be true, has not been the least useful of those who have had the interests of this country in charge.

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AN exchange gives some statistics as to the profession in England which may be of some interest. Thirty years ago there were about 4,000 barristers in England, while now there are nearly 9,000. The writer remarks that it must make not a few ambitious