

that securing judgment by a judge's order, obtained collusively, is accomplishing that which the statute now amended was intended to render impossible; and we are convinced that the legislature would not have knowingly overruled Mr. Justice Taylor's decision. We trust that there will be a rigorous investigation into the matter, and we would suggest that after the House acquits the Master-in-Chancery, as we have no doubt they will, he be appointed to investigate and report upon the actions of the members.

QUEEN'S COUNSEL.

MESSRS. F. McKenzie, Sedley Blanchard, J. B. McArthur, and A. C. Killam have been appointed Queen's Counsel by the Dominion Government.

Mr. McKenzie has for some time occupied the highest position in the gift of the bar and is an able common law and criminal lawyer.

Mr. Blanchard is one of the ablest business men in the profession, and has been practically at the head of a very large and successful practice for many years.

Mr. McArthur's jovial rotundity—not to mention his ability—would entitle him to anything. Any depression of his spirits would be a distinct loss to the community. Everyone will be glad that he has not been overlooked.

Mr. Killam is a sound and able lawyer. The profession would heartily welcome his appointment to the bench, and notwithstanding rumors to the contrary, we still hope that he may be induced to accept the position.

It has been said that three other gentlemen have been selected for distinction. We hope that the rumor is true so far as it relates to Mr. H. M. Howell. If numbers of briefs supplied a claim, Mr. Howell would take first place.

To the disappointed let us say, that a patent of precedence, like the forgiveness of sins, comes not by merit but by grace; and that if there are two lists upon which a name may or may not be, the mathematics of probabilities are against the chance of it being upon both.