

Bench and Bar

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS.

Louis Martin Hayes, of the City of Peterborough, Province of Ontario, K.C., to be Judge of the County Court of the County of Wellington, vice Austin Cooper Chadwick, who has retired from the said office. (Mar. 30.)

Henry Alfred Ward, of the Town of Port Hope, Province of Ontario, K.C., to be Judge of the County Court of the United Counties of Northumberland and Durham, vice Thomas Moore Benson, who has retired from the said office. (Mar. 30.)

Anson Spotton, of the Town of Harriston, Province of Ontario, Barrister-at-law, to be Junior Judge of the County Court of the County of Wellington, vice Joseph Jamieson, who has retired from the said office. (Mar. 30.)

Flotsam and Jetsam.

In Croatia, a purely Slavonic country under the Hungary crown, attorneys are still appointed by the government and consequently more or less independent. The Bar of the country have long been contending for a free advocacy, and have declared themselves willing on their side, to submit to the very strict requirements as to training, responsibility and censorship. Practically the whole Bar is Slav, while the central government is rabid Magyar. The latter has proposed a reform, but the main point of it is, a proposed transfer to the notaries of a great deal of the business hitherto belonging to the Bar, probably with a view of lowering the power and influence of the advocacy. There is an old saying to the effect that a badly treated bar means a poor administration of justice, and it seems as if Croatia is about to become the next country to prove the truth thereof.

The authorities referred to in an article on the meaning of "presence" in attestation of witnesses to a will in the *Central Law Journal*, vol. 78, p. 111, may be useful in this country where a discussion arises on the subject. The writer discusses it in relation to mental consciousness; change of position of the witness to see the testator affix his signature, and inability to change position so as to see the witness; obstruction to range of vision. The testator's acknowledgment is of aid only in inability cases.