

when even in England the experiment, or the attempt, was just being made to throw off the cumbersome red tape and ridiculous anomalies of the mediæval system of law involved in the conflict between the Common Law and the Chancery side. But these conditions no longer obtain. The country has arrived at a mature age, and the requirement of the times is decisive and prompt action with a strong hand, regardless of what other legislative bodies do or don't do. As "Justitia" makes perfectly plain, the Court of Appeal will never catch up with the accumulation of cases set down for its hearing. Nothing but the creation of more judgeships will redress the wrong poor suitors suffer by "the law's delay." As to their lordships of the Divisional Courts we are far from agreeing with "Justitia," who says they are "now consigned to inaction." That their labours will be less is indisputable. That a large stream of litigious matter has been diverted to the Court of Appeal, and that the Court of Appeal is confronted with vastly larger dockets is all true. But none of these things spell inaction for their lordships of the old High Court Divisions. We believe it to be capable of ample proof that the ordinary duties of circuit and Chamber and single Court work together with the Toronto sittings for trial and the London and Ottawa weekly

Courts, are sufficient to occupy the time of these Judges, if we are to expect well-considered and carefully tried cases. The matter deserves better attention than it has received.

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Editorial Notes.

The sight of some of our American exchanges filled with thousands of reports of cases is enough to make us pity our poor cousins across the line. We have our own stock of reported cases to digest, and groan sometimes monthly at the sight of 20 or 30 of them in our Canadian law journals. But in one American exchange this month there are 400 reported cases. How industrious our neighbors are becoming. They must have to work day and night to read one fraction of these cases, and the Judges must work day and night to keep up orders. The rapidity with which decisions are turned out in the States surpasses human understanding. What becomes of all the reported cases? Are they ever read? The sight of 400 per month is enough to make one grow anxious as to the longevity of members of the profession in the States. We have been doing some multiplication, and find that one million such decisions are reported annually in the States. Justinian and Tribonian's labors are at last surpassed. What becomes of this vast heterogeneous mass of non-