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THE RETIREMENT OF THE HON. MR. JUSTICE OSLER.

By the retirement of Mr. Justice Osler from the Bench, the province will lose one of its most valuable and erudite judges, and one that it can ill afford to spare. At the same time we heartily congratulate the learned judge that having served the province and his sovereign so faithfully and well for 31 years, he is able, while still in the full possession of his health and faculties, to withdraw from the Bench, and has not been compelled to wait until diminished powers have rendered him less efficient, and we trust he may for many years enjoy during the remainder of his lifetime that *otium cum dignitate* which he has so well earned.

The learned judge, as is well known, is a member of a family of whom at least three other members have gained distinction for intellectual capacity of a high order. His brother, the late Mr. B. B. Osler, Q.C., whose premature death is still mourned, was an advocate of conspicuous merit, whose brilliant abilities were not in any wise marred by that subtle humour which was also one of his distinguishing characteristics, a quality, too, which is equally remarkable in Professor Osler, the learned Regius Professor of Medicine, but which does not seem to be possessed to the same degree by either Mr. E. B. Osler, the popular member for Toronto, or the learned judge of whom we speak. But if lacking in that faculty of playful humour which has distinguished two of his brothers, Mr. Justice Osler was and is the possessor of qualities which have enabled him to be an ideal judge.

There are judges whose sense of duty does not permit them to indulge in any vagaries for gaining popular attention, who are content to apply the best faculties of their minds to the elucidation and vindication of sound principles of law and justice, who do not regard suitors or witnesses as proper targets either for