

uniform courtesy and kind consideration for others which is due as well to the dignity of the Bench as to those practising before it. The consequence was, that what he so abundantly gave in this way to those about him he received back in equal measure in the form of respect and affectionate regard. Of his whole life it may truly be said, in the words of the old poet, "He did as 'longeth to a gentillanne."

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*THE ONTARIO BENCH AND THE GOVERNMENT.*

Almost a year ago a vacancy was created in the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of Ontario. That vacancy has not yet been filled. The result has been prejudicial to the interests of the public, unfair to the other judges, and causing much inconvenience to the profession, loss to litigants, and delay in public business which has been in some cases disastrous. This state of things is entirely discreditable to the Government of the country, and should not be allowed to continue. It is said that the delay is caused by the exigencies of party politics. It is also said that the Government at Ottawa has not made the appointment owing to a desire to befriend the Ontario Government in connection with difficulties under which the latter is said to labour in reference to the claim put forward by some adherents of the Roman Catholic faith for a fuller representation of that religious body on the Ontario Bench. We do not know anything as to the truth of these assertions, but they are current, and many believe that they have a substantial foundation in fact.

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As an excuse for this claim, it is alleged, and said to be true, that some years ago a certain learned judge was appointed by the late Government as a representative of the Methodist body. All we can say as to this is, that two wrongs do not make a right. To pay any attention to such a claim on the part of any religious body would be an admission that the Government recognizes the right of religious denominations to be represented as such, on the Bench, and that a particular form of belief is one of the judicial qualifications. We should be sorry for the country should any such outrageous proposition obtain a foothold. Upon what principle any religious body, be it Anglican, Methodist, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Baptist, or any other, should have such