

there has been no such dissatisfaction with the results of judicial elections in recent years as there has been in England over what the leading journals of that country have denounced as judicial scandals in the appointments to the bench of purely political barristers and the relatives of Cabinet Ministers or political partizans, without regard to their legal experience or judicial qualifications." As free a discussion of judicial appointments in this Dominion as one might wish is scarcely as possible in this country as in England, for reasons which will be obvious to our readers; but, possibly, if the writer of the above were a resident of this country he might have included Canada in his remarks. Quite apart from any question as to which system is the best, it is quite clear that ours is on its trial, and those who desire its continuance and are responsible for appointments have need to take note of the trend of public opinion.

The loss of the services of three judges at Osgoode Hall still continues to cause public inconvenience, and we regret to know that, so far as Mr. Justice Lount is concerned, his absence may be lengthened by the unfortunate accident that recently occurred to him. This diminution of judicial power necessarily throws additional work on the remaining judges and tends to delay business by giving them more to do than they are able to perform. It was supposed that Mr. Justice Robertson was going to retire, but his name appeared on the list for the Divisional Court on the 12th ult., though he did not attend the sittings. This left only two judges to do the work. Oddly enough this was called the Chancery Divisional Court; but, owing to the absence on leave of Justices Ferguson and Robertson and of the Chancellor at the Hamilton Assizes, the Court was composed of Street, J. and Britton, J., both of whom are judges of the King's Bench Division. The King's Bench Divisional Court, which began its sittings on Jan. 19th, was to have been composed of its proper Chief Justice, with Meredith, C.J., and MacMahon, J., from the Common Pleas Division. MacMahon, J., however, did not put in an appearance. There is of course no objection to judges sitting indiscriminately in the different Divisional Courts, but it is not only contrary to the intention of the statute, but is for other reasons most objectionable to leave only two judges sitting in a Divisional Court. It has already happened