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## *CURRENT TOPICS AND CASES.*

The Acting Chief Justice at Montreal, while sitting in the Court of Review, had occasion, recently, to call the attention of the bar to serious irregularities in the practice regarding proof of proceedings and depositions taken in other causes, that is to say, in causes other than that into which such proof was desired to be introduced. In one instance two voluminous records were produced before the Court of Review, under a consent that certain depositions taken in those cases should serve as evidence in the case actually proceeding. In many other cases portions of records have been introduced into the record of another cause, to avail for a time as part of the proof in such cause. The court has intimated that irregularities of this nature cannot be permitted; that the court will refuse to look at such papers; and that proof must be regularly made by the production of properly certified copies.

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Another matter, which has very frequently formed the subject of unfavorable comment from the bench, applies more especially to the Court of Appeal. There is often a disposition on the part of the bar to supplement the argu-