

justice. The better the judges the fewer the appeals. By all means, then, let us make it possible for our best lawyers to go on the bench without facing one of the hardest of all trials—poverty in high position.”

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So far as we have looked into the matter the statement that we pay our judges less than is paid in any other of the chief British possessions is quite correct. A much higher scale prevails in the Commonwealth of Australia, as well as New Zealand and South Africa, not to mention India, where we would naturally expect to find more generous salaries, on account of climate and unique political conditions. True, in Newfoundland, the scale is pretty much the same, but in Jamaica, on the other hand, the remuneration is relatively more liberal than in Canada. We believe that the time is near at hand when parliament will relieve the country of this cause of reproach.

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The reason for an increase in judicial salaries is obvious. The cost of living is vastly greater now than it was, and the value of money is proportionately less. Salaries and wages, with the exception of judges' salaries and solicitors' fees, have all been largely increased during the past twenty years. The present tariff of fees for solicitors, at least in the Province of Ontario, is simply ridiculous. When judges claim that their salaries ought to be increased, it does not seem to occur to them as vividly as it might, that the same reason for such increase applies also to solicitors. It would be quite in order for them to come to the relief of those who have loyally supported them in the premises, by revising the present tariff. “Do as you would be done by,” is an appropriate exhortation on this occasion. Another matter connected with this subject is the disproportion between the remuneration to High Court judges and their brethren of the Court of Appeal. The latter should, on principle, be entitled to more than the former, but in fact they receive less. It might be desirable and, perhaps, it would be good policy, at the present time, to continue the crusade on behalf of appellate judges only. A step gained in that direction would eventually be helpful to the others.