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The decision in *Wilkinson v. Downton*, noted in the present issue, is the latest on the subject of mental shock. The case arose from a practical joke of the worst sort. The court has decided that the injury suffered by the victim of a cruel hoax is not too remote a consequence of the act to hold the perpetrator responsible. Persons who are addicted to heartless and stupid tricks of this nature will receive no sympathy when they come within the reach of the law.

A number of changes and appointments were made by the outgoing government in the prothonotary's office at Montreal. Presumably these changes are the outcome of the official inquiry that has been proceeding for several months past into the working of the different departments, and the inequality of the salaries paid to the employees. It is to be regretted, however, that the new appointments and changes should even in appearance seem to have been hastened by the defeat of the government. The organization of the prothonotary's office in Montreal is a matter of great importance, and although official inquiries during the past ten years have not been few, the result has not been remarkably apparent.