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There is as yet no sign of the appointment of judges to compose the Bench of the new Exchequer Division of the High Court of Justice of Ontario. It was said that there was an imperative need of this additional strength to the Supreme Court judiciary of this Province. But if all judges were restricted to the duties properly belonging to their position, and if those not physically able for their work were given a proper retiring allowance, there never would have been any question as to this.

One of the most important public positions in the gift of the Dominion Government has just been filled by the appointment of one eminently fitted for it. Under the Railway Act of last session there was constituted a Board of three Commissioners, of whom it was agreed that one (the Chairman) should, very properly, be a lawyer. This Board has large judicial powers, as well as an extended control over freight rates and other matters relating to railways. It was therefore very fitting that the Government should offer the Chairmanship of the Board to one so competent as the late Minister of Railways and Canals, the Honorable Andrew G. Blair, K.C., who, as Minister, was not only familiar with the management of our National Railway—the Intercolonial, but who has necessarily a varied and extensive experience in railway matters which will add largely to his usefulness. When Mr. Blair resigned the Premiership of New Brunswick to become a Minister of the Crown at Ottawa he was the leading counsel of his Province. His ability as a lawyer will be a source of great strength to the personnel of the Board. The fact of his resigning the portfolio of Railways and Canals because he could not agree with the Cabinet in its Railway policy indicates an independence of thought and action which augures well for his future usefulness in a position where such characteristics are so essential. It is gratifying to know that Mr. Blair was willing to accept the position, and the Government can be congratulated on having secured his services.