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CURRENT TOPICS AND CASES.

Sir Francis G. Johnson, Chief Justice of the Superior Court, in the beginning of January became seriously indisposed from the effects of a bronchial attack. Information that the learned Chief Justice was out of danger and was progressing favourably, was welcomed with much pleasure. It will be some time, however, before the learned judge will be strong enough to resume work. Mr. Justice Jetté, of the Superior Court, who was also very ill for several weeks, has sufficiently recovered to attend to official business.

It was anticipated that the new year would bring the announcement that the honour of knighthood had been conferred upon the new Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench. It may be surmised that the honour will not be long deferred, the precedent having been established for several years past in respect of the chief justiceship of the two leading Quebec Courts, and the present occupant of the position in the Queen's Bench being in every way entitled to the honour.

In *Bell v. Dominion Telegraph Co.*, 3 Leg. News, 405, Johnson, J., in the Superior Court, held that a telegraph company is responsible to the person to whom a message