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The vacancy which has existed on the Superior Court bench since the death of the late Chief Justice Johnson, has been filled by the appointment of Solicitor General Curran. Mr. Curran has been over thirty-two years at the bar, and although a good deal of his time of late has been occupied with parliamentary duties, he is known as an able lawyer and an eloquent public speaker. We have no doubt that Mr. Justice Curran will bring to the discharge of his judicial functions the energy which has characterized his career at the bar and in Parliament.

Mr. Justice Cross has not long survived his retirement from the Court of Queen's Bench. In fact his resignation was a step which ill-health obliged him to take. Although far from being a fluent speaker, and usually hesitating in oral judgments, Mr. Justice Cross was very profound and thorough in his work, and held high rank both as a lawyer and as a judge. Some of his written opinions are not only extremely lucid and able, but have a terse-