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## CURRENT TOPICS.

During the vacation the retirement of a judge of the Superior Court has taken place, and also the death of an ex-judge. Mr. Justice Brooks, of Sherbrooke, whose retirement from the Bench occurred about two years ago, died on the 5th August, from apoplexy. The deceased was born in 1830, and was admitted to the Bar in 1854. In 1875 he was made a Queen's Counsel. In that year he was *bâtonnier* of the Bar of St. Francis district. In 1882 he was appointed judge of the Superior Court for the St. Francis district, and he retained this office until he was obliged to retire, in 1895, owing to ill-health. Mr. Justice Brooks as an advocate made his mark, and enjoyed a large practice. On his elevation to the Bench he had to deal with the business presenting itself in a large and growing community, and which taxed his strength to the utmost extent. Many of his decisions have appeared in the pages of this journal, and for the most part we think they will be found well considered and correct in the conclusions arrived at. As a judge the deceased was highly esteemed by the Bar, for his courtesy and careful attention to the arguments of counsel, and in private life he enjoyed the respect and consideration of his fellow-citizens.