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Amongst the official announcements connected with the visit of their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, His Majesty the King has been pleased to confer upon the Hon. Sir John Boyd, President of the High Court of Justice, the dignity of Knight-Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George. We congratulate Sir John on the dignity conferred on so worthy and distinguished a member of the profession.

As we go to press two judicial appointments are announced. Sir Louis Henry Davies, K.C.M.G., Minister of Marine and Fisheries, takes the seat in the Supreme Court of Canada rendered vacant by the loss of Mr. Justice King, who died on the 28th of April ult. It is to be hoped that this appointment will give strength to the Court of highest resort in the Dominion. That this has been an unsatisfactory tribunal in many ways, and much so of late years, is well known to the profession, and is much to be deplored. The attention of the Government should be directed to making this Court, what it is not, the strongest and best thought of Court in the Dominion. There are of course great difficulties in the way, but we doubt if it can be said that due effort has been made in the direction indicated.

The other appointment is to the Ontario Bench; Mr. B. M. Britton, K.C., of Kingston, taking the place in the King's Bench Division of the High Court of Justice rendered vacant by the retirement of Chief Justice Burton and the changes consequent thereupon. These events took place nearly a year and a half ago. The delay in making this appointment has been most unseemly—unjustifiable so far as public business is concerned and unfair to the other members of the Bench, who have suffered not only from the want of proper judicial strength but also from the illness of some of their colleagues. We congratulate the learned and experienced counsel and Drainage Referee upon his promotion. We are glad to learn that Mr. Justice Meredith has returned to duty, but sorry to hear that his health is not yet as satisfactorily re-established as could be wished.