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## CURRENT TOPICS AND CASES.

The September term of the Court of Appeal, at Montreal, commenced with a list of 138 inscriptions, showing work on hand for at least five terms, or one full year. If this list be cleared in the term of May next, together with the cases entitled to be heard by privilege, the Court will have accomplished a fair year's work. Considerable progress was made during the term, which was not broken by the occurrence of any holiday. Twenty-three cases were heard in full on the merits; one was submitted on the factums without oral argument; two were settled out of court; three appeals were dismissed on motion; and four appeals were declared abandoned, no proceeding having taken place within a year. The *délibérés* remaining over from the May term were all disposed of, with one exception in which the record was in an irregular condition. Thirteen cases were decided on the merits, in ten of which the appeal was dismissed unanimously; in one the judgment was reversed; and in two the judgment was reformed. The number of appeals dismissed unanimously may be considered to indicate several things; first, that the work in the courts below is performed with considerable care and with sound judgment; second, that the Appeal Court is not inclined to disturb the findings of the lower courts on questions of fact; third, that counsel should not institute an appeal