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Mr. A. B. Aylesworth, K.C., of the Ontario Bar, has been selected to fill the place on the Alaska Boundary Commission rendered vacant by the lamented death of Mr. Justice Armour. This appointment may look forward to Mr. Aylesworth taking a seat on the Supreme Court Bench, and it would have added weight to his influence on the Commission had he occupied that position at the time of his appointment; but however that may be, the appointment is an excellent one. Next after the counsel chosen to represent Canada, Mr. Christopher Robinson, K.C., no man at the Bar could be found more competent to express his views with clearness, force and felicity than Mr. Aylesworth. While regretting that such a man as Mr. Justice Armour, holding the high position he did, cannot represent us, the interests of the Dominion are safe in the hands of Mr. Aylesworth so far as his sphere of duty extends.

During Vacation the business in Chambers at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, within the jurisdiction of the Master in Chambers is required to be taken by him and the Master-in-Ordinary, the Master-in-Chambers and the Registrars of the High Court. The present Junior Registrar of the High Court is neither a solicitor nor a member of the Bar. His brother, who is an Official Referee, is also under Rule 43 competent to sit in Chambers, and also is neither a solicitor nor a barrister. Without intending any reflection on either of these gentlemen who are excellent officers in their respective departments, and with due respect to the powers that be, we cannot help thinking it is a serious mistake to empower persons having no legal training, beyond what is picked up in the public service at Osgoode Hall, to sit in a quasi judicial character.