

ister of Justice for the Dominion—a brilliant close to a distinguished career. Mr. Fitzpatrick, the new solicitor-general, is a member of the Quebec Bar, and has sat in the legislative assembly of this province since 1894. The Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Mr. Davies, is a prominent member of the bar of Prince Edward Island and was premier in 1876. He was appointed Q.C. in 1880. Sir H. G. Joly de Lotbinière, the controller of Inland revenue, was called to the bar in 1855 and has been premier of Quebec. Mr. Blair, Minister of Railways, is a member of the New Brunswick bar, and has been premier of that province. Mr. Mulock, postmaster-general, is a member of the Ontario bar, as is also Mr. Scott, the Secretary of State. Mr. Tarte, Minister of Public Works, is a notary by profession, but has been chiefly eminent as a journalist and politician. Mr. Geoffrion, Q.C., who joins the Government without portfolio, is well known throughout Canada as a very eminent member of the bar of this province. Altogether, after the members of the legal profession have been served, there does not seem to be very much left for outsiders, but it may be observed that the medical profession is represented by Dr. Borden, the Minister of Militia.

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In some notes which the late Abraham Lincoln prepared for a lecture to law students, and which were found among his papers after his death, he makes reference, among other matters, to fees. His ideas may seem somewhat crudely expressed, but it must be remembered that his experience was gained chiefly in the rugged field of pioneer Western civilization. He wrote as follows:—  
“The matter of fees is important, far beyond the question of mere bread and butter involved. Properly attended to, fuller justice is done to both lawyer and client. An exorbitant fee should never be claimed. As a general rule never take your whole fee in advance, nor any more than a small retainer. When fully paid before-