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The *Canada Gazette* of July 5th publishes the following appointments: Hon. H. G. Carroll, Solicitor General of Canada, and Mr. E. R. Cameron, Registrar of the Supreme Court to be of His Majesty's Counsel learned in the law.

A COMPARISON.

As the Province of Ontario increases in wealth and population it might be thought that there would be a corresponding increase in litigation. It will be found however that although the increase of wealth and population is undeniable, the increase of litigation is very far from being a fact. Taking the reports of the Inspector of Legal Offices for the years 1891 and 1901 as a guide we see that the total amount of costs in litigated cases earned by the profession was very considerably more in 1891 than it was in 1901.

The reports of the Inspector, it is true, are defective in not including the statistics of the High Court Offices at Toronto, and therefore do not furnish full details of all the business done in the Province, still enough appears to make it clear that 1901 must have been a pretty lean year as far as litigation in Ontario is concerned. From these reports we gather the following figures: The total number of actions in the High Court (exclusive of the County of York) in 1891 was 5,140, whereas in 1901 they only amounted to 2,664. In the County Courts (including York) in 1891 the total number of actions was 3,432, and in 1901 they only amounted to 1,868. In 1891 the total damages recovered in the High Court (exclusive of York) was \$1,906,372.17, and \$97,727.21 for costs, the disbursements taxed being \$42,358.61, which left a net apparent profit of \$55,568.60 for solicitors. In 1901 the total amount of damages recovered in the High Court (exclusive of York) was only \$1,541,483.88. The total amount of costs taxed was \$61,605.75, and the disbursements being deducted, \$25,636.01, left only \$35,969.74 apparent profit for solicitors. Thus for every \$35 solicitors have earned in 1901 by litigation, they have had to