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With extreme regret we record the sudden death of His Honor Joseph Easton McDougall, Senior Judge of the County Court of York, Ontario, on the 29th ult. He had at last consented to take a rest from work, but all too late. The country has lost the services of a most conscientious, efficient and learned judge. Had he been less devoted to the faithful discharge of his arduous duties, his life might, humanly speaking, have been prolonged for many years. His loss will be sincerely deplored by a large circle of friends.

The Canada Gazette of Jan. 10th announces the resignation of Chief Justice McGuire of the North-West Territories, and that Arthur Lewis Sifton, K.C., of Regina, Commissioner of Public Works in the Government of the North-West Territories, and brother of the Minister of the Interior, has been appointed in his place. As Mr. Sifton has never occupied a prominent position at the Bar, and has for many years been out of practice, it is difficult to judge of his fitness for the position. The success of such an appointment must therefore of necessity be somewhat speculative ; and speculation in matters of this sort seems hardly necessary when there is so much good material to choose from as there is in the North-West Territories, where the Bar is a strong and able body. Chief Justice McGuire is still young and vigorous, so that some surprise has been expressed at his early resignation.

One of our American exchanges, in speaking of the popular election of judges, asserts that there is strong indication that electors in the United States are beginning to choose their judges without much regard to politics, and claims that there is abundant reason for trusting the people in this respect. This may be so in some States, though certainly not in all. The writer then proceeds to lay the following indictment against judicial appointments in England, under the British system, which we in this country have always thought *ought* to be the best one : "It is safe to say that