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## *The Governor General Denies a Rumor.*

**S**IR ELZEAR TASCHEREAU presides over the Supreme Court of Canada by virtue of promotion. He was once a lawyer. He became a pious judge. From that rank he rose to be chief justice. That was great dignity. One would have thought that the ambition of the average man could scarcely soar higher than to be the chief justice of all the justices on the bench of the highest court of the nation. Honors were, however, thrust on Sir Elzear. The Crown itself summoned him to the King's Council and he thereupon became the Right Honorable. Then the mantle of a knight was laid upon his shoulders and he became Sir Elzear Taschereau. Was there any limit to worldly honors that could be bestowed upon a man raised so high from the ground? His altitude was like the summit of St. Elias. His greatest distinction however, took a new line. By virtue of an order of the King's Privy Council of Canada, signed by His Excellency "by his own hand," the

Chief Justice became Deputy of the Governor General, and during the absence of His Excellency, the Administrator of the Government.

All imperial despatches sent to Ottawa from London are addressed, not to His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada, but to the Administrator of the Government of Canada. When, therefore, the Earl of Minto sailed for England and Earl Grey had not yet arrived, the functions of an Administrator were brought into play, and by this time the Administrator had got into the clouds so far as to demand that all the honors paid to the Viceroy should be paid to him, and all the homage the people are pleased to pay to the direct representative of the King, appointed under the Great Seal which the unfortunate James once threw into the river Thames, should be paid to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada. A controversy ensued between representatives of the Government and the judge as