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of praise to the learned labours of English archæologists and historians, such as Bishop Stubbs, Maine, Professor Thorold Rogers, Freeman, Green, and Professor Maitland, of Cambridge; nor does he overlook our latter-day Grotius, Sir Frederick Pollock. The entire article is pleasant reading to those of us who believe that the history of the development of jurisprudence and of political and social institutions in England is second only in interest and importance to that of Imperial Rome.

Prof. Münsterberg, of Harvard University, has told the Americans some very homely truths about their national shortcomings during his sojourn among them, and his latest deliverance, namely, that the Monroe Doctrine is obsolete, or soon will be, because its raison d'être has passed away, is calculated to give some of their chauvinists ample food for reflection. We have all along entertained the view that compelling Imperialism to masquerade as Monroe Doctrine up-to-date needed a Gilbertian hand to do it full justice.

We are glad to see that the country, as a whole, is waking up to the inadequacy of the scale of salaries paid to the judiciary of Canada. Some time ago an able plea for justice to the judges was advanced by the organ of the Canadian hardware trade; and it has been quoted with approval by several of the most influential newspapers in the Dominion. One of these in a forcible article quotes the late Senator Dickie's speech in the Senate, in 1891, and observes : "What Senator Dickie said then with so much force gains additional strength when quoted after thirteen years of inaction in the matter. It is not becoming to the dignity of Canada that it should be said of her that her judiciary is the poorest paid of any in the chief British possessions. It is the smallest sort of cant for us to laud the probity of our judges on the one hand, and to deny them salaries commensurate with their work and dignity on the other. It is an old saying that a well-paid bench makes justice cheap. An unsound judge is dear at any price; and it is no answer to say that he can be put right on appeal. That means additional expense and delay to the well-to-do suitor; to the poor man it means in the majority of instances enforced acquiescence in a denial of