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To the Honorable Sir J. S. D. THOMPSON, Minister of Justice and Attorney-General of Canada:

HONORABLE SIR,—The undersigned beg respectfully to represent that the vacancy on the Judicial Bench of the Superior Court for the District of Montreal, caused by the death of the late lamented Sir Francis Johnson, should be filled by the appointment of an English-speaking member of the Bar; and would advance the following reasons in support of their representation:—

1. The vacant seat on the Bench was occupied by an English-speaking judge.

2. It has always been the custom to fill vacancies on the Bench with members of the Bar speaking the same language as the judge vacating the seat.

3. That out of the twenty-eight judges actually appointed for the Province of Quebec, out of the thirty authorized by the revised statutes of Quebec, there are only seven English-speaking judges on the Bench.

We have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servants,

Meredith B. Bethune, L. H. Davidson, J. E. Martin, C. J. Fleet, R. C. Smith, C. B. Carter, John Dunlop, W. W. Robertson, R. D. McGibbon, H. Abbott, Chas. A. Duclos, W. D. Lighthall, F. Topp, M. Hutchinson J. N. Greenshields, C. H. Stephens, H. A. Hutchins, C. Lane, Jas. O'Halloran, Q.C., J. F. Mackie, R. T. Heneker, N. T. Rielle, Frederick E. Meredith, Francis McLennan, M. Goldstein, A. G. Cross, M. S. Lonergan, J. P. Cooke, Peers Davidson, Geo. F. O'Halloran, R. A. E. Greenshields, A. G. B. Claxton, D. McCormick, A. W. Atwater, Seth P. Leet, Selkirk Cross, Albert J. Brown, Chas. M. Holt, Jas. S. Buchan, W. E. Dickson, Henry Tucker, Charles Raynes, J. Cassie Hatton.

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#### MR. JUSTICE CURRAN.

Mr. Curran is a son of the late Charles Curran, a native of county Down, who came to Canada early in the present century. He was born in Montreal, February 22nd, 1842, and educated at St. Mary's college, Montreal, and at Ottawa university. He graduated as a B. C. L. at McGill in 1862. He was called to the Bar in 1863, and was appointed a Q. C. in 1882. The Manhattan college, under the presidency of Cardinal McClosky, conferred the degree of LL. D. on him in June, 1881, an honor also conferred on him by Ottawa university. He unsuccessfully contested Shefford for the Commons at the general elections of 1874, being defeated by the late Hon. L. S. Huntington. He was first returned to Parliament for Montreal Centre in 1882, was re-elected in 1887 and at the last general election. He was appointed Solicitor-General on the 6th December, 1892.