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Mr. Justice Church, whose resignation has been caused by ill-health, was appointed a judge of the Court of Queen's Bench just five years ago, to fill the place of the late Mr. Justice Ramsay. His term of office, brief as it has been, was greatly encroached upon by ill-health. After several interruptions of work caused by sickness, the learned judge was attacked two years ago by the prevailing influenza, and although he was able for a short time to resume his duties, the effort apparently proved too much for him. It is to be regretted that what bid fair to be a useful and satisfactory judicial career has been brought prematurely to an end.

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Mr. Justice Church's successor is Mr. Robert Newton Hall, Q. C., of Sherbrooke. Mr. Hall was admitted to the bar in 1861. The firm of which he was the head, has long occupied a leading position at Sherbrooke. Mr. Hall himself has not appeared much in Court in recent years, but he is known in parliamentary and legal circles as an advocate of unusual ability, and there is reason to expect that he will win favor as a judge. Sherbrooke, it may be remarked, some years ago contributed a very