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LAW FACULTIES.

A Faculty of Law has been established in connection with Dalhousie College, Halifax, N.S. The first chair has been endowed to the extent of \$2,000 per annum, through the liberality of Mr. Geo. Munro, a New York publisher. R. C. Weldon, A.M., has been appointed to the chair. It is proposed to group around this central chair numerous lectureships, so as to make a complete faculty. Several of the leading legal practitioners of Halifax, and at least one judge of the Supreme Court, have promised their co-operation. A chair, to be called the "Gale Chair," has also been established in connection with McGill Law Faculty, the late Mrs. Andrew C. Stuart, a daughter of the late Judge Gale, having left \$25,000 for that purpose.

JUDICIAL CHANGES.

Lord Justice Brett (not Mr. Horace Davey) has been appointed to the vacancy caused by the death of Sir George Jessel. Mr. Justice Fry is transferred to the vacant Lord Justiceship. Mr. Justice Deasy, Chief Justice of the Irish Court of Appeals, died May 6, aged 71. Mr. Justice Deasy was appointed Solicitor General for Ireland in 1859, and in 1861, was nominated Baron of the Exchequer, from which position he was subsequently promoted to the Chief Justiceship of the Court of Appeals. Judge Lawson succeeds to the seat occupied by Mr. Justice Deasy as Justice of the Court of Appeals.

It has been stated, we know not with what truth, that several prominent lawyers have recently declined judgeships. Gossip says that Sir Farrer Herschell refused, because he is making a fortune at the bar, and that Mr. Horace Davey is equally reluctant to go on the Bench, because he is earning \$100,000 a year, and sees no good reason for descending to \$25,000. The history of the past century, however, is full of instances of men giving up the most lucrative practice for the dignity of the bench.

NEW BOOKS.

DROIT CRIMINEL DES ARRESTATIONS, comprenant un Index détaillé des offenses criminelles et leur classification, par B. A. T. de Montigny, Ecr., Recorder de la cité de Montréal, A. Periard, Publisher, 71 St. James Street.

Mr. de Montigny, within the compass of less than 200 pages has brought together a copious store of very useful information relating to criminal offences. The learned author, after remarking upon the importance to peace officers and others of correct information with regard to initiatory proceedings in criminal matters, adds: "Nous avons même l'espoir que cette étude, qui paraît modeste, et qui pourtant a exigé de nous de grandes recherches, sera utile aux juges de paix, à qui incombe généralement le devoir d'émettre des mandats d'arrestation, et même aux juges des cours supérieures qui ont à examiner si souvent les causes et les conséquences d'arrestations. Dans ce but nous examinerons quelles personnes peuvent faire des arrestations et en quel cas elles peuvent les opérer; et pour cela il nous faut distinguer quelles offenses sont *félonies (felonies)*; lesquelles sont *délits (misdemeanors)*; lesquelles sont de simples contraventions, et lesquelles sont punissables par voie de mise en accusation (*indictable*), ou punissables par voie de conviction sommaire hors des sessions (*summary conviction out of sessions*), car suivant que les offenses sont classées dans l'une ou l'autre de ces catégories les arrestations se font par différentes personnes et de différentes manières."

The index comprises 140 pages. The author also devotes 45 pages to the following subjects:

1. Who may arrest without warrant.
2. By whom the warrant may be executed.
3. When and where the arrest may be made.
4. How the arrest may be effected.

The work is executed with care, and indicates considerable research. It will doubtless be welcomed by the profession and others as a valuable guide in criminal proceedings. Copies may be obtained from Mr. A. Periard, 71 St. James Street, Montreal.

A DIGEST OF THE LAW OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE IN INDICTABLE OFFENCES, by Sir James Fitzjames Stephen, K.C.S.I., D.C.L., A Judge of the High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench