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## CURRENT TOPICS AND CASES.

In an amusing case which occurred at Hong Kong, and which will be found in the third volume of the *Lower Canada Law Journal* (A.D. 1867), p. 107, counsel expressed contempt for the court by "a stare of astonishment," and by "opening his eyes very wide." Among the contempts of which Mr. Pollard, the defendant in that case, was convicted were two "tones and manners," etc. The Court of Review at Montreal has discovered a contempt conveyed in six notes of exclamation, following an extract from the judgment under review, and although the counsel gained his case the fee usually allowed on the factum was struck off. Three years ago Mr. Justice Jetté directed attention to improprieties of the same description (14 Legal News, p. 41). It is now formally intimated that in future no fees will be allowed to lawyers who offend by the unrestrained expression of their sentiments on the subject of the decisions which they are appealing from.

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Another matter to which the Court of Review has directed attention is the practice of writing documents forming part of the record on both sides of the page. Where a number of papers are attached for the purposes of review or appeal there is an obvious inconvenience in