

that a "movement is on foot to compel the retirement from the Bench of certain judges who are incapable either by extreme age or physical infirmity to perform their judicial duties"; it being the expressed intention of bringing the matter before the House of Commons when it meets. It is a great pity that there should be any occasion to discuss matters of this kind in the public press, as that can only tend to bring the administration of justice more or less into disrepute. But what is to be done, when due attention does not seem to be paid by the proper authorities to such an important matter?

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It is our sad duty to record in this issue the death of Hon. Angus J. McColl, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, which occurred suddenly last week in Victoria. The late Chief Justice was only in the 48th year of his age when he died, and was then the youngest incumbent of the presidency of a Provincial Supreme Court in the Dominion. He was a son of the Rev. Angus McColl, D.D., and was born in Chatham, Ont., in 1854. He was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1879, and subsequently went to British Columbia, and was admitted to the Bar of that Province, and practised his profession with success in Vancouver. At the time of his appointment as a Puisné Judge of the Supreme Court of B.C. in 1896 he was a member of the leading firm of Corbould, McColl, Wilson & Campbell. On the death of the Hon. Theodore Davie in 1898, he succeeded to the Chief Justiceship. He was made a local Judge in Admiralty of the Exchequer Court of Canada in the same year, and in 1899, as such local Judge, was clothed with jurisdiction in respect of Prize cases by virtue of a warrant of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty constituting the Exchequer Court a Prize Court in time of war. The deceased was the third holder of the office of Chief Justice in the Province to die within the past decade, his predecessors being Sir Matthew Begbie and the Hon. Theodore Davie.

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Complaints are made from time to time in reference to the practice of making changes in the lists of cases set down at Osgoode Hall for argument, and as to which it is said that the officials in charge of the list frequently postpone cases or take