

knighthood, but the Chief Justice is one of the few in Canada who to this kind invitation replied "Nolli Epescopai." It may be said that Canada has sustained a great loss in that the service of one so gifted should have been denied her in the state, but with a system such as ours this cannot be the case under our federal constitution the law is represented, and there can be no doubt that the presence of men so able, vigorous and just are of greater benefit to the country, situated where the courts can calmly reconsider the often hasty and mistaken verdict of the hustings. It is upon such men that Canada must depend if she is not to be cursed with constant appeals to, bigotry and intolerance, if her constitution is not to be placed in constant jeopardy by some flamboyant catholic or excited protestant, and it is our hope that the greatest men will ever be found in Canada's time of need in the people's court of last resort, the judiciary of the country.

LEGAL ANTIQUITIES.—"When I was Chancellor," says Lord Bacon, "I told Gondomar, the Spanish Ambassador, that I would willingly forbear the honor to get rid of the burthen; that I had always a desire to lead a private life." Gondomar answered that he would tell me a tale: "My lord, there was once an old rat that would needs leave the world; he acquainted the young rats that he would retire into his hole, and spend his days in solitude, and commanded them to respect his philosophical seclusion. They forebore two or three days; at last, one hardier than his fellows ventured in to see how he did. he entered and found him sitting in the midst of a rich Parmesan cheese."

COLLUSION.

The new Divorce Law of Victoria has produced such a harvest of undefended divorce cases that it is by no means surprising to find voices uplifted against the new departure, nor to find among the condemnatory utterances protests from the Archbishop of Melbourne and the Chief Justice. There can be very little doubt that a large number of marriages have been dissolved only by means of the most shameless collusion between the parties. No one with any experience of our Courts has the least doubt that this process is daily going on, and it is one which, humanly speaking, it is impossible to prevent. The unusual duty is imposed upon the Court of "satisfying itself" upon facts not necessarily brought before it by the parties. By the *Marriage Act* 1890. (following the English Act of 1857).

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