

may recognize, or think they recognize, each other's voices. In cases of contract the rule may well be different. Whether the language we now quote from the *Central Law Journal* in reference to the above case is the effort of the editor of that excellent journal, or is an extract from the judgment of the Californian court we know not, but it is an oasis in the dry desert of legal literature which might appeal to some of those who agree with the thought expressed by one of our judges in this province who thinks (and to a certain extent we concur) that there is no reason why legal propositions and arguments should not be stated in language seeking some literary excellence, lightened occasionally by appropriate illustrations or gems of thought which others might perhaps think foreign to the dry atmosphere of a law court. We do not know what his views would be as to the following reference to the question at issue in the above case:—

"This is a curious kind of ubiquity. You talk to it at a distance but yet it is at your elbow. It identifies you by your voice, and immediately it puts in motion, at a distance, a physical agency wielding a pen and an official seal, guided there by the mentality it encases. This official essence floats around you in a sort of psychological way, and yet that physical agency is so much a part of itself that if it is destroyed this essence goes out of existence or perhaps is in suspended animation, until the physical agency's successor is found."

CHANGES IN ENGLISH JUDICIARY.

There have been several changes in the English Bench during the past few months. In August last Mr. Horace Edmund Ivory, K.C., and Mr. Thomas Gardner Horridge, K.C., were appointed judges of the High Court of Justice, King's Bench Division. These two appointments were made under the Supreme Court of Judicature Act of 1910, and date from October 1st last. In September last Mr. John Eldon Banks, K.C., was appointed a judge of the High Court of Justice, King's Bench Division, in place of the late Mr. Justice Walton. In the same month Mr. Charles Montague Lush was appointed judge of the