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WE understand that Mr. Justice Robertson has appointed the 11th of December for the trial of the case of *Henderson v. Blain*, in which the late directors of the Central Bank are sought to be made liable for not watching with sufficient care the interest of the shareholders of that defunct institution, and it will probably consume several days.

It needs not that Her Majesty should desire to honour him with knighthood to add anything to the esteem in which is held the eminent counsel who appeared on behalf of the Dominion of Canada on the Behring Sea arbitration. But it is gratifying to know that those highest in authority in the old land also appreciate his ability, though to us that is only one among the many reasons why he has gained the good will and respect of all classes, both legal and lay, in his native land. Mr. Robinson has, we understand, for private and personal reasons declined the proffered honour, but we trust that his decision in this respect is not irrevocable.

WHAT are the duties of the editor of our reports? is a question which naturally suggests itself when we read such passages as occur on p. 73 of the current number of the Ontario Reports. Of course the judges are supposed to express their opinions in their own language, and it is somewhat an invidious task to point out to a learned judge that his remarks are slightly lacking in point or continuity of thought; and yet disagreeable as it may be, this seems a necessary function of an editor. For