

have been favourably received by the profession, and these gentlemen will, we are sure, give a good account of themselves in their new and honourable positions. Both of them were born in the same year, 1869, and both were called to the Bar in the same year, 1894, and both have been members of large firms practising in the City of Toronto.

Mr. Rose was the son of the late Hon. J. E. Rose, LL.D., one of the Justices of the High Court of Judicature, Ontario, in which capacity he evinced judicial qualities of a high order. His death, at a comparatively early age, was a great loss to the Bench. His son, whose appointment has just been announced, will, we doubt not, take an equally high position. Mr. Rose is a student and a man of letters, and is recognized as a sound and well read lawyer. We venture to predict that he will prove a valuable acquisition to the Bench and be a dignified and courteous member of it. He sits as one of the Judges of the High Court Division.

Mr. Ferguson has not of late been so much in Court as Mr. Rose, as his pressing office business required closer attention; but he is also a sound lawyer, and having had an extensive business experience, and being possessed of a large fund of shrewd common sense (which counts for much), we may well believe that he also will make an excellent Judge. Personally popular and genial, he has long been a favourite with the profession, and he goes to his new position with their best wishes for a long life of usefulness. Mr. Ferguson has been appointed to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Ontario.

Although we all might recognise the value of experience and mature judgment in the occupants of the Bench, there is much to be said in favour of the appointment of comparatively young men to judicial positions, provided always, of course, that they have been engaged in active practice and have evinced qualities which fit them for such important duties. To appoint men who for years have been active politicians, but whose usefulness in that field has ceased, and who have no judicial qualities or practical experience in the law, is injurious both to the public and