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The free-handed way in which English journals deal with their judges, when an occasion for reproof appears to them to be desirable, is something which, if done here, would very much astonish our judges in this country. But possibly no such occasion ever arises in courteous Canada. Speaking of some disputes between judges and counsel in the Court in which Mr. Justice Hawkins presides, our namesake says that "his manner was unnecessarily provocative, and he had no justification for a certain charge that he made;" and the editor concludes by "hoping that Sir Henry Hawkins will follow the example of other judges, and will not again be led into conduct which is alike injurious to the administration of justice and derogatory to the dignity of the Bench and Bar." We may possibly sometimes think thoughts to this effect, even in Ontario, but it would probably not be considered very wise to put them in print.

Bills have been introduced in Congress in the United States to raise the salaries of District Judges from \$5,000 to \$6,000. The *American Law Review* remarks: "It has often been to us a matter of wonder that men of the ability and learning who have graced the Federal ermine, have condescended to retire from private life and give up lucrative practice for the small compensation and heavy responsibility incident to the position. Of course we appreciate—and be it said to their credit—that the honor and prestige which a life-long position on the bench imparts, are, to many lawyers, the great attraction. But the fact that we have been fortunate in the past in obtaining great and honest jurists for a small and niggardly compensation, is no guarantee that we will always be equally fortunate in the future." Just at present, owing to the dearth