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We regret to see that an agitation is in progress, both in London and Ottawa, having for its end the sitting of a judge of the High Court at those places every week for the purpose of holding court. The true inwardness of the matter is simply that the practitioners at those places desire to save counsel and agency fees, or the travelling expenses which they have to pay in order to transact such business in Toronto. This is not an unreasonable desire on their part; but if the demand be acceded to, it may have consequences far beyond what the promoters of the scheme contemplate. If London and Ottawa are thus favoured, how will it be possible to resist the demand of Kingston, Peterborough, Hamilton, St. Thomas, Brantford, Barrie, Windsor, etc., for similar favours? In short, the Bench of the High Court would in the end become simply an assemblage of peripatetic county judges. Judges cannot be kept running about the country if they are to do their work satisfactorily.

THE objections to the proposed change are numberless. A few more may be referred to. Superior Court judges especially should have ample time for the preparation of their judgments, and ready access to the library at Osgoode Hall. Not only this, but the opportunity of conference of judge with judge is an important advantage, not only to the judge, but to suitors depending on his judgment. All these advantages are to be jeopardized, if not altogether lost, by the proposed scheme. It may be a sacrifice for some members of the profession to place the best and truest interests of the profession and the law above their own private and individual interests, but we think the great majority of them would be willing to make the sacrifice. We devoutly trust that the agitation may come to naught, as we are firmly convinced that it would have a deteriorating effect on the administration of justice.