

kapt free from party politics it is much more important that politics should not be a factor in the appointment of the judiciary. Whilst it is quite true that the duly elected advisers of the Crown must take the responsibility of appointments to positions of honour, such as the above, it is most desirable that, in regard to the judiciary, the Bar should, in some collective capacity, have the right to express its opinion as to who would be most desirable occupants of the Bench. The Federal Government may, and perhaps does, discuss judicial appointments with the Provincial Governments of the various Provinces, or with the head of the legal department in each Province, who in a sense represents the Bar in his Province; but the Bar, as such, is not consulted. It is not in the public interest that they should be ignored, quite the contrary. This, however, opens up another field of discussion into which we cannot at present enter.

APPEALS TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

Occasionally an effort is made to bring to the front the thought of some who desire to do away with appeals to the Privy Council. A recent number of the *Law Times* (Eng.) refers to the subject. The writer seems to us to give unnecessary attention to views expressed by the few who think a change is coming.

One of them is a learned professor in Scotland, who evidently knows very little about the matter, and speaks only from what he gathers from a misconception of the spirit of this Dominion. Another who advocates a change is a legal writer of repute, but who is well known in reference to his pet theory, that Canada should sever her connections with the Empire and become an independent nation. He, of course, would naturally be glad to see all ties binding the units of the Empire together severed one by one. His views, therefore, are not of value in this connection. Another member of the profession urges a change, for reasons which have not met with the approval of representative bodies such as the Canadian Bar Association and the Law Societies, and he properly premises his argument by the significant