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CURRENT TOPICS AND CASES.

Birth-day honors included knighthoods to three members of the legal profession in Canada, of whom two are or were of the Montreal bar. First, as was generally anticipated, the Hon. Alex. Lacoste, the newly appointed Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench in this province, receives the honor which was conferred upon his predecessors Sir L. H. Lafontaine and Sir A. A. Dorion. The successor of Sir John A. Macdonald in the office of premier of Canada, the Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, is an old and distinguished member of the Montreal bar, who was solicitor general for Lower Canada thirty years ago, and it was a matter of course that an honor already conferred upon several members of his cabinet should be offered to him. The third on the list, the Hon. Oliver Mowat, has been premier of Ontario for twenty years, the longest term of provincial administration to be found in the annals of Confederation. Mr. Mowat took the unusual step of quitting the bench to assume the duties of a political leader, but his great success in the office which he has so long retained appears to have justified the wisdom of his option. These preferments are all beyond cavil, the men who have received them lending additional distinction to the title.