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Associated, apparently, with the idea of Imperial consolidation and Imperial unity, we have heard not a little, in the last year, of Canadian representation on the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. There can be no objection to the appointment of eminent members of the Colonial bench or bar to this high office, but such appointments, if made, should be carefully separated from the idea of territorial representation, or of special aid to be rendered by a judge so appointed in the adjudication of cases from the section from which he is appointed. If, for example, a Canadian is to be placed on the Judicial Committee with the idea of aiding the judges in Canadian appeals, we venture to think that the bar of Canada, or those members of it who have cases before the Privy Council, will be inclined to protest against the innovation. The glory and the security of the final appeal to England have consisted to a large extent in the confidence of the public that the tribunal cannot be approached or biased by any local consideration or prepossession. In very many cases the members of the Canadian bar attend the hearing of the appeals in which they are concerned, and with the aid of their counsel in England, and the assiduous attention of the judges themselves, ample justice is done to the cases, and we are inclined to believe