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## CURRENT TOPICS AND CASES.

The appeal list for March, at Montreal, does not promise to be greatly swollen since the January term, and it is possible that it may be again exhausted before the close of the sittings. It may be observed, however, that the 23rd and 26th are legal holidays, and the 25th is a Sunday. This reduces the term considerably, and the court may follow the precedent of a previous year, and adjourn from Thursday to the following Tuesday. If the business can be concluded by the 22nd it will no doubt be a cause of satisfaction, especially to the Quebec members of the court, who would otherwise have to remain, or return for Tuesday, the 27th.

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The most important question that came up on the 27th February, when the Court of Appeal rendered twenty-four judgments at Montreal, was that affecting the substitution of movables, in *Simpson & Molsons Bank*. It is a curious fact that at this late day, nearly thirty years after the codification of the law, which expressly declared that movable property may be the subject of substitutions (Art. 931), and did not indicate in the usual manner that the disposition was new law, three cases should have occurred almost simultaneously in the Superior Court, in which the judges all held that, before the Code, movable property could not be the subject of substitutions. The