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Undue prominence has been given to an attack on the Bench by a newspaper writer in British Columbia, who, apparently desirous of bringing himself into notoriety, made some general charges of corruption against the Judges. He was very properly sentenced to a reasonably long term of imprisonment. He thought better of it when the sentence was being put in force, humbly apologized and was thereupon discharged. Speaking of the Judiciary in British Columbia, we are glad to hear that the appointment of Mr. Hunter as Chief Justice of that Province has been amply justified by the result.

We hear mutterings of discontent in the profession at the block of business in the Court of Appeal, of Ontario, and, as appears from the daily press, this has reached the ears of the public. We are satisfied that this condition of things does not arise from any want of industry or attention on the part of the Judges, but it is nevertheless much to be regretted, especially in view of the fact that the Court referred to is one of the ablest and most satisfactory in the Dominion. We trust it will very soon be enabled to dispose of the many cases now standing for judgment, many of them for a considerable length of time.

The judicial strength of the High Courts in the Province of Ontario will be reduced for some months by the absence on leave of the Chief Justice of Ontario, Mr. Justice Ferguson and Mr. Justice Robertson. The leave given to the latter doubtless foreshadows his early retirement from the Bench. Whether the same can be said of either of the other two learned Judges does not appear. They are both in need of rest, and will, we trust, receive much benefit to their health by cessation from work. Judge Ferguson goes to the Pacific Coast where, when a young man, he went as one of the venturesome spirits that sought their fortunes in the gold fields of the West. He will probably visit the mines at Rossland, en route, and there renew his acquaintance with the pick and the pan in their modern development.