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CURRENT TOPICS AND CASES.

The November appeal list at Montreal disclosed one result of the forced abridgement of the September term—the list showed an increase of four cases. The number of new appeals entered between the two terms was 22. A noticeable feature of recent calendars is the large proportion of appeals from the country districts. In the 69 cases on the November list, for instance, there are 44 Montreal appeals, and 25 from the other districts, as follows:—8 from Ottawa, 7 from St. Francis, 2 from Bedford, and the same number from Terrebonne, St. Hyacinthe and Richelieu, 1 from Joliette and 1 from Iberville.

A case determined in the *Cour de Cassation* of Belgium, reported in Sirey, 92.4.1., presented a question similar to that which arose in the cases of *Benning v. Thibaudeau*, and the *Ontario Bank v. Chaplin*, in our own courts some years ago, (M. L. R., 2 S. C. 338 : M. L. R., 5 Q. B. 407, 425), upon which there was great divergence of opinion amongst the judges. The question was this : Is a creditor entitled to rank for the full amount of his claim