

the Province of Quebec, the learned Chief Justice seems to be to some extent in a dilemma. By all usage and tradition he cannot sit in appeal upon his own judgment, or the judgment of his Court, where special leave to appeal is accorded. On the other hand, where the amount involved is large enough, a direct appeal from the Court of Appeal or Review lies to the Judicial Committee. But should he sit even in these cases? If the party has chosen to incur the greater expense of an appeal to England, it may be suspected that it is because he has more confidence in the Judicial Committee than in the Supreme Court. Having incurred this additional expense, in the exercise of his undoubted right, will he be satisfied to have his case heard by the Chief Justice of the Court which he made option to pass by? At the date of writing, the cable has informed us that the Chief Justice has in fact sat in one Quebec appeal of the class indicated, that is to say, a direct appeal from the Quebec court.

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McGill University is to have a Dean of the Law Faculty, as well as the Principal of the University itself, from Scotland. It might seem at first sight that after an existence of half a century, some graduate of the Faculty could be found qualified for this position. It might also be supposed that the system of law in force in this Province is sufficiently peculiar to make it desirable that a Canadian lawyer should fill the position. Scotchmen, however, have remarkable adaptability. They have filled with great credit seats on the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, and Mr. Walton, the new dean, will find many of Scotch descent on the bench and amongst the bar of Canada.

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The death of Mr. Joseph Amable Berthelot removes the oldest pensioned judge of the Superior Court in this Province. Mr. Berthelot was born in 1815, and admitted