

What an awkward position was created by the following case which occurred to our own knowledge !

Three physicians had been appointed joint coroners for a certain district by order in council, which limited the jurisdiction of each coroner to one particular county in that district.

One of the three coroners had never given his consent to the nomination of a deputy coroner to replace him in case of absence, illness, etc., which consent must be given by all the joint coroners holding one commission.

It so happened that this same physician was called away for some time. During his absence, there occurred a violent death in the county where he alone had jurisdiction. One of the other joint coroners was summoned to hold an inquest. The inquest was held, but when the report of same was submitted to the Attorney General, the latter declared that it was illegal, null and void, for want of jurisdiction.

In the future, to obviate all such inconveniences, when more than one person