

## JUDGES' SALARIES.

WE were in error in saying that nominally the salaries of the Ontario and Manitoba judges are the same. They are not the same. The Ontario salaries are \$1,000 more than the Manitoba, which, with the circuit allowance averaging another \$1,000, leaves the latter fifty per cent less than the former. This is extremely unfair to our judges, although the bar cannot but be pleased with the arrangement if the result is that the political candidates strive for the Ontario Bench and leave the Manitoba for the hard working and able devotees of the profession. What justice is there in giving Mr. Justice O'Connor \$6,000 a year and any of our *puisnes* \$4,000? The fact that Mr. Justice Smith was sent here and Mr. Justice O'Connor to Toronto may be a matter for sincere congratulation to our bar, for even *The Canadian Law Times* thinks that politics and not the fitness of things dictated Mr. Justice O'Connor's elevation to the bench at all; but there can be no doubt of the unfairness of the arrangement. The best man should get the best position. We trust that our representatives in Parliament will attend to this matter when it arises for discussion at the next session.

A cognate matter for simultaneous settlement is the equalization of the judges with reference to retiring allowances. No doubt it was by oversight that no provision was made for the Manitoba judges in this respect, but whether intended or not, our judges should have their old age provided for, and all the more so because of the inadequacy of their salaries while at work.