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The rumour as to the judicial appointments referred to in our last issue has proved correct. The *Canada Gazette* of July 7th, announced the appointment of Chief Justice Armour to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Sir George Burton, chief justice of the Court of Appeal, and of Mr. Justice Falconbridge to the chief justiceship of the Queen's Bench Division.

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An Act to amend the Acts respecting interest passed at the last session of the Dominion Parliament marks an epoch in the financial world, in that it makes five per cent. per annum the legal rate of interest (as it is popularly called) instead of six per cent. If the accumulation of capital increases as it has done during the last quarter of a century, the rate will soon be down to four per cent.

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The impropriety of placing undue weight upon expert evidence as to handwriting has been emphasized by a recent occurrence in the United States. A man was convicted of sending objectionable matter through the mails mainly upon the evidence of two experts in handwriting, but it was claimed that he was not the guilty person, inasmuch as after his imprisonment the objectionable matter continued to pass through the post office in apparently the same handwriting. Shortly after, the police arrested another man, who was also convicted on the same expert testimony. It was doubtless right that the first man should be pardoned, and possibly the second may also claim the same indulgence by and by; but however that may be, or whether the continuance of the crime was a put-up job by some clever friend of the first man so as to free him, it is clear that expert evidence of that sort has received a severe and well-deserved shock.