

helpfulness in the Court of Appeal, which court now enjoys the fullest confidence of the profession. These attributes would naturally be somewhat tempered by the serene atmosphere of an appellate court, where there is a necessity, not only for a careful consideration of the opinions of other judges, but also for that full research and critical scrutiny which were not always possible in the Court below. Chief Justice Armour is 70 years of age. He was called to the Bar in 1853 and appointed to the Bench in November, 1877, and made Chief Justice ten years later.

Mr. Justice Falconbridge, who would succeed Chief Justice Armour, is one of the most popular judges on the Bench, and his appointment would be received with great satisfaction. His exposition of the law is always clear, his judgments to the point, and his grasp of facts perhaps unequalled, certainly not excelled, by that of any of his brother justices. He has an exceptionally calm and even temper, and if he has any prejudices, from which few men are free, they are under strong control. Wise and discreet, he always has been looked upon as a very reliable and satisfactory Judge; and in jury cases particularly, he has no superior. He is 54 years of age, and was appointed a Justice of the Queen's Bench in November, 1887.

As to the vacancy thus created, it is difficult even to speculate how it would be filled. There are several well-known aspirants, but there are others who are much better qualified, if they would but accept a position which unfortunately does not command the highest talent at the Bar.

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The writer of the article *Caveat Venditor*, which appears in another place, refers to a matter of great importance, namely, the wisdom of the legislatures of the various Provinces in the Dominion having similar legislation on all matters which touch upon important branches of law which are of general application to trade and commerce, but as to which, under our constitution the various Provinces have the right to legislate, without reference to one another. This was one of the things wherein it was hoped that the Canadian Bar Association might have been of use. The sooner some steps are taken of a practical character in the direction above indicated the better. Possibly the present Minister of Justice may be one to make a move in the matter and succeed in getting the legislative heads of the Provinces together for consultation to agree upon some concerted action in the premises.