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CURRENT TOPICS AND CASES.

Several judicial appointments have been made recently. The vacancy on the Superior Court bench at Montreal, caused by the appointment of Mr. Justice Wurtele to the Court of Appeal, has been filled by the appointment of Mr. J. S. Archibald, Q.C., and the new Circuit Court judgeships at Montreal by the appointment of the district magistrates, Messrs. Barry and Champagne. It is to be regretted that in each instance a long delay has occurred before the nominations were announced. It has frequently been pointed out in this journal that in England such appointments are made with the utmost promptitude, and the expediency of dispatch in this matter surely need not be insisted upon. It is about two years since Mr. Justice Wurtele was first appointed an assistant judge of the Queen's Bench, and more than a year since he was formally appointed one of the justices of that court. During all this time there has been a vacancy on the Superior Court bench, notwithstanding the pressure of work in that court. The delay is all the more singular since it was confidently stated two years ago that the gentleman now named would have the nomination. Then, in the case of the Circuit Court judgeships, the Magistrate's Court was abolished five months ago, and