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*CURRENT TOPICS AND CASES.*

The nomination of Mr. Justice Casault to the chief justiceship of the Superior Court, which became vacant by the death of Sir Francis Johnson, having transferred the residence of the chief justice from Montreal to Quebec, it was necessary to appoint an acting chief justice at Montreal. Mr. Justice Brooks, of Sherbrooke, was the senior English judge of the Superior Court, but it is understood that he was unwilling to accept an appointment which would have necessitated removal to Montreal and continuous residence there. The next in seniority was Mr. Justice Melbourne M. Tait, who has been appointed "to perform the duties of chief justice in the district of Montreal, as it is comprised and defined for the Court of Review." The appointment, according to the announcement in the Official Gazette, bears date the 27th of October. Mr. Justice Tait, who has been nearly eight years on the bench, was first named judge for the district of Bedford and subsequently transferred to Montreal. The present appointment has been received with emphatic expressions of approval from all sections of the bar, and we have no doubt that this feeling of satisfaction will increase rather than diminish as long as the position is filled by