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THE many friends of Mr. Justice Burton will be glad to know that he is rapidly recovering from his long and tedious illness. His brethren on the Bench, as well as the Bar, to whom he has endeared himself by his uniform courtesy, will be glad to see him again in his accustomed seat.

THE vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Justice Patterson has been filled by the appointment of Hon. George Edwin King, one of the judges of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick. We in this Province are scarcely competent to speak of the wisdom of this choice, but Mr. Justice King is said to enjoy a high reputation in his own Province, and his selection will, we trust, add strength to the bench of our Supreme Court.

WE notice that in the new Registry Act passed at the last session of the Ontario Legislature, and which appears to be intended as a consolidation of the law on this subject, there is no express repeal of the former Acts, R.S.O., c. 114; 51 Vict., c. 17; 52 Vict., c. 19; and 53 Vict., c. 30. Of course, where there is any variance between the new Act and the former Acts, there will be an implied repeal of the former by the later statute; at the same time, it is hard to see why the usual plan of expressly repealing the previous statutes was departed from in this case. At the present time, in order to ascertain the law on this subject, it is necessary to compare the new Act with the previous statutes in order to find out how much, if any, of the former are still operative.