

and that he should not accept from any party or from any person or corporation that may possibly at some time be a suitor before him any favour or consideration which might have the appearance of influencing his mind. In regard to what you have said with respect to Mr. Justice Killam presiding over a certain commission, I must say that I cannot agree with you in that. The commission to which you refer was for the revision of the statutes of Manitoba, a most important work, in which the Bar and the public were all interested, deeply interested, and I know no one who could preside over such a commission in a better manner than so able and so experienced a jurist. A Judge's leisure time belongs to himself, and if Mr. Justice Killam, in his leisure time, performed duties in presiding over that commission for revising the statutes, I do not see myself anything wrong in the Government remunerating him for giving up his leisure time to the public service. Besides, there are precedents for it in England. My recollection is that Judges have presided over these commissions there, and I have not heard of any objection being taken to that course. With regard to Judges being influenced by receiving any such work, I do not see that they are likely to be influenced by that as coming from any political party. We must bear in mind the fact that Judges are appointed by Government, and these bodies always belong to one particular political party or the other, and I think it would scarcely be said that a Judge appointed by the Government of the day must necessarily be bound by feelings of gratitude towards the party, so that his judgment will be biased; I trust that is not the case. I thank you very much again for your congratulations, and will promise you this, that I will give the subject matter of your remarks my most careful consideration, and always bear it in mind."

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The English *Law Times*, in speaking of extra-judicial work of judges, refers to the remarks of Lord Esher, made over ten years ago, when responding to the toast of the Bench at a banquet at the Mansion House. His words, which are exceedingly appropriate at this juncture, were as follows: "Their education and training made them impartial and determined to do what was right in any question that came before them. This, indeed, was so well known and recognized, and when the judges of England acted within the scope of their ordinary duty, nobody ever attempted to suggest that they were not impartial. At the present time, however, they knew that one of the judges had been asked to go beyond the scope of his ordinary duty, and he, for one, was surprised and sorry that the judge in question had consented to do so. The result was inevitable. That judge had been fiercely accused already of partiality or of want of desire to do justice."

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The same journal in referring to the commission of judges to enquire into the charges of bribery brought against a member of the Ontario Government, says:—"This procedure is no doubt grounded on