

In reference to the recent legislation providing for the election of Benchers in Ontario it should be noted that the suggestion which emanated from this journal in 1901 was followed in 1906 by a motion introduced in Convocation by a Bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada (Mr. H. H. Strathy, K.C.) to have the suggested change in the mode of election discussed by a Committee of the Bench. In consequence of the action of that Committee, subsequently endorsed by the unanimous vote of Convocation, the matter was brought by the Society to the notice of the Attorney-General. The Benchers are therefore entitled to the credit of bringing the matter to a practical issue, resulting in the much needed change being effected.

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It would appear, to use a slang expression, appropriate to the wild and woolly west, that "there are not enough judges to go round" in the province of British Columbia. A protest was made at the opening of the Supreme Court in that province this month against the delays caused by the want of a sufficient number of judges. It is said that as a result many of the cases had to go over as a number of the appeals were from the decisions of judges then on the Bench; the other judges being absent on duty elsewhere. We scarcely appreciate, perhaps, that Canada is a country of magnificent distances, and that much time is lost, especially in our Pacific province, by the necessities of travel.

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It is not quite clear from the report given in the daily press exactly the view held by the Minister of Justice as to the right of or discretion as to disallowance of Provincial Acts given to the Dominion Government by the British North America Act. The mere fact of a matter being within the purview of the provincial legislature is not surely a sufficient reason for not exercising the right should the case seem to require intervention. The subject is one of great importance and worthy of discussion.