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The official text of the judgment of the Judicial Committee in *Robinson v. C. P. R. Co.*, which will be found in the report in the present issue, shows that their lordships went further than was at first supposed, and rendered a final judgment upon the whole case, excluding all further litigation as to the *quantum* of damages. Their reasons for doing so are stated, and will be considered satisfactory. On the question of prescription, the opinion of the Committee is brief and to the point. So much learning has been expended on this question, that the reader of the judicial opinions is in danger of overlooking how simple the point really is. The judgment of the Judicial Committee has all the greater force in that it was delivered by Lord Watson who, at the outset of the argument on the application for special leave to appeal, seemed to be considerably impressed by the view which led the majority of the Supreme Court to reverse the unanimous judgment of our Court of Queen's Bench.

Mr. Justice Church has survived but a short time his resignation as a member of the Court of Queen's Bench. The learned Judge was not in robust health when, five or six years ago, he was appointed to the vacancy created by the death of Mr. Justice Ramsay, and almost from the outset his efforts to discharge the duties of the position