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In filling the position of Clerk of Appeals at Montreal, the principle of promotion, which it was generally conceded should be followed on this occasion, was disregarded. We regret that Mr. Ouimet's twenty-eight years' service should not have received its due reward, but, apart from this, there can be no objection to the appointment of Mr. J. O. Joseph, Q.C., who we have no doubt will discharge the duties of the office with diligence and zeal. It was supposed that the present opportunity would have been taken to relieve the Clerk of Appeals of the duty of drawing judgments of distribution for the Superior Court. This is a detail of work which has been attached to the office of Clerk of Appeals since the late Mr. Justice Beaudry held the position, but it does not properly belong to the appeal department. We understand, however, that it will continue to be included in Mr. Joseph's duties, with the accompanying emoluments, as in the times of his predecessors.

The case of *Stewart v. McLean* has reached the last stage of forensic debate, and has been adjudicated by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, with the result