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speak with greater freedom, no appointment having as yet been announced.

Concurrently with the hot wave that passed over Ontario last month, and which was said to have produced the hottest days that have been known for half a century, was the arrival of one of our English exchanges which speaks of the tropical weather in London in the middle of July which resulted in the appearance of two Judges on the Bench without their wigs, an event which was chronicled as both novel and noteworthy. In connection with this it was noted that the judicial headgear was dispensed with by Sir J. P. Wilde on July 24, 1868, when it was remarked in the *Times* that during two days the learned Judge and the Bar sat without their wigs. On the same occasion Sir Richard Collier in opening a case referred to the innovation, and himself apologized for not appearing in full forensic costume, expressing the wish that the precedent set by his lordship might be generally followed, and hoping that "the obsolete institution of the wig was coming to an end." The insular mind, however, revolves slowly, so, with the above exception, both Bench and Bar still swelter under "horse hair." We are glad to notice, however, that the "beaver" as a "tile" is now occasionally varied by a straw hat even by London swells at afternoon teas. But anything is possible when British soldiers are allowed to go into battle, not shoulder to shoulder as of yore, and as a great red target for the enemy, but as individual sharpshooters clothed in dust-coloured khaki, with the privilege of exercising such common sense as has not been drilled out of them. We have, therefore, every reason to hope, if the hot weather and the war last long enough, that it may dawn upon the average Englishman that he does not know everything, and that it is possible and desirable for him to learn something from other people.

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A case on the subject of bicycle law recently came before the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts in *Reg. v. Inhabitants of Danvers*. It was there held that a bicycle is not a carriage within the meaning of a statute which provides that highways shall be kept in repair so that they may be reasonably safe and convenient for travellers with horses, teams and carriages. The plaintiff was