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## *CURRENT TOPICS AND CASES.*

When, on the 22nd of June, a vote of \$1000 was asked in the House of Commons, Ottawa, to pay the expenses of Chief Justice Strong's visit to England, for the purpose of taking his seat as a member of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, Mr. Davies was asked whether the Chief Justice would be able to sit on appeals from the Supreme Court of Canada. He replied that he knew nothing in the practice of the Privy Council to prevent it, but he did not give a positive opinion. "The Chief Justice's duties in London," he added, "would not interfere with his work in the Supreme Court, because the Privy Council sat in July, when Canadian Courts took long vacation." Even if there be nothing in the practice of the Privy Council to prevent it, we can hardly think that Sir Samuel Strong would adopt a course so directly at variance with the law and usage of the country he represents. The appeal from the Supreme Court is only accorded as an act of grace, and it would certainly be robbed of more than half of its prestige if the Chief Justice were to take part in the re-hearing of a case in which he had already expressed an opinion. As regards