

Atwater, of the Montreal bar, has been sworn in as treasurer. The latter gentleman is new to public office, but he is well known as a distinguished member of the junior bar, and his advent to office has been hailed with satisfaction by the leading men of both political parties.

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A very graceful tribute was paid to the memory of the late Mr. L. W. Marchand, Q.C., by the Chief Justice, Sir Alexander Lacoste, at the opening of the May term of the Court of Appeal in Montreal. The eulogistic terms in which the Chief Justice referred to the ability, diligence and devotion displayed by the gentleman who so long sat under the bench, were no ordinary phrases of compliment, and the feeling and sympathetic manner in which allusion was made to the higher qualities of the deceased as a man and a citizen showed how deeply his worth was appreciated and his death lamented by his official superiors.

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At the time we write the office of Clerk of the Court has not been filled, and we have heard an intimation that it will not be filled until after the long vacation. We see no reason for the delay, as such vacancies should be promptly filled, but however this may be, we trust that the just claims of Mr. Louis Ouimet to the position will not by any chance or political change be disregarded. Mr. Ouimet has been in the office for twenty-eight years, and during a large part of this time has been deputy Clerk, taking the duties of Clerk in the occasional absence of Mr. Marchand. He is a popular and efficient officer, and the case is one where the principle of promotion should be adhered to. The next in seniority to Mr. Ouimet is Mr. Louis Marchand, a nephew of the deceased gentleman, who is thoroughly qualified for the position of deputy Clerk, and such an arrangement of the duties of the Appeal office would, we believe, give general satisfaction.