

ior barristers to the prejudice of those better entitled thereto. Such a wholesale and indiscriminate selection as was recommended to Your Excellency is a degradation of the office and is a grievance as regards the Bar generally, instead of being a merited honor to those appointed. The existence of the degree is useful if the jurisdiction to make the appointments is reasonably exercised. In England the appointments are made by the Lord High Chancellor, and it is stated in a recent legal publication that an applicant for the appointment has to communicate by letter to barristers of longer standing than himself (not being Queen's Counsel) his intention to apply, and that before making any appointment the Lord Chancellor submits to the judges the names of the applicants whom he thinks of appointing. If in this country the power of appointment belongs exclusively to Your Excellency-in-Council, it will be well to consider hereafter whether some checks may not and should not be devised to confine within proper bounds the recommendations made to the Governor-General.

Meanwhile the undersigned respectfully recommends that as a matter of justice to the profession and in the interests of the public, the order which has been made be rescinded, and the consideration of any appointments be deferred until the jurisdiction to make such appointments shall be judicially decided and declared.

(Signed) O. MOWAT.'

LORD CHIEF JUSTICE RUSSELL AT MONTREAL.

Lord Chief Justice Russell and party were entertained at luncheon, at the St. James' Club, by the Montreal Bar, on Thursday the 3rd of September. The *bâtonnier*, Mr. J. E. Robidoux, Q.C., ex-attorney general of the province of Quebec, presided. On his right was the guest, the Lord Chief Justice of England, and on his left Chief Justice Sir Alexander Lacoste, of the Court of Queen's Bench. Many members of the Bar being absent during the vacation, the attendance was not so large as it otherwise would have been, but notwithstanding this fact, there were present ten judges of the superior courts, and over sixty members of the Bar.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing the health of the Lord Chief Justice, said that the members of the Bar of Montreal, as soon as they heard of the coming of Lord Russell, decided upon giving him a lunch and invited the judges on the Bench to join them, and it was a great pleasure to all to have as their guest Lord Russell and his distinguished companions. His Lordship was not a stranger to them; they had known him for years as Mr. Charles Russell, Q.C., and as Sir Charles Russell, through the telegraph and the press, which brought us the echoes of his eloquent voice, not only as a great lawyer, but as a prominent member of one of the great political parties of England. To a portion of our own population