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The vacancy on the British Columbia Bench, caused by the death of Chief Justice McColl, has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Gordon Hunter, K.C., of the city of Victoria. Mr. Justice Martin becomes Local Judge in Admiralty of the Exchequer Court for the district of British Columbia.

No more important subject has, since Confederation, been brought before the Dominion legislature than the motion of Dr. Russell, of Halifax, embodied in the following proposed resolution: "That in the opinion of this House the time has arrived when steps should be taken to carry out the provisions of sec. 94 of the B. N. A. Act for securing the uniformity of the laws relating to property and civil rights in Ontario, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and in such other Provinces as have been brought within the scope of the section since the passing of the above Act." The matter is not new to our readers. It was discussed in these pages in our volume for 1898, and on other occasions. A valuable paper on the subject by Dr. Russell will be found there (p. 513), to which reference may be made. The report of the debate on Dr. Russell's motion in the Hansard will also be read with interest. The difficulty of course lies in the Province of Quebec, with its system of civil law; and the opposing views came principally from members there. There are undoubtedly difficulties in the way, but they must in some way be surmounted.

The question of company law discussed in this issue (page 179) is important in these days when the business of the country is so largely done through the agency of companies. The conclusion arrived at by the Judicial Committee in *Earle v. Barland* must surely be correct. There must however be a limit somewhere to the dealings of directors with profits. It might become important in an extreme case, and under certain circumstances, to consider the true nature of a reserve fund. What is its object and purpose? Should it not be kept in the shape of money or money's worth, and