

been accomplished without serious accident, and it may be hoped that the increased accommodation obtained by the additional story will suffice for a good many years to come.

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Whether it be due to the condition of the Court House or not, it is certain that legal business has been unusually stagnant during the Vacation. Little or nothing of special interest has come before the Judge in Chambers. For more than thirty years there has not been so dull a Vacation. Apparently, clients as well as lawyers are more out of town now than when the city was only one third the size, and when the proportion of its inhabitants who felt bound to absent themselves during the summer months was comparatively insignificant. The dullness of legal business is all the more remarkable this year, for even in Montreal there has been very little summer weather. It was cold in May and cool in August, and the intervening months brought little that could be described as sultry.

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Nevertheless, in spite of midsummer inactivity and Court House alterations, a considerable amount of business is, somehow or other, disposed of during the year. This fact has been recently pressed upon our attention in connection with work upon the reports. The registers of judgments rendered by the Superior Court in 1892 (exclusive of cases in Review) fill six large folio volumes of nearly a thousand pages each, equal to about a dozen printed volumes of six hundred pages each. This little fact shows that a seat on the bench of the Superior Court is not a sinecure.

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The judges of the Supreme Court of Canada for a good many years seemed to bear a charmed life, for death touched them not. Chief Justice Richards resigned some years before he passed away, and the place of Mr. Justice Henry in 1888 was the first vacancy created by death.