

tramp to the two ends of the Province; but it is of some consequence, apart from the general arguments against decentralization, that the time of the judges should be wasted for the sake of keeping a few dollars in the pockets of counsel in Ottawa and London. The new system will cause a direct loss of three days of judicial time every week in travelling alone; for we see no reason why a judge should be required to travel by night to Ottawa and back, and then work all day. Again, where is this new departure to stop? Why should the profession in these two cities be the only favoured ones? Why not also Hamilton, Brockville, Kingston, Belleville, Peterboro, Barrie, Sarnia, Windsor, St. Thomas, etc., etc.? Why should not a judge be every week at every county town? There should be no favouritism, no monopolies. This is a free country. The people pay for the judges; why should not all have a fair share of them, even if these servants of the people do have to rush wildly about the country with their judicial robes flying in the wind, in a vain effort to bring justice to every man's door? By and by, we shall have a Rule of Court providing that counsel and witnesses shall attend at various specified railway stations, ready to jump on the "judicial express," their cases to be heard as the train flies on to the next stopping place. Of course, being now judicial "drummers," this peripatetic court would be entitled to reduced railway fares, to be paid by a grateful and admiring country—accident policies thrown in.

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THE following observations taken from a recent issue of the *Times* anent the Judicial Committee are not inappropriate at this juncture. We commend them to the attention of those who may desire to know what is thought of that august body by such a good authority as the Thunderer:—"To Englishmen of sluggish imagination, no more wholesome discipline can be commended than an occasional glance at the proceedings of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. No more picturesque tribunal exists upon this earth than this assemblage of staid lawyers met together in a dull room in Whitehall to tender their 'humble advice' to Her Majesty. Perhaps the fact is best realized at a distance, for, although the court has its own quaint observances, it must be owned that the sittings are not particu-