

caused the upsetting of carriages, and seen their occupants, whether men or women, thrown into the ditch, to drive on without slackening pace, not knowing or caring whether their victims may not be seriously maimed or killed. A few experiences of this sort explain, and go far to justify, the desperate measures that in some places have been taken by rural communities for their own protection." The same remarks are applicable to cities.

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A well-known and very estimable member of the profession Mr. D. A. McKinnon, K.C., formerly Attorney-General of the Province of Prince Edward Island, has been appointed Lieutenant-Governor thereof. We congratulate him upon his promotion.

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*MR. JUSTICE RUSSELL.*

It is with very great pleasure that we learn that Benjamin Russell, K.C., has been gazetted to a seat on the Bench of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia.

There is an entry in Lord Chancellor Campbell's diary, of June, 1859, to the effect that he had got himself "into great disgrace by disposing of judicial patronage on the principle of '*detur digniori*.'" This was apropos of Colin Blackburn's appointment to the Queen's Bench, and while there is a salient difference between the personal history of Lord Campbell's protégé and the subject of our present observations, in respect of public notice prior to their elevation to the Bench (Blackburn's being greeted with the query, "Who is Mr. Colin Blackburn?"), yet, so far as meriting the honour goes, they are pretty much on the same ground. In the House of Lords the aforesaid query was answered by Lord Lyndhurst in these words: "I take leave to answer that Mr. Blackburn is a very learned person, a very sound lawyer, an admirable arguer of a law case, and eminently fitted for a seat on the Bench." These very words apply with much truth and fitness to the qualifications of the newest member of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court Bench. But there are two things shared in common by the two men which make the parallel we have ventured to institute between them still more complete and noteworthy, viz., the personal quality of modesty, and the fact that both learned their law in that best of all schools—the business of law-reporting. So modest was Blackburn that he always took the humblest seat at the outer