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CURRENT TOPICS AND CASES.

The name of Meredith is so honored in our judicial annals that it is with special pleasure we learn that a gentleman bearing it and a near relative of the late Sir William Meredith, once more holds the office of Chief Justice of a high Canadian Court. Sir Thomas Galt, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, Ontario, having retired from the Bench after twenty-five years' service, Mr. William Ralph Meredith, Q. C., a gentleman of the highest order of ability and greatly esteemed by his professional brethren, has been appointed to the vacant position. This nomination has given great satisfaction in Ontario, and there can be no doubt that Mr. Meredith will acquit himself in his judicial capacity as admirably as he has done at the bar and in the legislature.

Verdicts of juries are not often set aside on the ground of inadequacy of the amounts awarded—particularly in actions of damages against civic corporations. Our Code of Civil Procedure (art. 426) has, indeed, expressly provided for such a case: "The Court may grant a new trial, (11) if the amount awarded *be so small or so excessive*