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An Excellent Judge.

The appointment of Mr. Justice Dugas, the much respected Police Magistrate of Montreal, to the vacancy in the judicatory of the Yukon district, will meet with the thorough approbation of those who know, and consequently esteem, the worthy gentleman who has reflected so much credit upon the city now about to lose his services. It has been well said that an independent judiciary is the firmest bulwark of freedom, and in Judge Dugas, the Yukon will be blessed with a wise, prudent, rational, and fearless administrator of justice. All good citizens of Montreal will join in wishing success and happiness to this excellent judge in his new field of labour, although his departure from the Canadian metropolis is a distinct loss to the community.

Canada's New Viceroy.

Of the recently appointed Governor-General of the Dominion, many nice things are being printed, and the following reference to his wife may be interesting to those of our readers whose sisters, cousins, and aunts desire to know something about the successor to Lady Aberdeen. A "handsome and agreeable" Viceroy, blessed with a "very pretty" wife ought to be pleasing to Canadian Society.

"Letters from England speak in the highest terms of the Earl and Countess of Minto, and predict all sorts of success for both in Canada. Lord Palmerston used to say when any special political errand was to be done, 'Send an Elliot;' and Elliot is Lord Minto's family name. Indeed, the family have rendered services to the state for generations.

"Lord Minto is a handsome man and has most agreeable manners. One of his chief qualifications for the splendid position of Governor-General of Canada is that he has seen service in all parts of the world. He is very rich, and besides is the owner of a vast estate. He is an excellent speaker.

"Lady Minto's father, General Charles Grey, was for many years private secretary to the late Prince Consort, and, after his death, to the Queen. Mrs. Grey

was so beloved by the royal family, that after General Grey's death the grant of the house in St. James palace was renewed by the Queen to her, and when Lord and Lady Minto's eldest son was born in 1891 Her Majesty stood sponsor. Her ladyship dresses beautifully and is very pretty. She is sister to the lady-in-waiting, Lady Antrim, and the present Earl Grey."

In the performance of his official duties, Lord Minto has the experience of illustrious predecessors, and some previous personal knowledge of Canada and Canadians to guide him. In observing the transfer of the reins from Lord Aberdeen to Lord Minto, and reflecting upon the possible hints and observations the former may make to his successor, Rudyard Kipling's blank verse, entitled "One Viceroy Resigns," is very pertinent and seasonable. The poet laureate of the British army and its admirers, pictures Lord Dufferin presenting the viceroyalty of India to Lord Lansdowne during an after-dinner chat:

So here's your Empire. No more wine, then? Good.
We'll clear the Aides and *Khitmatgars* away.

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You want to know, you want to see, to touch,
And, by your lights, to act. It's natural.
I wonder can I help you. Let me try.

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After reciting his experience of governing India, Lord Dufferin continues:—

* * * The rest may pass—may pass—
Your heritage—and I can teach you nought.
"High trust," "Vast honour," "interest twice as vast,"
"Due reverence to your Council"—keep to those.

The Tuscan Mystery.

The suicide of Herr Possel, to which so much attention has been directed, is still exciting those who revel in the mysterious, and find pleasure in searching for the cause—that which produces or effects a startling result. That Herr Possel should be permitted to explain his action by the ante-mortem statement that he could no longer submit to the cruel accusations of which he was the object was too much to expect in this sensation-loving age. It is claimed that he displayed feverish if