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## *HON. C. J. DOHERTY, MINISTER OF JUSTICE.*

Under the new government at Ottawa the position of Minister of Justice and Attorney-General of Canada goes to the Province of Quebec, in the person of Hon. C. J. Doherty, K.C. The appointment has met with general acceptance, not only in his own province, but elsewhere.

The new minister was born in the city of Montreal in the year 1855. He graduated from St. Mary's College there; took his law course at McGill University, and received the gold medal for his year. His examinations shewed that he had a legal mind, and had well grasped the principles of the law. He was subsequently made a D.C.L. by his alma mater, where later he occupied the chair of Civil Law. Dr. Doherty practised law in his native city, where he held a prominent position at the Bar, and he was also a member of the Council of the Bar.

In addition to Dr. Doherty's legal training and his successful career as an advocate, the fact that he was for fifteen years a judge of the Superior Court of Quebec will be of the greatest value in the position he now occupies, for in its many-sided character the office of Minister of Justice assumes often a judicial aspect.

Mr. Doherty's appointment will personally be acceptable to the public, as he has always been public spirited and interested in other matters besides law. At one time he held a commission as captain in the 65th Regiment and served with that corps during the Northwest Rebellion of 1885. He has a fine presence, is possessed of a well cultured mind and pleasing and attractive manners. His selection by Mr. Borden as Minister of Justice will, we think, be generally considered an excellent one.