

their work. Under the circumstances, it appears to us that one or more K.C.C. should be temporarily appointed to relieve the pressure? Section 188 of the Judicature Act evidently contemplates such appointments being made, but we do not find anything in the Act to indicate in what manner or by whom they are to be made. At a recent assize the judge assigned to hold it being unable to proceed called on a member of the inner bar to continue; a procedure we believe sanctioned by the pre-Judicature Act usage.

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It is a pity that the hour of the sittings of the courts and Judge's Chambers at Osgoode Hall is not uniform, as much inconvenience is caused to the profession by the fact that some judges sit at ten and others at eleven o'clock. The sittings at ten were commenced, we believe, by Chief Justice Armour, and have been continued by the judges of the King's Bench Division. Judges of the other Divisions as a rule commence their sittings at eleven although some of them occasionally begin at ten. If the convenience of the majority of the profession were consulted the uniform hour of the sittings at Osgoode Hall would be eleven o'clock. But although this is the case, the profession could with some little inconvenience accommodate themselves to ten o'clock sittings, if it were made the rule in all the courts. The great trouble is, that a practitioner is often at a loss to know whether he is due at ten or eleven, and clients are often prejudiced by their cases being adjourned or delayed, or perhaps involved in extra costs. We are quite sure that the learned judges do not properly appreciate the difficulties occasioned by this irregularity in the hour of the sittings, or it would long ago have been corrected.

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Some recent appointments to offices of emolument in the gift of municipal councils bring to the notice of the public a practice which we conceive to be highly objectionable and injurious to the body politic. Some years ago the mayor of a large city in the Province of Ontario resigned his office and took a position then newly created by the council of the city at a considerable salary. More recently an alderman of the same city gave up his seat to become one of the paid officials of the corporation. It is immaterial whether these appointments were good or bad; they should not