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*To the Editor of the CANADA LAW JOURNAL :*

Sir,—In a recent issue there appears a very excellent portrait of Mr. Matthew Wilson, Q.C. Without the explanation that was given one would have been puzzled to understand the meaning of the head gear. At the first glance it seems rather anomalous that in British Columbia only of all the provinces the wig is part of the barrister's costume, but that province has always been particularly English and has in matters pertaining to the courts carefully followed English practice. But after all would it not be rather an advantage in this province to adopt the wig? A good many learned counsel are not overburdened with hair on the top of their heads and would be rather improved by the addition of such a wig as counsel wear when appearing before the Privy Council. Then too, the wearing of wigs by the judge would increase the dignified appearance and uniformity of their lordships and possibly they might not be averse to such a covering. It would be interesting to know what the bar generally think about this.

Yours, etc.,

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[Whilst everything that tends to add dignity and solemnity to matters pertaining to the administration of justice should be encouraged, it would seem rather late at the end of the nineteenth century to suggest a change in the direction indicated. It may have been that from a utilitarian point of view a wig was desirable in former days to protect bald heads on the bench or at the bar from draughts, but in these days and in modern court houses even that reason for their use would not be of importance.—Ed. C.L.J.]