

## Editorial Notes.

Since our last issue, two of our High Court Judges have been on the sick list; and many others have been complaining of poor health. The Chancellor has been ill, suffering from nervous prostration. And Hon. Mr. Justice Ferguson was also confined to his house. When a Judge is ill or is unable from other reasons to keep his appointments, the whole legal machine is run down; the scheme or schedule of weekly Courts, Trial and Divisional Courts, completely takes up the time of every Judge. And the Judges are being worked hard in order to keep pace with their duties. Such a state of affairs is deplorable. We hear on all sides agitations in support of "eight hours" as a full day's work, yet many of our Judges sit eight hours, and put in four or five hours' work outside the court room. The Dominion Government has introduced the eight hour a day movement into the Printing Bureau at Ottawa. Should not some limit be placed on the work that our Judges are expected to do? Every Judge of our High Court has about 40 per cent. too much work to attend to, and to ask these Judges to keep up the work they have been doing is simply an attack on their lives. There have been Divisional Courts sitting almost steadily since the beginning of this year, and owing to the new rules of practice the work of the Judges is greatly in-

creased. We hope the Minister of Justice will look into the matter as soon as possible and recommend the appointment of one or two extra Judges, and attach them to the High Court. This difficulty occurred in the Province of Quebec, where the Assize lists were greatly congested and the Judges were overburdened with work, until the Minister of Justice carried through a bill to remedy the defect by the appointment of an extra High Court Judge.

The session of the Federal Parliament at Ottawa was unimportant so far as legislation was concerned. We will comment on this in our next issue, and note the few legislative acts of the session.

Although fresh from the Benchers' elections, the lawyers of the Province are about to take a hand in the Dominion elections. We notice some prominent members of the Bar of this Province already in the field as candidates. The legal profession produces candidates galore, and yet our patron traducers say we do not stimulate production.

The Rules Commission is sitting regularly at Osgoode Hall, and considerable progress is being made in the good work of consolidation. We trust that before our next issue appears the Commission will have about com-