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As has been our custom, we publish only one number of the JOURNAL monthly during vacation.

As a matter of record merely, we note that Sir Oliver Mowat, who has been Attorney-General of Ontario a quarter of a century, has become Minister of Justice of the Dominion of Canada; the position he occupied with so much credit to himself and benefit to the Province of Ontario being now filled by Hon. A. S. Hardy.

In these days of political excitement, elections and re-counts, the judgment of his Honor Judge McDougall in the East York case, which we publish in another place, will be read with interest. His thought is that the intention of the voter should as far as possible be given effect to, and he considers there is sufficient authority to warrant him in disregarding the directions as to marking the cross in the disk provided by the form of ballot given in the recent Act. His Honor Judge Deacon takes the contrary view. Both have those who follow them. The general impression seems to have been against the view now expressed by the learned Judge of the County Court of York; but experience has shown that his judgments are awkward things to butt up against. One thing is certainly very apparent, and that is that this new form of ballot is a failure. We doubt not some better system will soon be developed.

The recent meeting in Toronto of the Board of County Judges of the Province of Ontario brings to mind the fact that these officials are the only class of public servants whose