

should say with all due respect to the adverse opinions to which we have referred, that the answer ought to be in the affirmative, and that the case of *Morris v. Cairncross* ought to be taken to have settled the point as far as the Province of Ontario is concerned.

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JUDGE OF EXCHEQUER COURT.

The Dominion Government has seldom made an appointment to the Bench that will meet with more general approval than that of Mr. Walter G. P. Cassels, K.C., to the Exchequer Court. That the position should have been filled without delay was imperative, in view of the amount of work demanding attention. Mr. Cassels is known throughout Canada as one of the leaders of the Ontario Bar, with a wide and varied knowledge, and a courteous address. He will be in all respects a fitting successor to the late Judge Burbidge. The new judge is recognized as one of the best patent lawyers in Canada, and for some years past has been in nearly every patent case before the Exchequer Court: and questions affecting patents have become particularly numerous in that Court during recent years. Consequently Judge Cassels's knowledge will be specially applicable. We congratulate the new judge on his appointment to that very important federal Court.

Various names have been spoken of as desirable to fill the vacancy in the Railway Board caused by the death of Mr. Killam:—Chief Justice Mulock (who, however, has stated that he would not undertake it); Mr. Justice Mabee, and Mr. E. F. B. Johnston, K.C. Either of these would be excellent appointments; and we do not know of any who possess to as great a degree as either of these the qualifications necessary for this most important position. The name of Mr. F. H. Chrysler has also been suggested as one who would make a most useful member of the Board, and with this we entirely agree.