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RECENT JUDICIAL CHANGES AND APPOINTMENTS.

We have to record several changes in the Bench of the Supreme Court of Ontario, and some new appointments in that province and in the Province of Manitoba.

In Ontario, Chief Justice Meredith has been moved to the Court of Appeal where he takes the place of the late lamented Sir Charles Moss, becoming Chief Justice of Ontario. He has been out of the country since the beginning of September, in connection with the work he has undertaken in reference to proposed legislation on the subject of workmen's compensation for injuries (see ante, p. 602). He is expected to return about the end of this month.

Mr. Justice R. M. Meredith leaves the Court of Appeal, and takes his brother's place as Chief Justice of the Common Pleas Division.

The vacancy this caused has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Frank Egerton Hodgins, K.C. The selection of Mr. Hodgins for the Court of Appeal has received the unanimous approval of his legal brethren. He is an able and well-read lawyer, who has for many years past taken a high place at the Bar of the Province of Ontario, and is also well and favourably known in the Supreme Court and in the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. He has other qualifications most desirable in a judge, and without which his usefulness would be greatly marred: a courteous, pleasant demeanour, a quiet, judicial calmness, coupled with patience and approachability. The Bar will not find any fault in the new judge in these respects. Mr. Hodgins is the second son of Dr. John George Hodgins, I.S.O., so well known in literary and educational circles. He was born in Toronto in 1854. After his call to the Bar in 1879, he practised alone until he formed a partnership with Mr. Coatsworth,