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AN EDITORIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

With the present number "The Legal News" completes its twentieth year, and the editor's connection with it comes to an end. As to the reasons for this step it is sufficient to say that the increasing pressure of other engagements has made it difficult for the writer to give adequate attention to his labors as a journalist, and he has long felt the need of some relief. The publishers are not in a position at present to make any definite announcement as to the future of the journal, but it may be continued under other management, in whose hands we trust that it will have a long and prosperous existence.

Twenty years, however long in the prospect, are but a brief span in the retrospect. Still, twenty years form no inconsiderable period in legal chronology. It is a period longer than the ordinary term of judicial service. It is more than half the average span of the lawyer's professional life. It is one-third of the long Victorian reign, and more than one-seventh of the time which has elapsed since the cession of Canada.

What changes have occurred in our own part of the Dominion during this period! Four Chief Justices, Sir Antoine Dorion, Sir Francis Johnson, Sir William Mere-