

in 1870, and appointed a Q.C. in 1880. Mr. Justice Ouimet, like many of his colleagues on the bench, has been actively engaged in public life for many years. He was first returned to Parliament for Laval, his native county, in 1873, and has represented the same constituency in the Commons ever since. From 1887 to 1891, he filled with distinction the important position of Speaker of the House of Commons. In the following year he entered the cabinet, assuming the portfolio of Minister of Public Works, which he retained until the reconstruction of the ministry under the present leadership of Sir Charles Tupper. Judge Ouimet was for some years Crown Prosecutor in the district of Montreal, and in this as well as in the many other positions he has filled—as Speaker, Minister, Colonel of the 65th battalion, and sundry lesser offices, he has always evinced tact, energy, and capacity. Like his predecessor Mr. Justice Baby, he has ever been distinguished by unflinching courtesy and good nature, and these are qualities which shine on the Bench and are appreciated by the Bar.

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The retirement of Mr. Justice Fournier from the bench of the Supreme Court is comparatively an event of yesterday, it being noticed in our issue of the 15th September last, when he was replaced by Mr. Justice Girouard. It is with regret that we have now to record his death which occurred on the 8th instant. The deceased was born in 1824, and called to the Bar in 1846. In 1874 he was appointed Minister of Justice of Canada. In the following year he retired from the Government in order to accept the office of a puisne judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, then created by statute.

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In the reconstruction of the Quebec ministry, necessitated by the acceptance of office in the Dominion cabinet by the Hon. Mr. Taillon, ex-premier, the Hon. E. J. Flynn, Q.C., becomes premier, and Mr. A. W.