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Those who remember the prodigality with which appointments of Queen's Counsel were made, in this province as well as elsewhere, only a few years ago, will feel rather surprised to learn that even a diligent investigation of the registers could disclose the names of forty-one other members of the bar, in the province of Quebec alone, upon whom the distinction had not been already conferred. Yet the *Canada Gazette* has been publishing weekly a fresh list of names which already number forty-one, and no man can predict what the total may be. We have so often referred to the subject of Queen's Counsel appointments (see particularly vol. 13, p. 25), that we presume our readers are nearly as tired of it as we are. The supposed honor having ceased to have any significance or use (unless it be regarded as an indirect tax upon the profession), common sense seems to suggest that it should be abolished.

The *London Law Journal* notes an interesting case relating to the liability of inquiry offices towards those concerning whom they give information. A Mr. Whitechurch, an English merchant in Paris, applied to a well-known agency there, Messrs. Wys Muller, to ascertain the commercial standing of Messrs. Weissmann & Kahn. The reply of the agency was favourable, but a few days