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## *CURRENT TOPICS.*

More than two and a half years ago reference was made in this journal (vol. 14, p. 65) to the extreme inconvenience caused to judges, counsel and others who had business to attend to in the Montreal Court House. On that occasion it was suggested that a short recess in the work of the Courts might be desirable, in order that some of the more difficult parts of the reconstruction might be accomplished without interruption. It was hardly anticipated at that time that after the lapse of thirty months the chaos would be greater than ever. During all this time the necessary work of the Courts has been conducted amidst the greatest confusion. Not only has the public business suffered by the fact that it had to be carried on while extensive alterations were in progress, but the cost of reconstruction has doubtless been largely increased. The judges have been compelled to shift about from room to room, and hold their courts in any hole or corner that chanced to be available from day to day. In the light of the past three years' experience it is clear that it would have been wiser to occupy other premises during the alterations. Even after three successive Long Vacations the access to the edifice at the time of writing is more difficult than ever, and the interior is far, very far, from completion. It would be unsafe to predict that the workmen will be out of the building before the lapse of another year. Fortunately, however, the work has