

Were the New York rule applied, Canada would be deprived of the judicial services of the last academic appointee to the Supreme Court, who, when he took his seat on that Bench, had attained the limit of age assigned by our neighbours for retirement.

In Pennsylvania we find salaries provided similar to those in New York, the judges being here also elective. The system so relieves itself automatically of infirm and incapable members at the close of the term, but still, in case during his term, any judge appears to be physically or mentally incapacitated, the Governor may appoint a medical commission of three disinterested physicians, each from a different part of the State, and act on their report, to the extent of allowing the judge, if he retire voluntarily, half of the salary he would have received had he not retired.

In the old and conservative State of Rhode Island, judges of the Superior Courts are appointed by the joint votes of both Houses of the Legislature. When one shall have held office for twenty-five years continuously, or having been judge for ten years, shall have reached the age of seventy years, he may resign the office and shall be entitled to receive his then salary during his life.

It seems curious to find the emoluments of the judges of the supreme Federal tribunal at Washington less than those of the members of State courts at Albany and New York City. The Chief Justice of the United States receives but \$10,500, and his associates \$10,000 and they may, it is stated, retire at any time on full pay, an honourable privilege which has not been abused. Federal circuit judges get \$6,000 and district judges \$5,000, and a moderate allowance for travelling expenses.

It would seem that judicial salaries are graded to a great extent in relation to the incomes of the men who practice or do business in the courts, and in New York there is power given to the Governor to draft, from the general body of Supreme Court judges elected, men best suited for the heavy work of business centres, known as the first and second districts.

A gentleman connected with that Bar writes: "There is no doubt that good judges are generally re-elected. The Bar of the State is well organized and takes an active interest in seeing that good men are nominated and elected." The same may be said as to Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, and other important places.