

gested, a conference between the Dominion and Provincial Governments, I agree altogether that this is one of the subjects that we ought to try and settle."

It is most important in the interests of the Bench, and, therefore, of the Bar, as well as of the country at large, that this matter should be speedily and carefully dealt with.

The debate, as recorded in *Hansard*, is very interesting reading, and contains much information and many valuable suggestions, some of which will, perhaps, bear fruit in the near future.

In connection with this subject there is a statutory provision, which is of very great importance—one which we have strongly contended for, and which every thoughtful lover of his country must recognize as most commendable legislation. The provision referred to is as follows: "No judge mentioned in this Act shall, either directly or indirectly, as director or manager of any corporation, company or firm, or in any other manner whatever for himself or others, engage in any occupation or business other than his judicial duties; but every such judge shall devote himself exclusively to such judicial duties."

If this provision can be so interpreted that it has now become impossible for a judge to act as a Commissioner or arbitrator in any matter of a quasi political character, there will be a feeling of relief and satisfaction. We need not dilate upon the injury done to the Bench, the lowering of its dignity, and the resulting tendency to lower its usefulness, by judges being placed in equivocal positions and set to do work outside that which properly comes within their judicial duties.

The remarks of the Minister of Justice, the Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, K.C., and we gladly quote his words as he is the best Minister of Justice Canada has ever had, in reference to the above resolutions, are as follows: "This amendment to the Act respecting judges will operate as a clear notice that judges are not to be employed in connection with commissions, except where it is important in the public interest they should be so employed. I think the less a judge has to do with matters which are not clearly within the scope of his judicial duties, the better for himself and the dignity of the Bench. Of that I am absolutely convinced. I would even go so far as to say that I entertain