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THE COMMISSION.

THE appointment of the Hon. Mr. Justice DAY, His Honour Judge GOWAN and the Hon. ANTOINE POLIQUIN, as the Commission to take evidence in the Pacific slander case will evoke the approval and commendation of all reasonable people. Objection was taken by the Globe, through their organ in this city, to Judges actually on the Bench taking part in the work of the Commission; while also by the talented author of "Current Events" and by the public generally, it has been all along conceded that the Commissioners should, if possible, be men of judicial standing; men accustomed to administer the laws of evidence, and men in whose characters the people of Canada might have absolute and unreserved confidence. It cannot have been without some difficulty that three gentlemen possessed of the necessary qualifications were found, and in whom the requisite conditions were fulfilled.

The Honourable CHARLES DEWEY DAY was a member of the BALDWIN-LAFONTAINE Reform Government for some years before he was promoted from the Solicitor-Generalship to the Bench of Lower Canada. He occupied that position for a long period of time, discharging the responsible duties of the Judiciary with ability and impartiality that have placed his name among the most honoured in the entire Province. Besides having acted as Arbitrator for the Province of Quebec, under the provisions of "the British North America Act 1867," he has served the public in many high and distinguished positions, always to the unqualified approval of those concerned.

Mr. GOWAN, who is regarded as the father of the Upper Canada County Bench, was appointed to office by the great Reform Chieftain ROBERT BALDWIN, and has been on many occasions called to discharge important services in the cause of the profession to which he has belonged for so many years. Intrusted by Sir JAMES MACDONALD, with the onerous task of consolidating the Statutes in the shape in which they now embody the laws of Ontario, he has proved that "to try a political case in the time of "JAMES II." We can only characterize the protestors in prominent capitals. This is all very well in its way; but are we to sit down in quiet and see our Constitution, our liberties, our rights, our all, sacrificed to a political whim? Shall our Parliament be made a mere plaything for the caprice of a political party? Shall our Constitution be made a mere shuttlecock for the political parties to play with? Shall our liberties be made the sport of political factions? Shall our rights be made the subject of political bargains? Shall our all be made the stake for which political parties shall play? Shall our Parliament be made the mere tool of a political party? Shall our Constitution be made the mere plaything of a political party