

Bar of all the provinces when I say there are too many individual judgments given in the Supreme Court of Canada. The number of separate judgments given in all our courts is getting to be intolerable, when one has to read through them all to see the small points on which the judges may agree or disagree. It would be far better if the judges would adopt the practice of deputing to one of their number the task of reading the opinion of the majority and, if necessary, the opinion of the dissenting judges, so that we could have a clear-cut statement of the view the majority of the judges took, as well as the view taken by the minority. In the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, we lawyers all know that it is a great advantage to get only one judgment; we do not have dissenting judgments there; we have but one judgment, or opinion, or advice, as you may call it, which is the judgment of the whole court. That judgment obtains, no matter how many or what judges sat. That judgment carries to the people in every corner of the British Empire the conclusive opinion of the Privy Council as to what is the law by which they are to be governed. I think it would be an excellent thing, and it would relieve the Supreme Court and the country of the great expense which is now proposed by providing for an *ad hoc* judge, if the court were to give two opinions, one declaratory of the law, the other of dissent, and then it would not matter how many judges sat. It would avoid the necessity of bringing in an *ad hoc* judge with all its attendant embarrassments."

War Notes.

The attention of Editors and Publishers has been drawn by the Chief Press Censor of Canada to the following extra of the *Canada Gazette* containing Order in Council No. 915 assented to by His Excellency the Governor General on April 16, 1918.

We are informed that it is the intention to insist upon a strict observance of the provisions of this Order in Council and those of the Consolidated Orders Respecting Censorship and we gladly give this order a place in our column. It reads as follows:—

Ottawa, Tuesday, the 16th day of April, 1918.

PRESENT:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL.

Whereas the ultimate constitutional authority the People of Canada have determined that the present war in which Canada with Great Britain and her Allies is engaged, is a just war entered