

that the time has almost arrived when more ample facilities will be provided for the instruction of those who intend to devote themselves to the study and practice of the law. The legal faculty and the department of political science must, from their nature be closely connected, and we understand that instruction in the former will soon be provided. The curriculum has not yet been made public, but those who have the means of knowing, regard the choice and arrangement of subjects as excellent. Lectures thereon will, we understand, soon be provided.

CHANGES ON THE BENCH.

The vacancy in the Supreme Court caused by the death of the late Mr. Justice Henry has been filled, as already announced, by the appointment of Mr. Justice Patterson, of the Ontario Court of Appeal, and his place has been taken by Mr. James MacLennan, Q.C.

In reference to Mr. Justice Patterson—he has been so long before the public and the profession in a judicial position that we merely refer to the fact of his appointment, and congratulate him upon his promotion.

The appointment of Mr. MacLennan to the Bench is no surprise to the profession. The only surprise is that he was not appointed long ago, a view already expressed in these columns. The appointment is one of the very best that could have been made. A man of the highest personal character, Mr. MacLennan is, as our judges should be, without fear and without reproach. He is a sound and able lawyer, has had long experience at the Bar, has a judicial mind with a large fund of common sense, and is thoroughly familiar with the business of the country and the instincts of the people. At the same time he has not lost his interest in art and general literature, and few men at the bar have read more of our English classics.

Mr. MacLennan is a Canadian, having been born in 1833 in the county of Glengarry, a county which has produced many eminent men and good lawyers. He graduated at Queen's College, where he received his education, in 1849, at the early age of sixteen years. Having chosen the law as his profession, he commenced its study in the office of Mr. (now Sir) Alexander Campbell, in the city of Kingston, where he was an intelligent and industrious student. He was called to the Bar with honors in Michaelmas Term, 1857. We understand that for a short time previous to commencing the study of the law he taught school, a training most valuable to one desiring to excel in a profession where patient plodding is an essential, and which largely calls into requisition a knowledge of human nature.

Mr. MacLennan commenced the practice of his profession in the city of Hamilton, where he remained, however, for only two years, removing to Toronto in 1859, where he entered into partnership with the Hon. Oliver Mowat, then one of the leaders of the Bar on the Equity side. He has remained in Toronto in the same professional connection ever since. In 1871 he was elected a