

## The Planet

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## CONCERNING THE JUDICIARY.

The Ottawa Citizen has expressed the view on several occasions that one of the most serious results of the Gamey-Stratton royal commission has been the injury to the prestige and standing of the bench in Canada. Putting aside entirely the narrower partisan view of the affair, every Canadian, irrespective of politics, must deplore the fact that the judiciary whom we have always regarded with pride and delighted to honor should have suffered in the estimation of the masses of the people. As a political opponent of the Ross Government we have taken the view that it was an unwise, selfish and unpatriotic move on the part of Premier Ross to drag the judiciary into this unsavory case—to employ representatives of the bench to pull the chestnuts out of the fire for his distressed cabinet. The initial blame was his. But no one can shut his eyes to the fact that the judiciary might have declined to be drawn into the case. Having allowed itself to be drawn in, it had still another chance to retrieve itself by a dignified, impartial pronouncement which, even though the decision were the same in substance, would have had a beneficial effect upon public opinion. Even the political adherents of the Ross Government admit this. Putting aside all political rancor or prejudice in the discussion of a situation which, as regards the standing of our judiciary, should be above that plane, the existing state of affairs in Ontario demands the attention of those in whose hands lies the task of rehabilitating the judiciary in the public estimation. That a pressing necessity exists is corroborated by a recent article in the Canadian Law Journal which treats the matter from a purely professional and non-political standpoint. The Law Journal says:—

This is, at least so far as Ontario is concerned, a day of judicial commissions, also a time when the high court bench has been weakened by the illness or infirmity of several of its judges. Strangely enough, it is also a time when it is said that there is necessity to form a fourth division of the court and an increase in the number of the judges. There seems to be a little inconsistency in all this. It does not require much consideration to see that the proposed increase would be unnecessary if vacancies were promptly filled, if infirm judges were given a proper retiring allowance, if vigorous men were selected from the front rank of the profession, and, last but not least, if the judges were not taken from their proper judicial work, either to report upon allegations of bribery in connection with a political issue, or to go to the Yukon to inquire into the reasonableness or otherwise of some concessions. The common sense, business-like way of disposing of the alleged difficulty seems to be sufficiently obvious.

There is really no necessity to add to the number of the high court judges. The question of expense, though a minor one, may be noticed. The proposed new division will probably add some \$20,000 to the yearly cost of the court. All sorts of schemes have been invented to supplement the present utterly inadequate salaries of the judges. It would be much cheaper to give to each of the present judges an additional \$1,000 per annum. But this is not the most important part of the subject. Is it fair to judges, or to suitors, or desirable as a matter of public policy, that various "pious frauds" in the line of indirectly increasing judicial salaries should be resorted to, or that they should have extra pay for outside work? The independence of the bench is of vital importance both to the public and the profession—much more important than the benefit resulting from having an occasional enquiry more satisfactorily conducted. There might be a danger of this independence being jeopardized by the growing practice of taking judges from their proper work to discharge extra duties with extra emolument. All these things give occasion to the enemy to blasphemy. The consequence is just what might be expected; unpleasant remarks are made in reference to the judges, with the inevitable result of lessening the esteem in which the bench of this province has heretofore been held. We are on the down grade in connection with matters affecting the dignity of the bench and the respect for it in the public mind. Is time that more thought were given to these matters. The country cannot afford to have the judicial pedestal lowered. The effort must be to raise it, for it is not what it once was.

"And here we are confronted with a somewhat difficult matter to discuss without the danger of being misunderstood. Their Lordships, Chancellor Boyd and Chief Justice Falconbridge, the commissioners in charge

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of the Gamey-Stratton bribery commission, have closed the enquiry and made their report. The finding of the commissioners is viewed favorably or adversely according to party predilections. The commissioners, though holding high judicial positions, did not serve in that capacity but as ordinary citizens, and as such their finding has been sharply criticized, whether rightly or wrongly it is not our province to discuss. We assume it is right because they so find; but it must be remembered that the country at large really sits as the jury and will not abdicate its function as the final court of appeal on the questions involved in the Gamey charges, for it is facts bearing on questions of political morality, and not points of law, that are involved. But what is to be deplored is that unworthy motives are attributed to the commissioners. The mud-throwing, incident to a political conflict, reaches to the bench. It was just this fear, no doubt, that induced a writer in these columns (ante. p. 195) to hope that the judiciary might not be called upon to act, or might decline to do so. The learned judges who were appointed, and who undertook the burden of the reference, doubtless thought that they would be discharging a duty to the public by so doing; and without any question such a forum was a much more satisfactory one than the "bear garden" of a parliamentary committee.

"It may also be said that the commissioners exercised very properly a wise discretion in the Liberal admission of evidence, though even here complaints have been made, not specially by counsel engaged for the prosecution, but by some of those on the jury, i. e., the public. We have nothing to say as to this, nor do we propose to discuss the evidence or to express any opinion on the finding of the commission, as that would take us within the arena of political controversy, which should be studiously avoided by a professional journal. But what we say—and we think it cannot be gainsaid—is, that the report will not, and naturally cannot be expected to, meet with the acquiescence of the community at large, for the simple reason that the enquiry involved part politics in connection with an incident in a somewhat bitter political contest. This non-acquiescence leads to evil results. When a judgment is given in a suit between individuals or corporations it is prima facie assumed that the finding is correct, and even the disappointed litigant generally accepts his defeat without calling the judge hard names. This has happily been the habit in the past. It will be a bad day for the country when people get out of this habit in the future, as we fear they are beginning to do; and it is just such enquiries as this which will operate in that direction, no matter how careful or fair the judges may be. For reasons such as these there are many who regret that the services of members of the bench were invoked, and that these judges felt it their duty to accept the call."

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## Local Briefs

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Patrons of the excursion Thursday, July 16th, per steamer City of Chatham, will have six hours in Detroit.

Mrs. John Thomson and family, of Chicago, are in the city to spend a couple of months.

All reading notices of local announcements must be received at this office not later than noon of the day on which it is desired that they appear in The Planet.

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