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With great regret we record the death of Hon. William Lount, one of the Puisne Justices of the Common Pleas Division of the Supreme Court of Judicature for Ontario. He had been suffering from a severe illness for some time, and this was aggravated by a severe accident which happened to him some months ago. The end came on Saturday, the 25th ult. As we ventured to prophesy when he was appointed to the Bench in 1901 (ante vol. 37, p. 89) he made an excellent judge, and his courtesy and consideration made him a favourite with the profession. Having already referred to his career at the Bar it needs now but to regret that so useful a life has been cut off after such a short period of judicial service.

It is not in this part only of His Majesty's Empire that frequent exception is taken to judicial appointments. The *Calcutta Weekly Notes* thus speaks:—"We are at a loss to find out on what principle judicial appointments are often made in India. Lord Curzon is ever ready to avail himself of experts, even to cope with the Calcutta smoke. It seems, therefore, strange that he does not consider the administration of justice in the metropolis of sufficient importance to require the services of even fairly competent men. Some of the recent appointments to responsible judicial offices would seem to shew that neither the Government of India nor the Local Government seem to enquire into the qualifications, claims, or competence of men who are nominated to them for such appointments. If the Government do not take care our law Courts will soon lose the little reputation that they still possess." This is very plain language, but the efficiency and standing of the Bench is a subject so important that no apology is necessary if the facts warrant the statement, and presumably they do. As to the remarks of our contemporary, above quoted, we notice that, per contra, the writer highly commends the appointment of Babu Saroda Churn Mitter to officiate for Mr. Justice Hill.