

This change in the practice of appeals from County Courts was one of those ill-advised and ill-considered amendments made to the County Court Act, the effect of which was probably not really appreciated by the Statute Revision Committee, and the sooner it is altered the better.

Practitioners will be careful to note that after the 1st January next, "the High Court of Justice" and "the Court of Appeal" will have disappeared and given place to "the Supreme Court—High Court Division," or "Appellate Division" according to the nature of the proceeding.

SALARIES OF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES.

A subject which should receive attention at the approaching session of parliament is the inequality of the judicial salary list under the provisions of the Dominion statute, known as the Judges Act, as regards the salaries of the judges of the Superior and Appellate courts. The effect of the present schedule is to discriminate against the judges of those courts in Western Canada, whose jurisdiction includes the powers which in other provinces would be exercised by a separate Court of Appeal.

The Supreme Courts of Alberta and Saskatchewan, are in themselves courts of appeal as regards their sittings en banc at which trial judgments come up for review and the classes of cases which those courts are called upon to decide are of equal importance to the cases in Ontario and Quebec. Nor can it be said, as was the contention some years ago, that the living expenses of the judiciary was or should be much less in those provinces. Is it the case that the Bench in the western provinces is composed of men having lesser attainments than the members of the Bench in Ontario and Quebec? Comparisons are odious, but both in Alberta and in Saskatchewan the judges of the provincial Supreme Courts are men of high erudition and ability, and they should be in receipt of salaries equivalent to those paid the judges in Ontario.