

We notice that many of the best newspapers in the United States are calling upon their readers to insist upon the re-election of those judges of the High Courts who have received the approval of the people in the discharge of their important duties. The tenor of their remarks, as given by a legal contemporary, is that there is "an almost imperative demand that the community shall not be deprived of the services of wise, learned and experienced judges who have not yet approached the age at which retirement is made compulsory by the constitution of the State." This demand for re-election of such men without opposition is a step in the right direction, and is doubtless intended, as far as possible, to minimize the evils of the elective system by bringing to bear upon voters the pressure of a wise and intelligent public opinion. The subject of appointments to the Bench is a very important one. Even in this Dominion, where the elective system does *not* prevail, the decline of the personnel of our own Bench is an evil which should at once be grappled with. It is bad for any country when the Bench has ceased to be an object of ambition to the best men at the Bar. The country rather than the profession are the losers; those therefore who are responsible in this matter are derelict in their duty if they do not take this matter to heart and apply some remedy before irreparable injury is done. If things go on as they are it will be a question whether we are not as badly off as those who have the elective system. Under present conditions the election of judges, if the voting power were in the hands of the profession alone, would be a distinct advantage.

The *Central Law Journal* remarks that one of the most unfortunate aspects of the work of the Supreme Court of the United States during the last few years has been the more than ordinary lack of harmony and concurrence between the different members of the Court upon many important questions of law. It would be interesting to know what the writer would say on this subject as to the Supreme Court of the Dominion of Canada. We should gather from his views on the subject that the remarks would be anything but complimentary to our highest Court of Appeal were he to turn his attention in that direction.