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Rumour has it that very shortly important changes will be made in the Bench of the Supreme Court of Canada. At the end of last month Justice Gwynne entered upon his eighty-eighth year, and can very justly claim relief from judicial duties. Considering the smallness of judges' salaries and Mr. Gwynne's faithful service for so many years, no one would object, but rather all would be glad if it might be so arranged that he should retire on full pay. It is said that Sir Henry Strong's resignation may shortly be received. It is rumored in Ottawa that his successor would be Sir Louis Davies. Others speak of Sir John Alexander Boyd, Chancellor of Ontario, as the one they would like to see appointed. Whether he would feel disposed to leave Toronto for Ottawa may be questioned. It is certainly a great misfortune that the temptation of a proper salary is not added to the dignity of the position so as to induce the best men of the Dominion to accept the office. The names of Mr. Justice MacMahon and Hon. David Mills are mentioned in connection with the next vacancy amongst the puisne judges of the Supreme Court.

It is also an on dit at Ottawa that some definite action will shortly be taken to increase the salaries of the judges, and that the measure is to be somewhat of a general one. As to Ontario, if the judges of the High Court of Justice should be relieved from about half their work as proposed by the Attorney-General, there would not be the same crying need for increase, but there would be good excuse for the county judges asking for more pay. We trust however, that the proposed legislation, making such drastic changes in procedure and jurisdiction, may not take place. It may be true that county judges are not overpaid; but the question is rather whether there should not be fewer of them and that all should have plenty of work to do, in which case the objection to their being paid better salaries would be removed.

The decision of Mr. Justice Archibald in the Delpit case upholding the validity of the marriage of the parties, will be generally received with satisfaction by the public in the Dominion.