

Maritime Provinces, five from Manitoba, eight from British Columbia and two from the far Yukon District. When the court adjourned on the 12th December arguments had been heard and judgment given in all but eleven of the inscribed appeals, and three of these had gone over to the February term. Only the remaining eight cases stood for judgment on the 12th December. This is a thoroughly satisfactory state of affairs both for the court and its suitors, and we extend our hearty congratulations.

As we have been speaking generally in laude judicii, it may not be amiss to quote here the pleasant words concerning one of its members dropped by Lord Macnaghten in delivering the judgment of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in *Chapelle v. The King* on 2nd December last: "The judgment of Davies, J., appears to their lordships to deal with the subject in a manner which leaves nothing to be desired. It is concise, clear and convincing. Their lordships are unable to add anything to it in the way of argument. They will therefore content themselves with adopting it without qualification." In the case referred to, which involved among other things, the validity of the royalty of 10% imposed on the output of placer mining claims along the Yukon River by order-in-council of 29th July, 1897, the judgment of the Exchequer Court was in part reversed by the Supreme Court, and an appeal therefrom, taken by the miners to the Judicial Committee, was dismissed without costs.

We may not wonder perhaps that the general public know but little about the Alaska Boundary question, but it startles one to see such ignorance as is displayed by the *American Law Review*, an excellent and generally well informed journal. If the writer, who there undertakes to enlighten his countrymen on the subject, had taken the trouble to inform himself on the subject, or had even looked at the maps which are published on the opposite page of the article referred to, he would not have fallen into several ludicrous errors; nor would he, founding his remarks on mistakes of fact, berate poor Canada in the way he does. We need scarcely inform our readers that Prince of Wales Island is almost the largest island on the Pacific coast, apparently about 100 miles long, and away