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One of our County Court judges in a judgment reported in a recent issue (p. 642) alludes to a matter which it would be well for Justices of the Peace to take note of, remembering that the position they hold is an honourable one, and one which should be held as a public trust, and not as is too often the case, as a means whereby to eke out a living by charging excessive and illegal fees. Those who have had conferred upon them the powers which justices possess should remember that it is their duty to make the law respected and that to that end they must be scrupulous in respecting it themselves. There should be no attempt by bargain or otherwise to obtain fees the right to which is not clear. If in doubt a justice should not give the benefit of the doubt to himself, but to the other side. Anything derogatory to the dignity of the position or unbecoming in the conduct of magistrates should at once be brought to the attention of those in charge of the administration of the laws.

The position of Clerk of the County Court of the County of York is still vacant. That it should be filled by a professional man goes without saying. Naturally it has to do with the practice of the Court, and the occupant of the position should of course be familiar with that practice. The late Clerk was a layman, and, *de mortuis nil nisi bonum*. There was much merriment, however, when a baker was appointed Surrogate Registrar of the County of York, and an auctioneer put in charge of the Registry Office of West Toronto; but then they were prominent politicians and had, we presume, to be provided for. That legal men should conduct the business of legal offices would seem not to require proof; and, if the members of the profession were to pull together and insist upon their rights, and if they had a representative body to look after their interests, the Government would doubtless see the propriety of paying attention to their reasonable demands. The country does not want a "corpse" or a figure-head, either as a Judge or as a Clerk of a Court.