

the practice of the profession. The meeting was too large, and those present were too impatient to reach the conclusion, to admit of a very full discussion of the reasons urged in the report in behalf of the recommendation. But it is evident that the great majority hold firmly to the opinion that the bar must not part with the absolute and complete control of the examinations. Even those members of the bar who are connected with the universities do not appear to differ seriously from this view. The elaborate report of the committee was, therefore, not so fully considered as it might have been. Perhaps a conference between delegates from the several sections and authorized representatives of the universities might develop some other feasible proposition; but in view of the feeling manifested so strongly at the Montreal meeting we are not over sanguine of such a result.

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The expense of the present system of examinations has frequently been put forward as a strong objection to it. It was stated at the Montreal meeting by the *ex-bâtonnier*, Mr. Dunlop, that funds which should be applied to the purchase of books for the library are absorbed by the cost of the examinations,—Montreal as usual having to bear the principal burthen. This state of things should not exist. Pending any other settlement it would seem but fair to make the examinations self-sustaining by an adequate increase of the fees to applicants. Seeing that the legal profession is already so thronged there is no occasion to attract applicants by a scale of fees which makes the examinations a tax upon the general funds.

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The appointment of Mr. Désiré Girouard, Q.C., to be a puisne judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, in the place of Mr. Justice Fournier resigned, was made on the 28th ult. Mr. Girouard comes somewhat late to the bench, being now in his sixtieth year, but this is the second vacancy which has occurred in the Quebec membership