
Bench and Bar.

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS.

Hon. Louis Philippe Brodeur, K.C., to be a puisne judge of the Supreme Court of Canada in the room of Hon. Desiré Girouard, deceased. (August 11.)

Flotsam and Jetsam.

LAWLESSNESS.—The following is an extract from a paper published in the United States. The recital of this awful tragedy needs no comment. It is not merely as the writer says, an evidence of the strength of racial sentiment, but what is of more importance, it is an illustration of that spirit of lawlessness, which civilization fails to subdue, and which is on the increase: "The *Chicago Record-Herald* publishes a special despatch from the scene of the burning in Pennsylvania of a negro which asserts that the 400 men who perpetrated this awful tragedy were level-headed men, determined and cool, whose nerves had not been wrought to a pitch by liquor or excitement. The incident illustrates in a remarkable way the strength of the racial sentiment which still exists in the United States, even so far north as Pennsylvania. The crime was perhaps the most brutal of the many which have been carried out against the members of a race whose forefathers were imported into the United States against their will. The *Record-Herald* despatch further says that 'a feature of the burning was that there were almost as many women in the crowd as there were men.' Yet the crime for which the negro was thus inhumanly put to death was not an offence against women. He had shot a policeman. Himself wounded, the negro had been removed to a hospital, where he was strapped to his cot to prevent escape. A policeman was in charge of him. The 'orderly' mob marched into the hospital, placed a hand over the eyes of the policeman, picked up the cot, negro and bedclothing, marched three-quarters of a mile with him through the streets of the town to an open lot, set fire to the cot, with its wounded occupant still strapped thereto, piled fenceboards about the burning mass, reducing the negro to a crisp, and left for their homes."