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CURRENT TOPICS AND CASES.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Baby, who, on the 28th April, 1881, was appointed to the then newly created sixth judgeship of the Court of Queen's Bench of this province, has retired after completing fifteen years' judicial service, and the Hon. J. A. Ouimet, Q. C., recently Minister of Public Works in the Dominion Government, has been appointed to the vacant position. The Bar will regret that the cause of Mr Justice Baby's resignation should have been somewhat increased delicacy of health, and will unite in the hope that release from the burden of official duty may speedily restore to the learned judge his wonted energy. Mr. Justice Baby has long taken an active part in the labours of the Antiquarian Society, and has contributed greatly to stir up an interest in this somewhat neglected subject. In the leisure afforded by his retirement His Honour will doubtless continue to lend his valuable aid to this as well as other movements of public importance.

His successor, the Hon. Mr. Ouimet, Q. C., was born in 1848, and enters upon his new duties at the comparatively early age of 48 years. He was called to the bar