

their acting in either of these capacities is not removed by the statement that these companies are in a sound and prosperous condition."

We wonder what the writer would say of judges who hold extra judicial positions in defiance of express legislation. The above letter hints at the lure of money as being the moving cause of what is said to be the above objectionable practice. It is quite true that judicial salaries in Canada, except perhaps to those paid to some judges in the Province of Quebec, are inadequate; but when members of the Bar go on the Bench they do so with their eyes open in this respect. Whether it is for the money that is in it, or for some other reason, that a certain judge of the High Court of the Province of Ontario still retains his seat on the Board of Directors of a Trust Company, contrary to the statute in that case made and provided, we know not. We have already called attention to this matter, but the evil continues. This apparently persistent breach of a statute by a judge, unless indeed there is some good reason which as yet does not appear, is not a very edifying spectacle. If there is any explanation to be given, or if there is any good reason why the learned judge does not come within the statute, it would be well that such explanation should be made public, either by the Board of the Trust Company or in some other appropriate manner; for it certainly is most undesirable that the public should be under any wrong impression in this matter, if it is wrong. Even if there is no technical breach of the Act, good taste would require the observance of its spirit.

The statute (R.S.C., c. 138, s. 33) seems sufficiently clear. It is as follows: "No judge of the Supreme Court of Canada or of the Exchequer Court of Canada, or of any superior or County Court in Canada shall, either directly or indirectly, as director or manager of any corporation, company or firm, or in any other manner whatever, for himself or others, engage in any occupation or business other than his judicial duties; but every such judge shall devote himself exclusively to such judicial duties."