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CURRENT TOPICS.

Promotions have been rather in order of late years, in filling the higher positions on the English bench. Every member of the present Court of Appeal, except Lord Justice Rigby, has served as a judge of first instance before being elevated to the appeal bench. Out of twenty-eight Lords Justices since 1865, eighteen were promoted from lower courts. This system has the advantage of giving a safer field for the selection of those who have shown the highest judicial qualifications, but *per se* the system of promotion of judges has considerable drawbacks.

The name of Mr. Arthur Globensky, Q. C., has been mentioned in the press in connection with the proposed addition to the bench of the Circuit Court in Montreal. Mr. Globensky's eminent qualifications for the position cannot be doubted, and if the honor should fall to him the appointment would be extremely satisfactory both to his present *confrères* and to the public generally.

Even judges in these days seem to be affected by the desire to "break the record." Mr. Justice Field, of the United States Supreme Court, is said to have retained his seat some years longer than he otherwise would, because he wished to surpass Chief Justice Marshall in length of