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Our correspondent at the metropolis of this Dominion of ours gives us an interesting sketch of various things going on there of interest to the profession. This letter will be found *post* p. 191. We do not concur on all points, but "great minds (do not always) think alike."

We are glad to be told by many that the changes made this year in THE JOURNAL are for the better. Since the beginning of the present volume we have also given at the end of each number a digest of the cases reported and noted therein. We trust this will be found of some little assistance to our readers.

THE JUDICIAL POWERS OF THE CABINET.

A question important in a constitutional sense, as well as interesting from an historical point of view, has arisen out of the action of the Dominion Government in reference to the Manitoba school legislation. On the one hand, as contended by Mr. McCarthy in *The Canadian Magazine*, and in the debate on Mr. Tarte's resolution, ministers of the Crown have sought to evade political responsibility, inasmuch as they assumed that, in regard to this matter, their duties were of a judicial nature, and that they were to hear and determine the appeal to the Governor in Council from the Roman Catholic minority in Manitoba rather as judges in a court of law than as political functionaries responsible to Parliament.

Mr. McCarthy's contention appears to be that the only grounds upon which ministers can decide the "appeal" are political, using the term in its wide and general sense, and that as a