

and busiest thoroughfares. This is an evil which seems to have suddenly sprung into existence, and the competition for alms is growing in intensity. Not content with a silent appeal to the charitably disposed, each of these beggars is provided with a metal pot, in which pennies are rattled continuously with a vigour and persistence which indicate that physical energy is certainly not deficient in the suppliant. The noise is audible at a distance of several hundred yards, and in many offices three of these "beggars aggressive" may be heard resolutely at work throughout the entire day. It would be interesting to know who is responsible for the existence of this nuisance. It is not only a serious interruption to business, but it is utterly repulsive to visitors and to all who must use the streets, and, as we conceive, a serious breach of law and good order and government. We trust that the remarks of Mr. Justice Baby will not pass unheeded by those who are responsible for the present state of things.

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In view of the fact that in Montreal we frequently have four or five courts (including those which sit at the same time in more than one division), in session at once, and that ten to twelve superior judges are pretty constantly engaged in the work of the Superior Court, it presents a striking contrast to learn that in Liverpool and Manchester there are not even now continuous law sittings, in spite of great persistence in urging the demand for a resident judge of the High Court. Numerous cases have to be tried in London, and at great expense, where the witnesses are numerous, and other business has to await the convenience of judges travelling on circuit. The request for a resident judge would seem to be reasonable, even if the change be attended by some disadvantages.

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Lord Russell, the Lord Chief Justice of England, has