

champion of the right has followed in our lead. We are glad also to know that we have voiced the opinions of a large majority of the Bar of this Province.

As to judges engaging in extra judicial work it is well to know that we are but echoing the best thought of the English Bench on the subject, as evidenced by the observations of Lord Esher, also given below, as well as that of the leading statesmen of Canada as appears in the pages of *Hansard* during the debate on the Bill introduced by Hon. Mr. Ferguson in the Dominion Senate.

The main points touched upon have now been pretty well threshed out. They have been discussed in the legal and lay press; some of them came up for discussion in Parliament, and they have been the constant subject of discussion amongst professional men. It may safely be said that the consensus of opinion is largely in favor of the views expressed in Mr. Ewart's address, and these views are now on record, here and elsewhere. It remains to be seen what the result of this general expression of opinion may be on those concerned. All lovers of their country will hope that it may tend to prevent any further decadence from the past high tradition of the Bench and so serve the best interests of our country. It would indeed be deplorable if in these early days of this Dominion we should throw away the goodly heritage which came to us from those men who were scrupulously careful to avoid anything tending to lower the standing of the Bench, and who in doing so helped to give it its deserved, high reputation.

---

Mr. Ewart, after extending to his Lordship the congratulations of the Bar of Manitoba, proceeded as follows:—

“I am firmly convinced that the recent Governmental practice of giving jobs to Judges is subversive of the usefulness of the Bench. It is destructive of the popular belief in its impartiality and its integrity.

“My Lord, courts of justice stand between society and anarchy. Their strength lies in the security which they give to property and rights and in the satisfaction felt by the people in their administration of justice. It is the duty therefore, of every good citizen, and, perhaps, especially the duty of members of the Bar, to endeavor to maintain the existence of such conditions as will protect the Bench from the approach of influences which are injurious to it. Who can contemplate with equanimity or patience the present position of the judicial office in Ontario? I do not