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The following changes in the judiciary of the province of Ontario have just been announced: The vacancy caused by the resignation of Chief Justice Hagarty has been filled by the appointment of Hon. Mr. Justice Burton. His place will be taken by Mr. Charles Moss, Q.C., than which no better appointment could have been made. It is not yet known who is to be the fifth judge of the Court of Appeal under the statute of last session to that effect.

CHIEF JUSTICE HAGARTY.

The Chief Justice of Ontario and President of the Court of Appeal has resigned his office and retired from the Bench. The public and the profession will see no more in a judicial capacity one whose learning, brilliancy and kindly courtesy have graced the Bench of the Province for over forty years.

John Hawkins Hagarty, Q.C., was first appointed to the Bench as a puisne judge of the Common Pleas on February 5th, 1856. Here he remained (his colleagues being Draper, C.J., and Richards, J.) until March 19th, 1862, when he was transferred to the Queen's Bench, vice McLean, J., who was promoted to the Chief Justiceship of the Queen's Bench. In that Court he remained as puisne (his colleagues being first McLean, C.J., and Connor, J., and subsequently Draper, C.J., and Adam Wilson, J., and later Morrison, J.) until March 12, 1868, when he was made Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, his colleagues being successively John and Adam Wilson, and Gwynne and Galt, JJ. On November 13th, 1878, on the death of the late Chief Justice Harrison, he became Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench, having for his puisnes the present Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench and the late Sir