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CURRENT TOPICS AND CASES.

Five colonial judges have participated in the distribution of birthday honours this year, but we note an omission in this province, the Acting Chief Justice of the Superior Court in Montreal having apparently been forgotten, although occupying a higher and more important position in the judicial order than several of the judges on whom knighthoods have been bestowed. We trust that the omission will be supplied before long. The list is as follows:—Sir George A. Parker, who was appointed a judge of the Madras High Court in 1887; Sir Wm. H. L. Cox, appointed Chief Justice of the Straits Settlements in 1893; Sir Henry S. Berkeley, appointed Chief Justice of Fiji in 1889; Sir Wm. J. Anderson, appointed Chief Justice of Honduras; and finally,—the only Canadian on the list—Sir Wm. R. Meredith, appointed Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, Ontario, in 1894.

The members of the Judicial Committee do not appear to relish being set a paper of questions, to which they are expected to give brief and categorical answers. Lord Watson, in delivering the opinion of the Committee on