

## JUDGES' SALARIES.

HAVING now secured an additional judge, the bar should not rest satisfied until adequate salaries are provided for occupants of the bench. There is no reason why Manitoba judges should receive salaries smaller than those given to the judges of Ontario and Quebec. In Ontario the salaries are nominally the same as in Manitoba, but while the circuit allowance there is \$100 for each town, the judges here are allowed \$5 a day and railway fare. Out of the Ontario allowance the judges can easily add \$1,000 or \$1,200 to their incomes, while the Manitoba pittance is not sufficient to cover actual expenditures. Quebec judges are still more fortunate than their Ontario brethren. The judicial salaries there are as follows:—

Chief Justice . . . . .	\$6,000
Eleven Puisne Judges, each . . . .	5,000
Thirteen Puisne Judges, each . . .	4,000
Two Puisne Judges, each . . . . .	3,500

Three things are to be considered in adjusting salaries: First, cost of living, for judges should be able to maintain in society the dignity of their position; second, ability and standing of the men; and, third, the character and importance of the work to be done. Tested by any of these standards, Manitoba judges are entitled to equal pay with any other judges of equal rank. Living is more expensive here than in the older Provinces. Our judges are Ontario men, and are therefore of the highest attainable ability. If they had happened to have practised in Manitoba we would not, of course, expect that they would get more than half pay—they would not be fit for the position. And as to the work to be done, it is of the same class as that disposed of in the other Provinces, with this additional responsibility that having no Court of Appeal the judges