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The vacancy created by the death of Mr. Justice Globensky has been filled by the appointment of Mr. C. C. de Lorimier, Q. C. This is a selection which gives unusual satisfaction, Mr. de Lorimier in every respect,—legal ability and experience, as well as high personal character,—being thoroughly worthy of the position. The new Judge was born in 1842, and admitted to the bar in 1865. During the greater part of his professional life he has been associated in practice with his brother. Recently, however, he joined Mr. Girouard, Q. C. He has devoted himself with unusual constancy to his professional work, and there is every reason to anticipate that he will soon be favourably known in his new position.

The increased reward offered for the apprehension of Donald Morrison has not had the effect of bringing him under the hand of justice. It appears that the attorney-general invoked the aid of the Montreal Chief of Police, who offered to make the arrest, if thirty men of his force were placed at his disposition; but the police committee not favouring the scheme, the negotiation was broken off. The length of time which has elapsed since the crime, sufficiently indicates that Morrison has vigilant sympathizers and protectors. The case is peculiar, and is one that does not redound to the credit of the administration of the law.

The great struggle between the *Times* and the *Parnellites* bids fair to take the first place in legal investigations in point of length and cost. The Tichborne trial is becoming insignificant beside this more recent litigation. Single subscriptions to the defence fund as high as \$5,000 have been announced, and streams of lesser gifts have been pouring in from various quarters; yet, long ago, the cry was that the defence was being crushed by the enormous expense. On the other hand,

we do not hear of any attempt by the *Times* to attract outside support. Incidentally, its course may be useful to the Government of the day, as on some previous occasions in its history. But it was not by supporting a party or a government that the *Times* became the power that it has long been; and judging from its record it is fair to give it credit for an independent course. Its resources are great, but whether it can, unaided, support such an enormous burden, remains to be seen; but it doubtless computed the cost before beginning the fight. The fee of the attorney-general, according to popular report, was \$50,000, and it seems as if he would not earn it lightly. But every day the investigation is protracted must add vastly to the cost; and the end is apparently very distant. The precise figures of this stupendous antagonism, if they are ever ascertained, will be interesting.

The report of the eleventh annual meeting of the American Bar Association, held at Saratoga Springs on the 15th, 16th and 17th of August last, has been issued in a bound volume of 376 pages. The annual address by Mr. Hoadley is a valuable production, and several other features of the volume give it considerable interest.

A memorial bust of the late Sir George Jessel, Master of the Rolls from 1873 to 1883, placed in the Royal Courts of Justice, was unveiled by the Lord Chancellor on the 28th November. The Lord Chancellor observed:—"Enduring as marble may be, I believe that the real record of that great judge's work will be found in his judgments, lucid and powerful as they were, and which undoubtedly let the light into many dark corners of our jurisprudence. Most of those who are within hearing of my voice will no doubt recognise that it would be presumption in me to inforce upon them the value of prompt and clear decisions and lucid judgments. But those outside the profession of the law little know the value to the public of such judgments as those of Sir George Jessel. It is the doubtful and erroneous utterances of judges which lead to ruined suitors. When the law is clearly laid down, people can advise their clients as to what is