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It is much to be regretted that the condition of his health renders it necessary that the Hon. Edward Blake should relinquish his position as one of the counsel for the British Government in connection with the Alaska boundary dispute. His retirement will be a great loss to the Commission, following, as it does, the death of Mr. Justice Armour. His place will be taken by Sir E. H. Carson, Solicitor-General of England.

A recent number of the *Canada Gazette* contains the announcement that the Hon. Mr. Justice Britton has been appointed one of the Commissioners to enquire into and report upon matters and things concerning certain powers and privileges granted to Mr. Treadgold and others in the Yukon Territory. Holding the views we do as to Judges doing extra-judicial work, we can only express regret that the Government has called upon a Judge thus to act, and that the Judge has thought proper to accept the position. The circumstances attending this enquiry are of course of a different character from those concerning the bribery charges made in the Ontario House of Assembly; but as the learned judge who has now been appointed took an active part as a member of Parliament and as a Government supporter in connection with the discussion of these matters on the floor of the Dominion House the political element cannot be entirely eliminated, at least so far as the mind of the public is concerned. For this and other reasons we venture to think that it would have been better if the burden of this enquiry had fallen upon someone else.

MR. JUSTICE KILLAM.

We congratulate the Dominion Government upon its recent appointment to the Supreme Court Bench. From the time that Mr. Albert Clement Killam, K.C., a pronounced politician of the Reform stripe, was chosen by Sir John A. Macdonald to fill a vacancy in the Manitoba Bench, the wisdom of the selection then made has been shewn. Mr. Justice Killam's reputation as a lawyer has grown with his years and he has proved to