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In the district of Montreal, last year, 11,369 writs were issued in the Circuit Court. In the district of Quebec, the number was 3,737. St. Francis comes next with 1,797. The business of the Ottawa district seems large in proportion to the number of lawyers, 1,711 writs having been issued. Three Rivers shows 1,068; Bedford, 768; Beauharnois, 741.

In the Superior Court, 3,733 writs were issued in the district of Montreal, and only 849 in the district of Quebec. St. Francis shows 505; Bedford, 218; Three Rivers, 206; Beauharnois, 186; Ottawa, 170. In Montreal, 871 judgments were rendered in contested cases. The whole number of contested cases in this district was 1,342, out of a total for the province of 2,494, or more than one-half.

In the Court of Review, the returns show 112 confirmations at Montreal, to 27 reversals and 12 reformations. At Quebec there were 74 confirmations, 31 reversals, and 7 judgments reformed.

In the Court of Appeal there were 157 judgments affirmed and 53 reversed. At Quebec the confirmations were 50 and the reversals 17. At Montreal the confirmations were 107 and the reversals 36.

The proposal to increase judicial salaries, which was dropped last year for reasons which we have not seen publicly explained, has once more been submitted to Parliament. The policy of adequate remuneration for the judiciary is so generally admitted that it does not seem likely that the bill will meet with serious opposition.

A communication from Mr. Pagnuelo, in reply to our observations upon the bar examinations, will be found in the present

issue. The explanation that the English members of the General Council—to whom alone the remark to which he objects could apply—are not responsible for the grammar of their petition (which was sent to us in English), is, of course, satisfactory, and we withdraw the remark unreservedly. Mr. Pagnuelo also points out an inaccuracy in our reference to the term of study. We are glad to learn that our suggestion on this head has been anticipated. The ordinary term of study has been fixed at five years, and the degree in law reduces the term to four years, (R. S. Q. 3552). The other criticisms of our correspondent appear to be based to a considerable extent upon a misapprehension of our remarks; but as Mr. Lynch's bill, to give the B. A. degree the value which the Universities contended for, passed the Legislative Assembly on Thursday, it seems to be hardly necessary to occupy further space with the subject at present.

The trial of the Bishop of Lincoln is creating as much excitement among churchmen in England, as the Parnell inquiry among politicians. The jurisdiction of the Archbishop is discussed in an article extracted from the *Law Journal*.

### COUR DE CIRCUIT.

CHICOUTIMI, Septembre, 1886.

Présent : ROUTHIER, J.

TREMBLAY V. LA CORPORATION DE BAGOT.

*Pénalité—Corporation municipale—Défaut d'ouvrir un chemin dont ouverture a été ordonnée par règlement.*

PER CURIAM :—

Action en recouvrement d'une pénalité pour négligence d'ouvrir et confectionner un chemin ordonné par un règlement.

La défenderesse plaide :

I. Que l'action n'allègue pas que le chemin en question est sous la direction de la corporation, mais seulement qu'il est situé dans les limites de la municipalité;

II. Que de fait le dit chemin n'est pas sous la direction de la défenderesse;