

## II. THE BRIEFLESS.

Hail, thou Long Vacation,	Till the "Briefed" returneth
Welcomest cessation	With a zeal that burneth
From exacerbation	For small debtors' gore.
Born of exploitation	Then, with writs abounding,
Of a daily ration	Bailiffs w'll be sounding
For my briefless life!	Knocks upon my door;
Whilst thy reign extendeth	Bidding me awaken
Money-Bags, he lendeth—	To the unmistakken
Recking not of strife	Fact, thy reign is o'er!

CHARLES MORSE.

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Mr. E. R. Cameron, of London, Barrister-at-Law, has been appointed Registrar of the Supreme Court in the place of Mr. Robert Cassels, Q.C., deceased.

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We publish in another place a full report of the finding of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council on the "Fisheries case," which decides many important questions in reference to Dominion and Provincial rights connected with rivers, lakes, harbors, fisheries, navigation, etc. This report will be read with interest at the present time, and is given to our readers in advance of the report which will appear in due course in the English Law Reports.

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On the 25th June last the fifth seat in the Court of Appeal was filled by the appointment of Mr. James Frederick Lister, Q.C., of Sarnia. Having been for many years an active politician, and perhaps better known in that field than at Osgoode Hall, the appointment was criticised adversely by one portion of the lay press, and defended by the other, the persistency of some of his friends rather unhappily reminding one of the motto "Qui s'excuse s'accuse." It is not necessary for us to take part in that discussion. Suffice it to say that, whilst there are strong arguments against appointing active partisans to the Bench, it is a fact that many who have been so appointed have made excellent judges, and it would be ex-