

His Honour Joseph Camillien Noel, judge of the District Court of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, to be judge of the District Court of Athabasca, Alberta. (July 10.)

William A. D. Lees of Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, Barrister-at-law, to be judge of the District Court of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, vice His Honour J. C. Noel. (July 10.)

Edward Cornelius Stanbury Huycke of the town of Cobourg, Ontario, K.C., to be judge of the County Court of the county of Peterborough, vice His Honour Charles A. Weller, deceased.

### Flotsam and Jetsam.

Celestials, like Anglo-Saxons, are ceasing to trust what they read in the papers. Mr. Hop Kee, a Chinese laundryman, was recently charged with conducting a laundry without a license. He rested his defence upon a copy of a Toronto paper, wherein it was announced, in the "chaste and flowing language" of the reporter, that "as nobody raised a kick about Hop Kee getting a license, the license was granted." The Chinaman was much astonished that this misplaced confidence would cost him \$5 or gaol for 15 days.

We are glad to see that a determined stand is being made in the House of Commons against the objectionable clauses in the Finance Bill, by which it is sought to oust the jurisdiction of the courts of law and to substitute therefor a tribunal nominated and paid by the department whose administrative acts and decisions may be called in question. The Solicitor-General stated that he agreed with the Attorney-General that the judges of the law courts were by no means the best tribunal to decide questions of fact arising out of the valuation of land. With this we emphatically differ, and we believe that the public will prefer to leave disputed questions of this kind—upon which there must be wide differences—to the arbitrament of the fair and impartial determination of a court of law rather than have the matter finally determined by the department exacting the tax, or by the nominee of such department. Past experience has shewn what may be expected in these departmental inquiries. No doubt the rules to be made will deprive persons of their right to have professional assistance, for, in the past, the services of counsel have been denied, and perhaps this will be extended to all legal and other assistance.—*Law Times*.