

into retirement the respect and kindest wishes of the bar. His judicial career has been marked by courtesy to the profession and patient hearing of the arguments addressed to him, and his judgments have always shown that the questions he was called upon to decide were fully and fairly considered.

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The vacancy in the Superior Court at Sherbrooke, caused by the resignation of Mr. Justice Brooks, has been filled with commendable promptitude by the appointment of Mr. William White, Q. C. Mr. White's standing at the bar of the district of St. Francis, where he has long practised, naturally indicated him as Judge Brooks' successor, and the appointment is one of those which are not only unquestioned but are not open to question. The bar and the people of the district are fortunate in having so able a man to replace Mr. Justice Brooks.

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The Montreal City Council has passed the early closing by-law, to take effect on 1st May next, but by the exceptions contained therein the city rulers seem to have carefully guarded the privileges of one important section of their constituents. While a grocer may have to suffer imprisonment for selling a pound of bacon or half a dozen eggs to a hungry customer at five minutes past eight in the evening, there is no restriction upon the supply of whisky and tobacco by those whose deal in such articles to those in quest of them. It may also be pointed out that this law, which puts fetters on trade to the injury of the city, does not come into force until after the expiry of the mandate of the present council. Legislation making such fundamental changes should not be attempted in the last moments of a moribund body.

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A case illustrating the absurd extent to which the doctrine of solatium can be carried in the popular mind has recently occurred. A Miss Munroe wrote an ode for the