

The apparently irrepressible Mr. Justice Grantham has again been much in the limelight. *The Times* says he was among the first, and it is to be hoped will be among the last, of the judges who choose to defend themselves publicly against charges of partisanship; and that "Certainly he is the first in recent times who has exposed himself to a rebuke such as that of the Prime Minister, who declared that Mr. Justice Grantham had signally violated the obligation of the Bench to abstain from criticism of the procedure at Parliament and had thereby created a unique situation." The same learned judge by his attack on Mr. Justice Channell brought upon himself a well-merited lesson from the latter, who told the grand jury at the Northampton Assizes that he did not think the charge of the grand jury was a very appropriate occasion for a judge to make remarks that went outside the calendar or were of a personal character. It has been said that the Premier's castigation might result in Mr. Justice Grantham's retirement from the Bench, but it may be as our contemporary hopes, that "we shall hear no more of an unfortunate demonstration by the judge—at all events that he will do nothing further to keep alive a controversy which ought for many reasons to end at this point."

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We hear complaints that sufficient time is not given for the trial of cases on the Northern Circuit in the Province of Ontario. The increase of population in Northern Ontario and the fact that there is always a large amount of litigation in newly settled and in mining districts and mining camps, easily accounts for the congestion. Some re-arrangement of circuits would appear to be desirable:—in fact it would be well that a judge should, if possible, be appointed to clean up a mass of unfinished business.