

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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Editor of THE CANADIAN BAR REVIEW:

SIR.—I have read with great interest, the article in your January number, by Hon. Mr. Justice Mignault of the Supreme Court of Canada, on "The Authority of Decided Cases." At page 14 he says that, while the rule *stare decisis* has no legal force in the Province of Quebec, he thinks that the decisions of the Privy Council have been accepted by the Quebec Courts as conclusive. He mentioned certain decisions, but he does not make any reference to the Despatis-Tremblay case.

I noticed in the Quebec newspapers a few days ago, the report of a decision of Mr. Justice Belleau of the Superior Court, in an action of *Plante v. Zannis*, which deals with this question. His Lordship refers to the judgment of the Privy Council in the case above mentioned, and follows that decision. I understand however that other Judges in that Province have not considered themselves bound to follow it in similar cases.

I have heard various criticisms of these latter Judges by lawyers and others in the Province of Ontario, but one gathers from Mr. Justice Mignault's article that they were at least technically justified in refusing to be bound by it. I feel that, if some member of the Quebec Bar would undertake to deal with this subject in your columns, the result might be the removal of a certain amount of prejudice, as well as of uninformed criticism of the Quebec judiciary.

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 CURRENT EVENTS.

A memorial tablet to the members of the Bar and students-at-law from Toronto who fell during the Great War was unveiled at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, on the 14th November last by Chief Justice Sir William Mulock, who spoke as follows:—

Some years have now rolled by since the then misguided German nation, in its mad lust for power, plunged the world into a gigantic struggle accompanied by horrors then unknown in the history of nations, and as we contemplate, in the peaceful atmosphere of to-day, the contrast between the conditions which prevailed throughout the long years of the war, and those of to-day, our hearts are filled with deepest gratitude towards those who overthrew the enemy of mankind and saved civilization to the world.

Never before in its history had there been such a mighty stake in the balance or such long drawn out anxiety as to the possible result;