

## CURRENT EVENTS.

Lord Loreburn died on the 30th of November last, having attained the age of seventy-seven years. He was the second son of Sir John James Reid, Dumfries. Educated at Cheltenham, and at Magdalen and Balliol Colleges, Oxford, he was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple in 1871, took silk in 1882 and was elected a Bencher of his Inn in 1890. He became Solicitor-General, and afterwards Attorney-General in 1894. In 1905 he was appointed Lord Chancellor, continuing in that office until 1912. He was decorated for his services in connection with the Venezuelan Boundary Arbitration Commission. As a law reformer, his chief work was done in connection with the Criminal Appeal Act of 1907, which established the Court of Criminal Appeal. He was the author of some essays in the sphere of international law, entitled *Capture at Sea* (1913).

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The Honourable Wallace Nesbitt, K.C., Vice-President of the Canadian Bar Association for Ontario, had the honour of being entertained at dinner by the Treasurer and the Masters of the Bench at Gray's Inn, on the Grand Day of Michaelmas Term, 23rd of November last.

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The Right Honourable Mr. Justice Duff, Supreme Court of Canada, has been appointed a visitor of the Law School by the Overseers of Harvard College. On the invitation of Dean Pound he presided at the Ames competition for students in the law faculty, which was held during the present month. This, we believe, is the first time that a Canadian Judge has been so honoured by the authorities of Harvard University.

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Mr. J. Murray Clark, K.C., LL.D., of Toronto, has recently been elected Honorary Secretary and Treasurer for Canada of the Selden Society. This Society was founded in 1887 with the object of "encouraging the study and advancing the knowledge of the history of English law." The present officers of the Society are:—

Patrons: His Majesty the King; His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

President: The Right Hon. Lord Justice Warrington.

Vice-Presidents: The Lord High Chancellor, The Right Hon. Lord Justice Atkin.

Literary Director: The Right Hon. Sir Frederick Pollock, Bart., K.C.

Secretary: Mr. H. Stuart Moore.

Honorary Treasurer: Mr. J. E. W. Rider.

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Harlan F. Stone, Ph.D., has tendered his resignation, as Kent Professor of Law and Dean of the Faculty of Law, to the authorities of Columbia University. Dr. Stone began his duties as a teacher of law at

Columbia in 1899, becoming Dean of the Law School in 1910. The school has made great progress under his leadership. The curriculum has been vastly improved, so that it is possible now for the University to offer a course leading to the degree of Doctor Juris. Dean Stone is resuming the practice of law.

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The Dominion Parliament will open Thursday, February 28th. The date is almost a month later than that of last year, when parliament assembled on January 31st. In contrast to last year, when the opening was on a Wednesday, the time-honored custom of meeting on Thursday will be observed this year. After the opening ceremonies and the delivery of the Speech from the Throne, adjournment will probably be made until the following Monday, when the real business of the session will commence.

The legislative programme to be introduced by the government will likely be extensive and it is reported in the daily press, with what authority we are unaware, that several measures, along somewhat unusual lines, may be introduced, bearing upon taxation, possibly upon the tariff, upon immigration, banking and other matters. It is said also that something is likely to be done in regard to rural credits following an investigation into the subject by President Tory, of the University of Alberta. Likewise, it would not be surprising if the Bank Act, of last session, instead of being considered a closed book in the light of the decennial revision being accomplished, is amended somewhat with the design of affording a greater protection to depositors.

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By an Imperial Despatch, published in the *Canada Gazette* of December 22nd, 1923, it appears that His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve of the following Revised Table of Precedence for the Dominion of Canada:—

1. The Governor-General, or Officer Administering the Government.
2. The Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.
3. The Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec.
4. The Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia.
5. The Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick.
6. The Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba.
7. The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia.
8. The Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island.
9. The Lieutenant-Governor of Saskatchewan.
10. The Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta.
11. The Prime Minister of Canada.
12. Archbishops and Bishops, according to seniority.
13. The Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the General Superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, and the corresponding head of the Baptist Church in Canada.
14. Members of the Cabinet, according to seniority.
15. The Chief Justice of Canada.
16. Members of the Privy Council not of the Cabinet, according to seniority.
17. The Speaker of the Senate.

18. The Speaker of the House of Commons.
19. The Prime Minister of the Provinces of Canada.
20. The Chief Judges of the Courts of Law and Equity, according to seniority, and the Judge appointed to perform the duties of Chief Justice at Quebec and Montreal.
21. The Puisne Judges of the Supreme Court of Canada, according to seniority.
22. Judges of the Exchequer Court of Canada.
23. The Solicitor-General of Canada.
24. Members of the Senate.
25. Puisne Judges of the Courts of Law and Equity and of the Exchequer Court, according to seniority.
26. Members of the House of Commons.
27. The Chief of Staff National Defence, the Director of Naval Services and the Director of the Air Force, provided they are of the rank of Major-General or its equivalent or higher rank.
28. Members of the Executive Council, Provincial within their Province.
29. The Speaker of the Legislative Council within his Province.
30. Members of the Legislative Council within their Province.
31. The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly within his Province.
32. Members of the Legislative Assembly within their Province.

NOTE.—Judges at present on the retired list and judges at present holding office, but who shall retire after the date of the New Table, shall not be affected as to Precedence given to them by the Old Table.

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Dr. Estanislao Zeballos, President of the International Law Association, died suddenly on the 4th October last in England, where he had gone to attend the Annual Conference of that association. Dr. Zeballos was present at the eighth Annual Meeting of the Canadian Bar Association and addressed the members on the 5th September—leaving almost immediately afterwards for New York to sail for England. He had come on to Montreal from the meeting of the American Bar Association in Minneapolis. Dr. Zeballos was born at Rosario and educated at the National College, Buenos Aires. For some time he was Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Justice for the Argentine Republic. He was nominated to the Hague Arbitration Court in 1910, and founded the Argentine branch of the International Law Association. Dr. Zeballos was well known as a jurist and made many contributions to publications relating to legal science.

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The Honourable John W. Davis, commenting upon certain efforts to abridge the powers of the Supreme Court of the United States, especially as to majority decisions and veto power over acts of Congress, recently said:

“In attempting to destroy or limit the power of the Supreme Court to adjudicate upon the constitutionality of legislation we are giving up at one stroke not merely our belief in the separation of judicial and legislative powers, but our reliance upon the Constitution as the supreme law of the land.

“When proposals (to curtail the powers of the Supreme Court) are

reduced to their simplest terms, they stand forth naked and undisguised as an attack upon our theory of government under a written constitution,"

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German civil service employees in the Bavarian Palatinate have presented to the Rhineland Commission a memorial in which they demand recognition of the constitutional rights of all officials, the protection of personal liberty and of property, and the immediate revocation of the Separatist decrees ordering arrests and expulsions. They also ask the restoration of judicial agencies, the removal of Separatists from all public offices, and the complete disarmament of the secessionist faction in accordance with the terms of the Rhineland agreement.

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In accordance with reports of analyses, the Quebec Liquor Commission has added to the list of some thirty products, which are not considered medicine and are subject to the regulations of the Quebec Liquor Act, as to their sales, the following: Extract of Jamaica Ginger, B. P. and T. Ginger, B. P. No. 6885, both manufactured at Quebec, and the Bona Wine, manufactured at Sherbrooke. These products, according to notices issued in the Official Gazette, cannot be sold otherwise than under control of the commission.

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