



Melbourne M. Tait, Law, 1862

THE LATE HONOURABLE SIR MELBOURNE M. TAIT, born in Richmond, Que., and receiving his preliminary education at the public school there, entered McGill University in 1859. Graduating three years later, he began his professional career as an advocate, practising first in Richmond, and afterwards in partnership with the late Sir John Abbott. Rapidly coming to the front in his profession he was made a King's Councillor, in 1882, and a puisne Judge of the Supreme Court in 1887. He was for a time treasurer of the Montreal Bar. In 1894, he was made acting chief Justice of the Supreme Court and, in 1906, he became Chief Justice. Sir Melbourn was a Captain in the 54th

Regiment, serving in this capacity during the Fenian Raid. He was one of the founders, and for many years the President, of the Children's Memorial Hospital. He was a Fellow of McGill University, a Doctor of Civil Law of the same institution and a Doctor of Civil Law of Bishop's University. He was knighted by Queen Victoria on the occasion of her Jubilee in 1897.

THE HONOURABLE J. G. SAXE, grandson of John Godfrey Saxe, the Vermont poet, is one of the most prominent of a large number of

McGill Graduates who are holding prominent positions in the United States. Mr. Saxe was a brilliant student. He graduated with high honours, winning the Prince of Wales gold medal. After a course at Columbia University, where he took his degree of LL.B., Mr. Saxe followed the profession of law in New York State, becoming, in 1909, a member of the law firm of Worcester, Williams and Saxe. In 1911 and 1912 Mr. Saxe was a member of the Senate of the State of New York, and in 1914 held the position of Counsel to the Governor. In 1915, he was a member of the Constitutional Convention. Since 1918 he has been chairman of a committee of the New York City Bar Association, drafting a new practice act and rules for the State of New York. In 1916, the degree of Doctor of Laws was

conferred upon Mr. Saxe by Middlebury College, on account of his zealous studies of the principles of Government and his distinguished services in the practice of law.



John Godfrey Saxe, Arts, 1897