

Robinson had expressed an opinion on some question of proposed litigation not infrequently resulted in there being no litigation, for he would have been a bold man who would enter upon a law suit in the face of an opinion of such a man against him.

Other features of his character have often been spoken of and might be enlarged upon; a marked absence of prejudice, so that he seemed to approach a subject with an open and unbiased mind, judging it on its merits and in its relation to all attendant circumstances—in business matters thorough, accurate and giving close attention to details. These valuable qualities, combined as they were with great intellectual gifts and a well recognized conciseness and clearness of expression, gave him a commanding position in his profession. His mental and physical activity and his interest in, and clear memory of, passing events was unimpaired by advancing years; and he continued to the end the same bright, cheery companion and warm personal friend he had always been. So swift and unexpected was his passing that although he had attained the ripe age of seventy-seven years the remembrance of him will remain with us as of one who retained to the last in a marked degree the freshness and vigour of youth.

Mr. Robinson was descended from a name-sake who, in the reign of Charles II., came from England to America as Military Secretary of the first Governor of Virginia, in which office he subsequently became his successor. The second son of this Christopher Robinson was John Robinson, President of the Council of Virginia, from whom was descended another Christopher Robinson, father of Sir John Beverley Robinson, Chief Justice of Upper Canada. Sir John's father was an ensign in the Queen's Rangers and served in that corps on the Royalist side until the Peace of 1783, when he came with other United Empire Loyalists to New Brunswick. Subsequently he moved to Upper Canada, where he was called to the Bar in 1797, residing at that time in Kingston, which he left for the Town of York, now Toronto, in 1798.

Christopher Robinson was the third son of Sir John Beverley Robinson, having been born at Beverley House, Toronto, January 21, 1828. He was educated at Upper Canada College, and took his degree at King's College, Toronto. In Trinity Term, 1850, he was called to the Bar of Upper Canada, and March 27th,