

educational boards of various kinds, and indeed bore more than his share in the life of the growing municipalities. Full of years and honours is a trite phrase, but it applies so happily to Senator Gowan that none better could be coined to fit the case."

Yes! it is quite true the subject of this sketch as a pioneer judge within the sphere of his influence "set the pace" in all that made for moral and material progress. It is well for any country if its citizens work well and faithfully for their own day and generation; it is better still when their work is not limited to that, but looks forward to future needs—needs which perhaps are only recognized by those who, with a sort of prophetic instinct, well and truly lay foundations for men of a future day and generation to build upon. Such was the character of much of the effort put forth by the one of whom we speak, whose life has truly been a series of public services and patriotic efforts.

One of his last acts was in connection with the volunteer force of Canada with which he was connected in his student days. In remembrance of this, and with that loyal devotion to his Queen and country, which has always distinguished him, and seeing with others the necessity for a thorough training of our citizen soldiers for service in the field, he recently presented for competition amongst the regiments of his own province a beautiful silver challenge cup of great value, designed by himself, as a prize for superior efficiency in those matters which should distinguish the soldier of to-day.

Few men of greater individuality, keen far-sightedness and breadth of interest in all public matters have occupied prominent positions in this country; whilst those who have enjoyed his friendship in private and family life know from happy experience his kindly disposition, his warm and untiring friendship and his generosity of heart. The writer here ventures to quote from a letter recently received from Lord Dufferin and Ava, wherein he thus speaks of him:—"Thank you for what you tell me of my dear old friend Judge Gowan. I have the greatest respect and affection for him. A more conscientious, honourable and high minded man does not exist."

Though he has arrived at an advanced age his intellectual powers are as clear as ever. May he long be spared to be useful to his country, and to enjoy the good wishes of those who are privileged to know him.