

giving the Supreme Court of Ontario matrimonial jurisdiction, that would end the dispute, but they do not. Our correspondent thinks it is to be found in the power to grant declaratory judgments, we have already given reasons why we think that is not so; to repeat them is unnecessary.—*Ed.*]

Obituary.

HON. JAMES KIRKPATRICK KERR, K.C., SENATOR.

After a long illness, Mr. Kerr died at his residence, "Rathnelly," in Toronto, in his seventy-fifth year.

Mr. Kerr at one time occupied a prominent position at the Bar, though in later years he was perhaps better known in the political arena, having been called to the Senate in March, 1902, and in January, 1909, selected as Speaker of the Upper House, remaining in office until 1911.

Mr. Kerr was born August 1st, 1841, in the township of Puslinch, in the county of Wellington. He received his early education at the well-known school of Dr. Tassie, in Galt, from whence he removed to Toronto to study law. After being called to the Bar in 1862, he entered into partnership with Mr. Blake, the name of the firm being Blake, Kerr & Boyd. He received silk in 1874, and was elected Benchler of the Law Society in 1879. He was from his early days an industrious student of the law, and soon secured a large practice. He was an able advocate and successful in the many business affairs that fall to the lot of lawyers to attend to. In later years he was a member of the firm of Kerr, Macdonald, Davidson & Paterson.

Mr. Kerr was a man of vigorous frame and untiring energy; work was his delight. Amongst his other activities, he was a prominent Mason, occupying the highest position in that Order. He also devoted much time to matters connected with the Church of England, being a most useful member of the congregation of St. James Cathedral, Toronto, and interested in numerous business ventures. Genial and warm-hearted, he was a general favourite.

His first wife was a daughter of the Hon. W. H. Blake, Chancellor of Upper Canada, whom he married in 1864. Some years after her death, he married Miss Pinhorne, niece of Rt. Hon. Stanley Hill, of London, England, who survives him. His son, Capt. Stanley Kerr, is on the Canadian Headquarters Staff in England. He also left four daughters.