

rendered by Senator Gowan, because his design from the first was merely to give, in convenient form, the addresses and proceedings above referred to, and the later incidents in his career, not given in the several biographical works already published.*

In thus recording some incidents in the career of a distinguished public man, who has spent nearly half a century in the public service of his country, the writer is animated by an abiding feeling of respect and veneration for the Honourable Judge and Senator, whom he has known nearly all his life,—first as a school boy at the Barrie Grammar School,† afterwards as a law student, and later as

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* "The Canadian Legal Biography," "The Canadian Biographical Dictionary of Eminent Men," "The Canadian Portrait Gallery," "Morgan's Canadian Directory," and "Irishmen in Canada,"—these were published years ago. The sketches in "The Parliamentary Companions" and a "Cyclopædia of Canadian Biography of Men of the Times" are more recent publications.

† The old Barrie Grammar School and Collegiate Institute, at which the greater number of men who practised at Judge Gowan's Courts received their early education, has been conspicuous for more than forty years as one of the best and most successful institutions of the kind in Canada. On its roll are to be found a great number of men who have distinguished themselves in the professions and in every walk of life. In the Law the writer can recall the names of nine now on the Bench, and a considerable number at the Bar, who have attained the rank of Q. C.; and in Parliament, in the County Councils, as well as the Civil and Military service, the school is well represented.