

complicated facts, and he possessed an amplitude of grasp and unfailing good sense. There may have been lawyers with more profound knowledge of our jurisprudence, such as Jessel, Bowen, Bramwell, Selborne or Watson, and there have been lawyers of note also who were philanthropists and leaders of men in other and sometimes higher spheres, such as Lord Cairns, but of Lord Russell, holding as he did the greatest purely judicial office in Great Britain, it has been said "In the combination of qualities which command the respect of the profession and also exact the interest of the public at large he has had no equal in our time."

He was a great man as well as a great advocate and judge. Although masterful and at times domineering, he was always generous and ready to ask pardon for any breach of courtesy or kindness, and on the Bench his natural impulsiveness and impatience were under great control.

An Irishman through and through, he never faltered in his love and devotion to his native land, and was an outspoken champion of his race. This came out very forcibly in the greatest rhetorical effort of his life, The Parnell Commission, where his sympathies went hand in hand with his brief.

Lord Russell was a Roman Catholic, his family being devoted adherents of that Church, and he was the first of that faith who occupied the high position of Chief Justice of England since the accession of William III.

His intense love of the truth and a hatred of imposters was very marked, and this was the case in matters both great and small. An amusing instance of this may be here referred to. A juryman once asked him to be excused on the ground of infirmity, explaining that he was deaf and could not hear the evidence. "You can go" replied the Chief Justice in a whisper. The unwary juryman, forgetting for the moment his assumed deafness, said, "Thank you, my Lord," when the Chief Justice concluded his sentence in a loud and peremptory tone—"into the box and do your duty."

He was a keen sportsman, especially devoted to the turf, and well known also in dramatic circles, but never allowing these things to interfere with his work or his official duties.

The profession in Canada have a special interest in the late Chief Justice by reason of his visit to this country in 1896, and also by reason of the leader of the Canadian Bar, Mr. Christopher