

were many who subsequently rose to eminence in the profession. It is mentioned as a remarkable fact that "within thirteen years, viz., between 1828 and 1846, seven judges were sitting in the Bench all of whom had seen fighting in the Revolutionary War, or in that of 1812-15, and two of whom had been severely wounded. They were Sir William Campbell, Judge Boulton, Sir J. B. Robinson, Sir J. B. Macaulay, Chief Justice McLean and Judges Jones and Hagerman."

Joining the militia as a private, Robinson was soon after gazetted a lieutenant in the 3rd Regiment of York Militia under Lt.-Col. Chewett. In that capacity he served with General Brock at the capture of Detroit, and at the Battle of Queenston, where his chief, Col. Macdonnell, was killed. Of this last engagement Mr. Robinson has left a very graphic account, given in full in the biography. General Robinson naturally deals very fully with the events of the war, but his subject's connection with it came to an early, and, no doubt, very unexpected termination. The death of Col Macdonell, acting Attorney-General, and the absence of Solicitor-General Boulton, a prisoner in France, left vacant the chief law offices of the Crown, and Mr. Robinson, though not yet called to the bar, was appointed acting Attorney-General, a position which he continued to hold till the close of the war. During that time many important questions arose in which the interests of the Government were concerned, and upon which legal advice was required. For so young a man (he was only twenty-one when appointed to office) and for so young a lawyer—not yet called to the Bar—the responsibility was a heavy one, but the value of his services was admitted and officially recognized.

With the peace came the release of Mr. Boulton, who on his return to Canada was appointed Attorney-General, and Mr. Robinson took his place as Solicitor General. Matters being thus arranged the new Solicitor-General made his first visit to England, partly for the sake of travel, and partly to qualify for the English Bar, though time did not permit him then to accomplish the latter object. He was given a passage in the sloop of war Morgiana, and a curious incident of a very prosperous voyage is recorded. Off the banks of Newfoundland the ship