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For this important service he was a recipient from the Government of Ontario of one of the gold medals struck to commemorate the event. A valuable and beautiful work of art and a well deserved acknowledgment, for on this, as in other matters referred to, his was a work of love—entirely gratuitous.

Judge Gowan was engaged in several other matters of public interest. The dispute between the Government and the Contractors for the erection of the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa, involving a very large amount, had been a subject for controversy for years and was unfortunately cast into the arena of party strife. After the Hon. Mr. Brown entered the Macdonald Government it was arranged that the matter should be settled by arbitration; Mr. Page, the Government Engineer, acting for the Government; the late Mr. Cumberland for the contractors. It was agreed that some Ontario Judge, both parties could

Canada Law Journal, the following appears: 'We are glad to learn that His Honor Judge Gowan has been added to the Commission for consolidating the Statutes of Ontario, and is taking an active part in the revision of the work already done, and in suggestion for its future prosecution. Probably no man in Canada, could be found who is more familiar with the Statute book, and his ripe judgment, and the experience gained by him, when on the Commission for Consolidation of the Statutes of old Canada, will be of the greatest benefit. We congratulate Mr. Mowat on securing his services.' Everyone who knows anything of Judge Gowan, will cordially endorse our contemporary's eulogy, as being eminently well deserved. The Hon. Attorney-General has certainly made a most judicious appointment."