

student in the senior class, and began his studies in the office of Messrs. Gamble & Boulton. In Hilary Term, 1846, he was called to the bar, subsequently forming a partnership with his brother-in-law, the late Sir James Lukin Robinson, having in 1848 married the third daughter of the late Chief Justice, Sir John Beverly Robinson, Baronet. His second wife, daughter of Rev. Thomas Schreiber, of Bradwell, Essex, survives him. Though a member of this firm, Mr. Allan was only for a short time actively engaged in the practice of his profession, and being possessed at that time of considerable means, devoted most of his time, energy and talents to the service of the public and to the benefit of his fellow citizens. His name is identified with the history of Toronto. In 1849 he was one of its Aldermen, and in 1855 its Mayor. In 1858 he was elected to the York Division of the Legislative Council of Old Canada, holding for many years the office of Chairman of Private Bills Committee. In 1883 he was made Speaker of the Senate. He filled a number of positions connected with various monetary institutions of the country, possessing in a marked degree the confidence of the public.

His munificent gift to the city of the ground now composing the Horticultural Gardens in 1857 when President of the Horticultural Society, will be a lasting monument to his public-spirited generosity. Its name should now be "Allan Park," and some fitting memorial of the donor should be found there.

We have not space to tell of the many other positions of public trust and usefulness he filled. He was as well known in his connection with the encouragement of the fine arts, with philanthropic and religious works as with business affairs. He was a patron of that great Canadian painter, Paul Kane, becoming the principal owner of his works. He was President of the Ontario Society of Artists and connected with many literary and scientific bodies. He was also the well-known Chairman of the Upper Canada Bible Society, and Chancellor of the University of Trinity College.

Welcome always in business, social and literary circles, he was perhaps best known by the poor and needy of Toronto, who were unostentatiously helped and cheered by his kind and wise charity. His stately and handsome presence and high-bred courtesy was as well known in the cottages of the poor as in the mansions of the rich.

A native of Toronto, he has been, take him for all in all, its best and its most patriotic and most useful citizen. His name was synonymous with all that was high-minded, dignified and honourable. Loyal to Queen and country, he was essentially loyal in all the relations of life. A man of deep religious convictions, he daily lived his creed. The most unselfish of men, his busy, helpful life was largely lived for others; and he was more than most men under a deep sense of the responsibility of life, and this life he lived to the end, retaining his faculties to the last.

Though his large sphere of usefulness was not in connection with the legal profession, we are proud to remember that he belonged to us.