

dicating upon six hundred civil and criminal cases, for the good of society and support of the Government, without fee or remuneration, except the satisfaction of knowing that lawyers tried unsuccessfully to reverse my convictions before the Superior Court. From this experience I hold that there is no need of an honest Superior Court or Circuit Court judge erring in his judgments. In 1847 there was no person to keep the post-office at West Farnham, and the Postmaster-General gave me the appointment. I held it for ten years. No complaint was made against my fidelity; but because a rival hotel keeper (a gambler) wished to monopolise the stage and passengers I was relieved of the post.

When the late Sheriff of Missisquoi removed west, friends in that county petitioned the Governor-General, Sir George Cartier and party, that I should be named Brown's successor.

A prominent lawyer who acted in favor of the Government, told me that if I wanted the appointment, I must swear implicit confidence and allegiance to Sir George E. Cartier and his party. To this I replied, that I had supported his party for many years, but to swear to support him through thick and thin I would not, to the injury of the public good and for selfish motives. A few days after this, Sir G. sent for me to the Militia School, Montreal, to call upon him at his dwelling. I obeyed his request. He spoke kindly, and asked if it was not true that I had voted for the Hon. Mr. Drummond, in Shefford. I said, "Yes." "Well," said Sir George, "according to the signatures upon your petition, you are entitled to the appointment; but my strength lays in favoring such men as Col. Foster and Mr. Dunkin, member for Brome. If these gentlemen do not agree upon some one, I will give you the appointment." I lost no time in writing to these gentlemen, begging them each to hold on in favor of the man they wanted appointed sheriff, never thinking that the Government would have made Siamese twins. The public knows the result. There are local secrets connected with this that will startle the reader (if I should publish them) at some future time.