

he formed a partnership for the practice of the law with the late Robert J. Turner and W. V. Bacon. During a few years he lived in Hamilton, as solicitor for the Great Western Railway Company; and then returning to Toronto resumed practice there in the firm of Gwynne, Armour & Hoskin in 1863, the only survivor being Mr. John Hoskin, K.C., senior partner in the present firm of McCarthy, Osler, Hoskin & Creelman.

On Nov. 12, 1869, Mr. Gwynne (then a Q.C. and a Bencher of the Law Society) was appointed a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Ontario where he did good service for his country until he obtained well deserved promotion by his appointment to the Supreme Court of Canada on Jan. 14, 1879. That position he occupied until the day of his death.

Mr. Gwynne married in 1852 the youngest daughter of the late Dr. Durie, K.H., a retired army officer. Our esteemed fellow-citizen, Mr. W. D. Gwynne, of Toronto, barrister and special examiner, is his only son. One of his daughters married the late Ernestus Crombie, formerly a well known practitioner in this city, another married Rev. H. G. Baldwin, and another married Mr. Collingwood Schreiber, C.M.G., Deputy Minister and Chief Engineer of Railways and Canals.

It is said that when Mr. Gwynne was appointed to the Bench it was feared by some that his health was not sufficiently good to warrant the expectation that he would be able to stand the strain of judicial work; but, though he never spared himself, his careful, temperate habits, his genial disposition and his strong will-power enabled him to stick to his work, with scarcely an intermission, up to a few days before his death on the 7th of Jan., 1902. In fact his last short illness was apparently due to the intense application he gave to an important judgment he was preparing for delivery. It had been his desire for some years to retire into private life, but the Government did not see its way to giving him his full salary on retirement. This would have been a graceful act to one who had devoted more than a generation to the public service and who had so worthily and faithfully fulfilled the onerous duties entrusted to him.

Mr. Justice Gwynne was a sound and able lawyer, highly educated in general literature and a constant student. As a judge it might perhaps be said that the turn of his mind was subtle and analytical. He had, moreover, a remarkable aptitude for