

advocates, as politicians, as judges and as men," says our contemporary, "they were 'opposites,' both in the literary and in the logical sense of the term. Of course they had points in common. Both possessed an intuitive insight into legal principles, a marvellous power of grasping and expounding facts, and the patient industry without which intuitions are deceitful and gifts of exposition vain. Both were 'great in counsel' (the phrase was, as everybody knows, applied by Disraeli to Cairns) and dexterous in debate. Both were men of flawless rectitude. Both were deeply smitten with the religious instinct. But these resemblances merely emphasise the far more numerous points of contrast between the two Lord Chancellors. In Cairns evangelical zeal burned like a consuming fire. In Selborne it burned, brightly enough it is true, but still mainly within the limits prescribed by a tolerably High Churchmanship. In the exercise of his judicial patronage Cairns was absolutely indifferent to public criticism. Selborne always did what he thought right, but was sensitive about public approval of his appointments. As a judge his mind was more subtle than that of Cairns, because its subtlety was less restrained. Many of his judgments are masterpieces of luminous reasoning and legal learning. But he carried his higher subtlety with him to the Bench, and it marred his supremacy."

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It is with regret that we have to record the death of Mr. George Duval, chief reporter of the Supreme Court of Canada. Mr. Duval has held the position of reporter to the Supreme Court since the court was constituted in 1875, during which time twenty-three volumes of reports have appeared. In recent years he has had the assistance of Mr. C. H. Masters. The work has been carefully executed and reflects credit on the reporters.