

country people: he could easily adapt himself, therefore, to their comprehension, and so had great weight with juries. He only formed one partnership when at the Bar, and that was with Mr. Hughes, his brother-in-law. As a man, he was never forgetful of old friends. He had known my brother in Chatham, and others of my relations in the eastern part of the Province, which always earned for me a fatherly regard from him.

Mr. Wilson was a soldier as well as a Lawyer. When the Rebellion broke out in 1837, he was one of those men of London who did honor to his town, by at once turning out to repress the insurrection. There were no regular troops then in London, and therefore the more necessity that the loyal should, at whatever cost, by precept and example, encourage the loyal to stand by their guns; this Mr. Wilson did in a marked manner, which gained for him the confidence and esteem of the whole people.

The insurrectionists had assembled in large numbers in Gosfield. Mr. Wilson, as Captain, mustered all the volunteers he could gather, and in mid-winter started from London to march twenty miles a day, with the object of putting down the revolt. Both he and the men suffered much; the winter storms, coupled with scant clothing of himself and men, made them suffer great hardships on the route. Both in London and on the march, Mr. Wilson shewed his courage and devotion to his country's interests and his comrades wants.

After the Rebellion, the 85th Regiment was stationed at London. A case occurred at this time which enabled Mr. Wilson to exercise not only his legal but his military skill. The Colonel of the 85th Regiment laid some twenty odd charges against the Major of the Regiment. This caused a Court Martial to be assembled. The Major was tried on the charges, Mr. Wilson acting as counsel for the prosecutor, the Colonel; while John Prince, Q.C., acted for the Major. The Court sat for three weeks, while the charges were investigated. A number of the charges being sustained, the Major was permitted to retire