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"To say that we regret that he has divested himself of the ermine, is but to echo the sentiments of every one who knew him. * *"—*Muskoka Herald*, 16th Oct., 1883.

"Whilst we, in common with the community at large, cannot but regret that Judge Gowan has left the Bench, of which he was so distinguished an ornament, we can easily understand that he wished to divest himself of the ermine, whilst his mental faculties were undoubtedly unimpaired and in more than youthful vigour, because tempered by years and enlarged and varied experience, and cultivated, by not merely legal lore, but by extensive literary reading and study, which it is to be hoped, now that he is untrammelled by judicial fetters, the country may at no distant day reap the benefit of, in some form or other."—*Examiner*, 4th Oct., 1883.

We might multiply quotations in this connection, for the subject was noticed very generally by the public press, and all, without exception, gave expression to regret, and spoke in eulogistic terms of Judge Gowan's varied services during his long career. It is believed they spoke the mind of every thinking man in the community, and we are borne out in this by the language of the Presentment by the Grand Jury, at the Court next after the Judge's resignation.

"This being the first Grand Jury that has met since the retirement of Judge Gowan, we cannot allow the opportunity to pass, without expressing