

Both as a man and as a judge it has been well said that "he was a credit to Canadian citizenship and an ornament to the Canadian Bar and Bench."

The deceased was a native of Yarmouth, N.S., where he was born in 1849. Coming to Toronto he took high honours at the University, and in that city commenced the study of law. He was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1877, and after practising there for a short time removed to Winnipeg, where he was raised to the Bench in 1885. Four years afterwards he became Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench of the Province of Manitoba, and in 1903 was transferred to the Bench of the Supreme Court of Canada. From this comparatively easy and quiet position he was, early in 1905, called to a much more strenuous service in the Chairmanship of the Board of Railway Commissioners, a Court which has to discuss and cope with matters of the highest moment in great affairs connected with the commerce of a growing country, as well as to deal with a multitude of details, which to a less able mind would be simple overwhelming. He passes away at a time when he is most needed, and when the country has begun to recognize his commanding abilities and immense usefulness.

The Dominion Government is now confronted by a most responsible duty—none greater in the line of judicial appointments has ever fallen to their lot—in the selection of a judge to fill Mr. Killam's place. The people look to them to do their duty in this respect apart from party politics, or personal favours, or any such paltry considerations. The time has surely gone by for such modes of dealing with the great problems that confront the representatives of the people of this Dominion. We shall not now express any opinion as to the record of this Government in this respect in the past, even in the thought of their own political friends, but the whole country now looks to them to fulfill the sacred duty entrusted to them in this regard by the appointment of the best man to preside over this most important Court, and who shall be a worthy successor of the one who has unhappily been removed therefrom.