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CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER HAGERMAN,

PUISNE JUDGE OF THE QUEEN'S BENCH.

MR. JUSTICE HAGERMAN was born in the Township of Adolphustown, on the shore of the Bay of Quinté, some five or six years before the close of the last century. His father was of German extraction, and being a U. E. Loyalist, had removed from the United States into the Province at the close of the struggle between the two countries.

The subject of our sketch had not many advantages of education at his outset in life, save what he obtained from his father, who had become a practitioner of the Law, and in whose office his early years were passed. Nothing can tell more than this fact in favor of the character of Mr. Hagerman's mind, and he has a peculiar right to indulge in reflections of self-gratulation on the many difficulties he has had to encounter in consequence, and which he has overcome with signal triumph to himself. Let all the young men of Canada look to him for an example of what industry, energy, and unconquerable independence of character, can do for them, when they enter upon the struggles, and are doomed to encounter the reverses of an active or public life. Universities and Colleges, and nurseries of learning, and what not, concerning which we are now all endeavoring to work ourselves into a vast fever of excitement, are very common place affairs after all; and one of secondary importance to another description of mind-training, which one's children are capable of receiving beneath the paternal roof-tree, and in the homely though holy circles surrounding the domestic hearth. We confess to be heterodox in our opinions upon all University questions, and were we honored with a seat in the Legislative Halls, we somewhat doubt whether we would not treat all such moot points with the silence of our most sovereign and supreme disapprobation. This is peculiarly the age of *cant*, and our children are like to reap the consequences of the present generation's infatuation and folly. We are getting so mighty in all respects, that each one of us must have a Locke or a Porson within our own circle, to console us with the learning of all manner of Universities, in our old age. What exalted and world-renowned fathers of so many highly-educated and glorified children, we shall all have the pleasure of being! Alas! this is but an