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stone in the fabric of our Dominion, without which the edifice must be a failure, and thus publicly stating the law to be in accordance with the belief that he privately held. In the peace of this belief passed away one who will ever be affectionately remembered by his brethren—a memory which will be an encouragement to all who desire to attain to eminence by honest industry and unswerving integrity.

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The vacancy caused by the death of Chief Justice Harrison has caused a recasting of the *personel* of the two Common Law Courts.

The Chief Justice of the Common Pleas takes the position of Chief in the senior Court. Mr. Justice Wilson leaves the latter Court and takes the seat vacated by Chief Justice Hagarty, whilst Hon. Matthew Crooks Cameron becomes the Junior Puisne Judge of the Queen's Bench. We are glad to be able to say that these appointments have, one and all, been received by the profession and the public with unqualified approval.

Of the present learned Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench, it is not necessary to speak at any length. His position is practically the same as before, though it may be esteemed more honourable, as being in the senior Court, and that apart from any question as to the constitutionality of the legislation which deprived its presiding Judge of the appellation of Chief Justice of Ontario.

In February, 1856, Mr. Hagarty was sworn in as a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, in the place of Mr. McLean, who was appointed to the Queen's Bench, when Mr. Draper left that Court to become Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, which seat was vacated by the resignation of Mr. Macaulay. In Hilary vaca-

tion, 1862, Mr. Hagarty was taken from the latter Court and transferred to the Queen's Bench, again taking the vacant seat of Mr. McLean, who was made Chief Justice of Upper Canada, in the room of Sir John B. Robinson, who was appointed President of the Court of Error and Appeal. On the first day of Michaelmas Term, 1868, Mr. Hagarty became Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, in the place of the present Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, who was then made Chief Justice of Ontario, in the room of Mr. Draper, appointed President of the Court of Error and Appeal. Originally placed on the Bench for his merits alone, without regard to politics, his brilliant talents and great learning are too well known to need comment on our part. whilst in private life no more kindly, hospitable gentleman of the old school has been the centre of an admiring circle of friends. Mr. Hagarty was born in Dublin, in 1816, and came to this country in 1824. He was admitted in Trinity Term, 1835, and called to the Bar in Michaelmas Term five years later. He was made a Bencher of the Law Society in the same Term, in the year 1855.

The new Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, Hon. Adam Wilson, who is about 64 years of age, came to this country from Scotland in 1830, and resided for a few years in the Township of Trafalgar, with an uncle in business there. In January, 1834, he was articled to the law in the office of Baldwin & Sullivan. He was there a diligent student, and being called to the Bar in Trinity Term, 1839, remained in the management of the office for Hon. Robert Baldwin, until he went into partnership with that eminent man in January, 1840. This partnership continued until 1849, when it was dissolved, Mr. Baldwin retiring from the practice of the profession. The next year Mr. Wilson formed a partnership with Dr. Larratt