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HON. MR. JUSTICE LOUNT.

The appointment of Mr. William Lount, K.C., to the position rendered vacant in the Common Pleas Division of the High Court of Justice of Ontario by the death of Mr. Justice Rose has been received with much satisfaction by the profession. His name had long ago been mentioned in connection with a judicial position, and the hope was generally expressed that he might receive it. We are among those who are glad that he has, and congratulate him upon his promotion to the high and dignified position which he has been called upon to fill. We have every reason to believe that he will perform its duties with credit to himself and satisfaction to the public and the profession.

Mr. Lount was born at Holland Landing, in the County of York, on March 3, 1840, and is the son of Mr. George Lount, who for many years was Registrar of the County of Simcoe, a man highly respected in his county both personally and in his official capacity. He received his education at the Barrie Grammar School, and subsequently at the Toronto University. He studied for several years in the office of Messrs. Wilson & Hector, the senior member of the firm being subsequently Chief Justice Sir Adam Wilson. This firm enjoyed at that time a large share of the legal practice of Toronto. In 1863 Mr. Lount was called to the Bar, and commenced the practice of his profession in the town of Barrie. In 1876 he was made a Q.C., and in 1883 removed to Toronto, where he became the senior member of the firm of Lount, Marsh & Lindsey.

Early in life he went into politics, and sat in the Local Legislature as member for North Simcoe from 1867 to 1871, as a Liberal. In 1896 he was elected as member for the Dominion Parliament for Centre Toronto, resigning his seat, however, in November, 1897.

Mr. Lount took a prominent position at the Bar in the County of Simcoe, his great opponent in counsel business being the late D'Alton McCarthy. Though not the equal of the latter in some of the requirements of a model advocate, Mr. Lount's persuasive eloquence and personal popularity with juries frequently snatched