

DEATH OF MR. JUSTICE JOHN WILSON.

DIARY FOR JUNE.

1. Tue. Paper Day, C. P. ; New Trial Day, Q. B.
2. Wed. New Trial Day, Common Pleas.
4. Fri. New Trial Day, Queen's Bench.
6. SUN. 2nd Sunday after Trinity.
8. Tues. General Sessions and County Court Sittings in county (except York).
11. Fri. St. Barnabas.
13. SUN. 3rd Sunday after Trinity.
16. Wed. Last day for service for County Court of York.
20. SUN. 4th Sunday after Trinity. Accession of Queen Victoria, 1837.
26. Mon. Longest Day.
24. Thur. St. John Baptist.
26. Sat. Declare for County Court York.
27. SUN. 5th Sunday after Trinity.
29. Tue. St. Peter.
30. Wed. Half-yearly schedule returns to be made. Dep. Reg. in Chan. to make returns and pay over fees.

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The hopes we expressed last month for the recovery of Mr. Wilson were not destined to be fulfilled. After a temporary rally he sank rapidly, and expired on the morning of Thursday the 3rd June instant. The news, though not unexpected, cast a gloom over Osgoode Hall, where the news was received about one o'clock, whilst both the courts were sitting. Both Courts rose immediately, the Court of Common Pleas—his Court—adjourned until Saturday following, and the Court of Queen's Bench adjourned until the next day, the state of the public business preventing any further postponement of the numerous cases before it.

A short sketch of Mr. Wilson's career will be interesting to our readers.

Very full particulars are given in some of the papers in the Western District, of his early life, and the labours which eventually brought him to Toronto as one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas.

He was born at Paisley, in Scotland, in March, 1809, which would make him more than sixty years old at the time of his death, though he scarcely looked it, at least until lately. His father was a weaver by trade; and from him the subject of this sketch is said to have inherited the shrewd, vigorous mind characteristic of the man. He came to Canada in 1819 with his father, who settled near Perth.

His early life subsequent to this, until he became eminent in his profession is thus described in a London paper, from which we make the following extract:—

“Very early he engaged in farming, but not being strong enough for the work, had to give it up. From tilling the ground, he went, still very young, to school teaching, in which employment, while benefiting others, his own faculties were informed and cultivated. By and by he became anxious for a higher order of education, with a view to a profession, if fortune would second his laudably ambitious aims. He entered himself straightway as a pupil in the Perth Grammar School, then under the management of Mr. John Stewart, now a barrister in Stratford. Showing much aptness for learning and very marked capacity, the lad was recommended to study law, and he wisely accepted the advice. His next step was to enter the office of Mr. James Boulton, now a barrister in Toronto, but then practising in Perth. As an evidence of the confidence Mr. Boulton had in his apprentice, he at length entrusted him with the entire management of a branch office which was opened at Bytown, now known as Ottawa, the capital of the country. After some three years Mr. Boulton removed to Niagara, whither his clerk was invited to accompany his master, and there he completed his studies. In 1834, (in Easter Term, having been admitted as an Attorney on 5th November, 1834), Mr. Wilson was called to the Bar, and immediately proceeded to London to enter on an independent professional career. At that date London was a village containing 500 or 600 inhabitants, with only three lawyers—Mr Tenbroeck, and Stuart Jones, barrister, both of them dead years ago, and Mr. John Stewart, barrister, now clerk in the office of the Minister of Justice, at the seat of Government. In a very short time he acquired a large legal practice in what was then the London District, embracing within its extensive bounds what are now the counties of Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford, Huron, Grey, Bruce, Norfolk, Perth, and a portion of Brant. His old Grammar School master, Mr. Stewart, it is worth mentioning, ere long entered his office as a clerk, and completed his studies under his former pupil's supervision. And here it may be stated, quite as well as in any other connection, that the many students that passed through his office, from first to last, have a lively and pleasant