

the Society, as Student, in Easter Term, 11 George IV., 1830. As soon as admitted, he entered the office of James Boulton, then practising at Perth, studied his term with him, and was called to the Bar in Easter Term, 5 William IV., 1835. He had so much the confidence of Mr. Boulton, that he was no sooner admitted to the Bar than he intrusted him with the conduct of a branch of his office at Niagara, to which town Mr. Boulton himself in a short time removed, leaving a large and lucrative practice in the County Town of Lanark. Niagara at this time was a flourishing town, carrying on a successful business with houses in Montreal, shipping goods westward, to be portaged to Chippewa, at the foot of Lake Erie.

I remember Niagara in 1836, as a most business-like place. They still affected to believe there that it was the Capital, though it had been long since supplanted by Toronto. The place was not wanting in lawyers, for there were several there at that time. I call to recollection James Boulton, Miller and Boomer, Charles Hall, and several others, whose names I have forgotten. It was not an unusual thing to have upwards of one hundred records entered for trial at the Assizes.

In 1835, Mr. Wilson left Niagara, and settled in London, to practise his profession in that town. He soon here gained a wide-spread reputation. He was not only a good; but a reliable lawyer, just and reliable in all his dealings. He was a man who was free from all those blemishes that defaced the credit of the sharp-practice lawyer. Blunt, but honest, he earned the respect of all who knew him. He soon gained the soubriquet of "Honest John Wilson." His practice was not confined to London alone, but to the whole Western District. He used to hold briefs at Chatham, St. Thomas, Sandwich, and in Woodstock, where his brother-in-law, Mr. now Judge Hughes, was practising. I have often met him at the Bar of that town. From meeting him there frequently, I had opportunity of judging of his measure. He was intimately acquainted with all the ways and wants of the