

INTERCHANGE OF COUNSEL.

Ontario is about to take from us a good and able member of the Quebec bar in Mr. J. J. Maclaren, who goes to Toronto to take the place in a prominent firm vacated by Mr. Rose, who was recently appointed to the bench. We avoid in this journal as far as possible matters merely personal, or we should be disposed to say more of an incident which is not without some significance. Ontario, on the other hand, gave to our bar several years ago a counsel of some prominence in Mr. J. C. Hatton. Both gentlemen are Queen's Counsel under Provincial authority, and we fail to perceive any reason why the Provincial appointment should not be confirmed by the Dominion Government. We protested some time ago against the exclusion of Mr. W. W. Robertson, then *Bdtonnier* of the Montreal bar, from the same honor. That omission has since been rectified, but his successor as *Bdtonnier*, Mr. Geoffrion, is not a Q. C. of the Dominion. We are entirely convinced that the appointment of Queen's Counsel would not be one whit less respectable if it ceased to be confined to so great an extent to those who have done service on the stump to the party in power. The fault has been common to both sides.

THE LATE MR. GEORGE OKILL STUART.

Mr. George Okill Stuart, Judge of the Vice-Admiralty Court at Quebec, died in that city on the 5th instant. The deceased was a son of the late Archdeacon Stuart, of Kingston, and nephew of the late Sir James Stuart, Chief Justice of Lower Canada. His grandfather, the Rev. John Stuart, was a clergyman of the Church of England, who, at the close of the revolutionary war, left the United States to settle in Canada. His mother was a daughter of General Brooks, for several years Governor of the State of Massachusetts. Mr. Stuart was educated partly in Kingston and partly in Quebec. Having chosen the law as a profession, he pursued his studies with his uncle, afterwards Sir James, and was called to the bar in 1830. From 1834 until 1838 he was in partnership with his uncle, who in the latter year

was appointed Chief Justice of Lower Canada. In 1846 Mr. Stuart became Mayor of Quebec, and filled the office until 1850. A year or two later he was elected by a considerable majority to represent the same city in the Legislative Assembly, and held the seat, with a short intermission, until 1858. He then retired from political life and devoted himself entirely to his profession, in which he was eminently successful. In 1873 he was appointed Judge of the Vice-Admiralty Court at Quebec, an office which he filled with much ability up to the time of his death.

The name of Mr. Stuart is also familiar to the profession as a reporter. In 1834, shortly after his call to the bar, he published a volume of reports of cases determined in courts of the province; and subsequently in 1858 and 1873 he published two volumes of Admiralty Reports, embracing decisions by Mr. Black, whom, as we have mentioned, he succeeded in 1873.

Mr. Stuart had entered upon his seventy-seventh year. In 1833 he married Margaret B. Stacy, a niece of Mr. Black, who survives him.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

COMPENDIUM OF DOMINION LAWS OF CANADA, 1867-1883, in force on the first day of January, 1884, indicating Amendments, Repeals, &c., with Index. By J. Fremont, A.B., L.L.L., Barrister. Montreal: A. Periard, publisher.

This is a work by a member of the Quebec bar, the useful character of which is indicated by the title. It is in three parts, the first of which contains a list of the Statutes of Canada from 1867 to 1883, indicating chapter by chapter and section by section the law as it was in force on the 1st of January of the present year. The second part comprises (1) a list of Statutes of Canada (1867-1883), repealed, expired or effete; (2) a list of Acts passed previous to Confederation which have been repealed by Statutes of Canada. (This list does not comprise Acts within the jurisdiction of Provincial Legislatures repealed by Provincial Acts.) (3) Acts passed previous to Confederation which have been amended by Statutes of Canada. The third part consists