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## *CHRISTOPHER ROBINSON.*

At his residence, Beverley House, in the City of Toronto, in the seventy-eighth year of his age on the last day of October, there passed away from our midst one of the great lawyers and advocates of the Empire, and one of Canada's most worthy sons, Christopher Robinson, K.C., M.A., D.C.L.

As to some men who have made their mark in the world it is often difficult to foretell the place they will occupy in history, for they have lived, perchance, in troublous times, when great questions have divided men, and passions and prejudices have been aroused; but this was not the case with him of whom we now speak. He lived quietly and unostentatiously amongst us. In his younger days Toronto was a small place, and all knew him or knew of him. His reputation and the respect of his fellows grew with his growth; and though he came slowly and quietly to the front, his progress was sure; and for many years before he died he was regarded as the unquestioned leader of the Canadian Bar.

The life of Mr. Robinson must be sketched both as to his unique personality, and as to the estimate to be formed of him as a lawyer and advocate. In both respects, and especially the latter, his position was exceptional. He had been in truth for many years in a class by himself.

In his private life he secured the love of all who had the good fortune to be his friends by his gentle manners, his ready and unselfish helpfulness, his high sense of honour and his sterling integrity; and it may well be said that everyone who knew him was the better for being brought into contact with him. As a citizen, though taking but little part in public affairs, he enjoyed the respect of all. His was the highest type of a man—a man of whom Canada may well be proud—a gentleman in the truest sense of the word.

A casual acquaintance might have come to a wrong conclusion as to his force of character, if they judged him by his