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## Obituary.

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### *HIS HONOUR JUDGE DAVIS.*

The sudden and untimely death of the late Judge Davis, Junior Judge of the county of Middlesex, has come as a severe shock to the Bar of the counties of Middlesex and Lambton, and to the public of those counties as well. He was sojourning at New Carlisle, on the Bay of Chaleur, to rest and recruit, when his sudden death from heart failure was announced.

The late judge was born near the city of Cork, but came to Canada when quite young and studied law. He commenced the practise of his profession in the town of Sarnia in 1852, where he continued to reside and practise until 1876. He was for many years County Crown Attorney of the county of Lambton and county solicitor. He was also the first lieutenant-colonel of the 27th Battalion, which he was mainly instrumental in forming. He was one of the commissioners sent by the Dominion Government to investigate the working of prohibition in the State of Maine. The report of that commission laid the foundation of the Canada Temperance Act. He was also on several occasions a candidate for parliamentary honours, but was defeated by small majorities. In 1876 he was made a Queen's Counsel, and in the same year he was appointed Junior Judge of the county of Middlesex. As a judge he was deservedly popular. He was painstaking, patient, and courteous, and of so cheerful and genial a disposition that he won the affection of everybody with whom he came in contact. He held the scales of justice so fairly as to win admiration from lawyers and litigants for his conscientious impartiality.

The Bar Association of the county of Middlesex held a special meeting for the purpose of passing a resolution of regret and condolence, and similar action was taken by the members of the profession in the county of Lambton.