

long judgments except in cases where the whole responsibility was thrown upon himself alone. In other cases he often adopted the opinion of other Judges, giving his conclusions, as in this case. The point raised was a new one on a new statute, and, as will be seen, Mr. Justice Morrison was sustained by the Supreme Court. I will not cite any further judgments of Mr. Justice Morrison.

Before Judge Morrison was promoted to the Bench I knew him well as a practitioner. While engaged in politics I did not see much of him, but know that he was a favourite with all the members with whom he was associated. He had good judgment in political affairs. He was not brilliant, but a well balanced mind enabled him to give a dispassionate and trustworthy opinion on public questions. He was, I may say, better in council than out of council. To serve his friend Mr. John A. Macdonald, he held office for a year in the Government without a seat in the House. During this time he was much abused by the political press, but it was not known how much he desired to resign his position. He was induced by Mr. Macdonald to believe that public exigency required him to retain his office, even though a victim of public displeasure. In this he sacrificed himself to serve a friend.

I believe I know more of Judge Morrison after he reached the Bench than before. Being on circuit with him often enabled me to know him well. Off the Bench he was most agreeable, unostentatious, and companionable. On one occasion, after the close of the Picton Assizes, there being a day to spare, he, a couple of friends, and myself took a carriage and paid a visit to the sand banks near Wellington, on the Lake Shore. I had spent part of the time of my professional studies in Belleville, and had often visited Picton, but never the sand banks. These huge banks of white sand some distance from the margin of the lake, form a curious contrast with the waters of the lake and with the country round. Here we have a fine agricultural Township, with good alluvial soil largely covered with