

Govts. touching the western and the north-western boundaries of Ont., and, in 1884, when the matter was carried to the Privy Council, he was sent to Eng. with Christopher Robinson, Q.C., and D'Alton McCarthy, Q.C., on behalf of the Dom. Govt. As a criminal lawyer he highly distinguished himself in one of the most sensational trials of the century, well known as the Biddulph murder case, 1880, in which he was counsel for the prisoners. Removing to Toronto, 1883, he continued a successful practice in that city up to his appt. as a Puisne Judge of the Common Pleas Div. of the High Ct. of Justice of Ont., Nov. 30, 1887. The case of the most general public interest which has come before him as a judge since his appt. to the Bench was the trial of John R. Birchall for the murder of F. C. Benwell near Woodstock, Ont., 1890, the details of which will be fresh in the recollection of the reader. Of this case the *London Spectator* said: "Apart from the special interest created by the prisoner's antecedents, the trial has in many ways been a remarkable one. For the first time since the telegraph made sensational murder trials international the Canadian administration of justice has undergone the severe ordeal of having a crowd of reporters eager to seize on and write up any 'incident,' creditable or discreditable, and occupied in throwing a daily reflection of the proceedings in a provincial court-house on to the newspaper sheets throughout the Eng.-speaking world. The test, however, has been undergone, and the country realizes that for dignity and impartiality Canadian trials compare favourably with those of any country in the world except Eng. . . . No trial at any Eng. assizes could have been conducted with a more admirable temper than that at Woodstock in Canada. Judge, jury, and counsel, all seemed strongly possessed with a sense of the responsibility of the task before them, and they combined to make the investiga-

tion in every sense creditable to the Dom. In no country in the world could Birchall have had a fairer trial than he obtained in Ont." Politically, before his elevation to the Bench, Mr. MacM. was a Lib., and ran in that interest for the Ho. of Commons, first for the city of London, g. e. 1872; and secondly, for the Co. of Kent, g. e. 1878, being defeated on both occasions. In religious faith, His Lordship is a R. C. In private life, he is known as a man of culture and refinement, whose judgment as a *connoisseur* in art is highly regarded in professional circles. He has written occasionally for the press on historical and other subjects, and his addresses to juries are spoken of as being models of graceful and elegant diction. He m. 1864, Isabel Janet, eld. dau. of the late Simon Mackenzie, Belleville, Ont.—52 *Spadina Ave., Toronto*.

"One of the most enlightened Irishmen in the Dom. who uses his voice and pen to promote that cordial feeling between his countrymen which it is so desirable should exist in their own interest and in the interest of Can."—*Davis* (1877).

MacMARTIN, Daniel F., lawyer and legislator, was b. of Can. parentage, at Cornwall, Ont., and ed. at Cornwall High Sch., and at Queen's Univ., Kingston. Removing to the U. S. he was called to the bar of N. Y., Mch., 1887, and became an expert in divorce law. On the opening of Oklahoma Territory, 1890, he proceeded thither, and besides practising his profession there, took editorial charge of the *Daily Times*, published at Oklahoma City, and was subsequently elected to the local Legislature. He is a "free-soiler" in politics, and desires to see Can. annexed to the U. S. He m. 1st, Miss H. A. Scurr; and 2ndly, Miss Gertrude Arnold.—*Oklahoma City, O. T.*

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