

pleasure, and which added dignity to and a sense of security in the administration of justice in the courts over which he so long presided. Space fails, however, to refer further to his judicial career, except to say that for many years before and after his retirement from the bench he occupied the position of Chairman of the Board of Judges, and that it was his own wish that prevented, on two occasions, judicial promotion, first to the Court of Common Pleas, and subsequently to the Court of Queen's Bench of this province, during the administration of the Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald.

Most of the best work done by Mr. Gowan during his long and useful life was not known to the public until many years elapsed, and much of it has as yet never been made known, though it has proved and will prove a lasting benefit to the country. For example, none but those connected with it knew that for many years this journal in the early years of its existence, was indebted to his learning and industry for articles which were of great service to the profession, to the magistracy and to the officers of the local courts of this province. Few likewise know the extent to which he was the author or framer of some of the most important enactments on our statute book, or that his ripe experience and wise counsel were often sought by others, some high in authority, in important matters of doubt and difficulty. It is however within public knowledge that he was largely engaged in the various revisions and consolidations of the statute law of this province; the statutes of Upper Canada to 23 Vict., the statutes of Canada up to 1859, and the Ontario consolidation of 1877; that he was associated at various times between 1852 and 1871 with judges of the Superior Courts in the framing of rules of procedure, and in the enquiry into various matters affecting the better administration of justice, etc., and that he sat on very important commissions, notably being one of three judges who, in 1873, were appointed by the Crown to investigate certain charges made in Parliament against Cabinet Ministers in connection with the Canadian Pacific Railway contract. We cannot, however, further refer to these matters in detail.

In 1885 the retired judge received Her Majesty's summons to the Senate of Canada, taking his seat in the Upper House on February 3rd of that year, and he then received congratulatory addresses and communications as well from the bar and other public bodies in his county as from various distinguished men