

servative Association and has on several occasions been tendered the nomination by his party as a candidate for the House of Commons and provincial legislature, but has always declined.

He has been and is associated in various ways with many philanthropic works and has been identified with almost every local enterprise which has been organized in his native town; is president of the Royal Victoria Hospital and of the Children's Aid Society for the county of Simcoe, and a director of various companies.

Mr. Strathy was married in 1878 to Marian Isabella, youngest daughter of the late Revd. S. B. Ardagh, first Rector of Barrie, and is a member of the Church of England.

Mr. Strathy's only son, Gerard B. Strathy of Toronto, is also a practising barrister, making the third in succession who have entered the legal profession.

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*THE LATE SIR JAMES ROBERT GOWAN, K.C.M.G.*

On the 18th ult. there passed off the scene one of Canada's great men. His loss is not confined to his many friends in this and other lands, but is that of the country at large.

This journal has special reason for referring to the loss which the country has sustained inasmuch as its inception was due to the enterprise and industry of the deceased gentleman.

Of him it may truly be said, "he passed away full of years and of honour." He died in his 94th year, having received marks of distinction and appreciation not only from his adopted country but from his Sovereign. For over 40 years he was a judge, and might have attained, if he so desired, the highest judicial position in the gift of the Crown in this country; he was the trusted adviser of many of Canada's greatest statesmen on both sides of politics: a man of wisdom, of unusual discernment and knowledge of public affairs, he was the framer of many important public measures, introduced by others, which became the law of the land; as a member of the Senate of Canada, he was a legislator of ripened experience and great sagacity; on intimate and friendly terms with many of