

CHIEF JUSTICE REID.

MONTREAL, Jan. 20. —Died, on the 19th inst., at his house, in Panet Street, the Honourable JAMES REID, late Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench, in the seventy-ninth year of his age. He filled the judicial office of one of the Judges of that Court, for a period of thirty-three years, fifteen of which, he presided as Chief Justice, and his administration of its functions during that long period, shed a lustre alike upon the tribunal and the Judge.

Mr. Reid was admitted to the Bar in the year 1794, after a professional career, marked by untiring industry and honorable conduct, he was, in May, 1807, raised to the Bench as one of the Puisne Judges, the duties of which, he performed with unsullied dignity, as an upwright, impartial, and laborious Judge.

In the year 1823, he was elevated to the office of Chief Justice, and presided as such on the Bench, until the year 1838, when the weight of declining years warned him to seek that repose which befitted his advanced age, and to enjoy that leisure to which by a long and laborious life, he had become honorably entitled, and he resigned his office. In the discharge of his judicial labours, he was admired for his integrity, firmness, and unconquerable industry. After relinquishing office, Mr. Reid and his family visited Europe, and while in England, the honor of Knighthood was offered to him as a mark of the Royal approbation of his long and valuable services; but a long life of public service, and a conscientious and faithful discharge of public duty, had secured to him the esteem of his fellow-citizens, and conferred upon him a rank beyond the records of the Heralds office, or the fugitive honors of a title, and he declined accepting it.

As a Judge, no man ever possessed more general respect and public confidence during his judicial career, and well did he deserve it; for no man ever devoted himself more conscientiously, and with more scrupulous fidelity and zeal