

he should consider, from their probity, education and condition in life, fit and proper to practise law. Doctor William Warren Baldwin was one of the five favoured ones; he received a Licence, produced it to the Law Society, and was called to the Bar in Easter Term 43 Geo. III., 1803, Number 25 on the Roll.

A handsome man, of fine presence and easy manner, fluent and ready-witted, well educated and knowing even a little law, he soon had a large and flourishing practice. Appointed a Bencher in 1807, he became Treasurer in 1811.

John Macdonell was of the Greenfield branch of the Clan, and son of Alexander Macdonell; he was born at Greenfield, Glengarry, Scotland, in 1785, and came with his family to Canada in 1792. Educated at the celebrated school at Cornwall taught by John Strachan, afterwards the first Anglican Bishop of Toronto, he was admitted to the Books of the Law Society the same term as Dr. Baldwin, Easter Term, 43 Geo. III., April 6th, 1803. He was called five years afterwards, *i.e.*, in Trinity Term, 48 Geo. III., 1808. While not very tall, he was strikingly handsome. With a good knowledge of law, he made his way at the Bar, and, November 28th, 1811, he was made Attorney-General of the Province by General (afterwards Sir) Isaac Brock, on the departure for England of the former Attorney-General Firth.

At the time the Governor (Gore) and some of his officials, Firth among them, had been at strife, Baldwin took the part (in a subordinate way) of Firth, with whom he continued friendly and with whom he kept up a correspondence after Firth's withdrawal to England.

The appointment of Macdonell as Attorney-General was exceedingly distasteful to Dr. Baldwin; and there were many passages at arms between him and Macdonell in the Courts and out of them. At length, at the Court of Assize held at York in April, 1812, Macdonell used language which Baldwin thought so wanton and ungentlemanly, that he appealed to the

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