

THE LATE T. W. RITCHIE, Q.C.

The death of Mr. Ritchie, probably best known outside the city as the solicitor to the Bank of Montreal, which took place last Monday, was as sudden as unexpected.

He was the proprietor of a neat villa at Bolton Cliffs, on the borders of Lake Memphremagog and during the summer months usually left the city on Saturdays to spend a few days with his family. On the preceding Saturday he had left Montreal, and was returning across the Lake on the day of his death with his daughter and a party of friends in order to catch the evening train for the city. Mr. Ritchie appeared in the best of health and spirits, until, as the steamboat was nearing the wharf at Newport, about four o'clock, he was observed to fall to the deck, and before medical assistance could be summoned he was dead.

Mr. Thomas Weston Ritchie was a native of Hattery P. Q., where he was born in 1828. His father was Registrar of the District of Sherbrooke, and deceased was called to the Bar in 1852, being appointed Queen's Counsel in 1867. He commenced practice in Sherbrooke with Mr. Borlase, but afterwards removed to Montreal and entered into partnership with the Hon. (now Sir) John Rose, and Mr. (now the Hon. Justice) Monk, under the firm name of Rose, Monk & Ritchie. After the elevation of Mr. Monk to the Bench, the firm continued under the name of Rose & Ritchie, until Sir John Rose left for England, when his son, Mr. W. Rose and Mr. John L. Morris became partners with Mr. Ritchie, under the name of Ritchie, Morris & Rose. Mr. W. Rose afterwards removed to England, Mr. Morris retired, and Mr. Ritchie again became associated with his former partner, Mr. Borlase, of Sherbrooke. Mr. Borlase also retired about four years ago. Mr. Ritchie was latterly in partnership with his son, Mr. W. F. Ritchie, and Mr. M. S. Lonergan. The deceased held many important positions of public and corporate trust. Being for a number of years a Director of the Bank of Montreal. He was deservedly popular in all his several relations and was considered by all who knew him as an upright man and a staunch friend. During the years he was Crown Protector his gentlemanly bearing and moderation won him many friends. In politics though nominally a Conservative, his views were of the most independent character. Though he made no pretensions to eloquence, Mr. Ritchie always commanded attention in court. He spoke to the point, and was regarded by his *confreres* as a wise counsellor, and an admirable legal tactician. He also possessed a fund of keen wit and humour, which made him rather a formidable opponent in close discussion. For many years he was a member of the Bar Council and his relations with the



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members of his profession have been always of the most agreeable kind.

In proof of the feeling towards him at the Bar, a meeting of its members was held on Wednesday in the library at the court house, when the following resolutions were adopted.

Moved by Joseph Doutra, Esq., Q.C., seconded by Edward Carter, Esq., Q.C.,—

That the members of this section of the Bar have learned with the deepest sorrow of the sudden death of their much esteemed *confrere*, T. W. Ritchie Esq., Q.C., and avail themselves of this occasion to give expression publicly to their high appreciation of his eminent qualities, his high legal attainments and the ability which he displayed as a member of the profession, and which secured to him the confidence and respect of the Bar generally.

Moved by Strachan Bethune, Esq., Q.C., seconded by R. Laflamme, Esq., Q.C.,—

That the strict sense of honor, the genial disposition and the courteous and affable manner which characterized his relations with all his *confreres* will endear his memory to the members of the Bar, who all sincerely mourn his loss.

Moved by E. Barnard, Esq., Q.C., seconded by W. H. Kerr, Esq., Q.C.,—

That out of respect to our deceased *confrere* we, the members of the Bar, do attend his funeral in a body and wear mourning for one month.

Moved by C. A. Geoffrion, Esq., Q.C., seconded by Geo. Macrae, Esq., Q.C.,—

That we, members of the Bar, beg to convey our deep sympathy to the widow and family of our deceased brother in their sad bereavement.

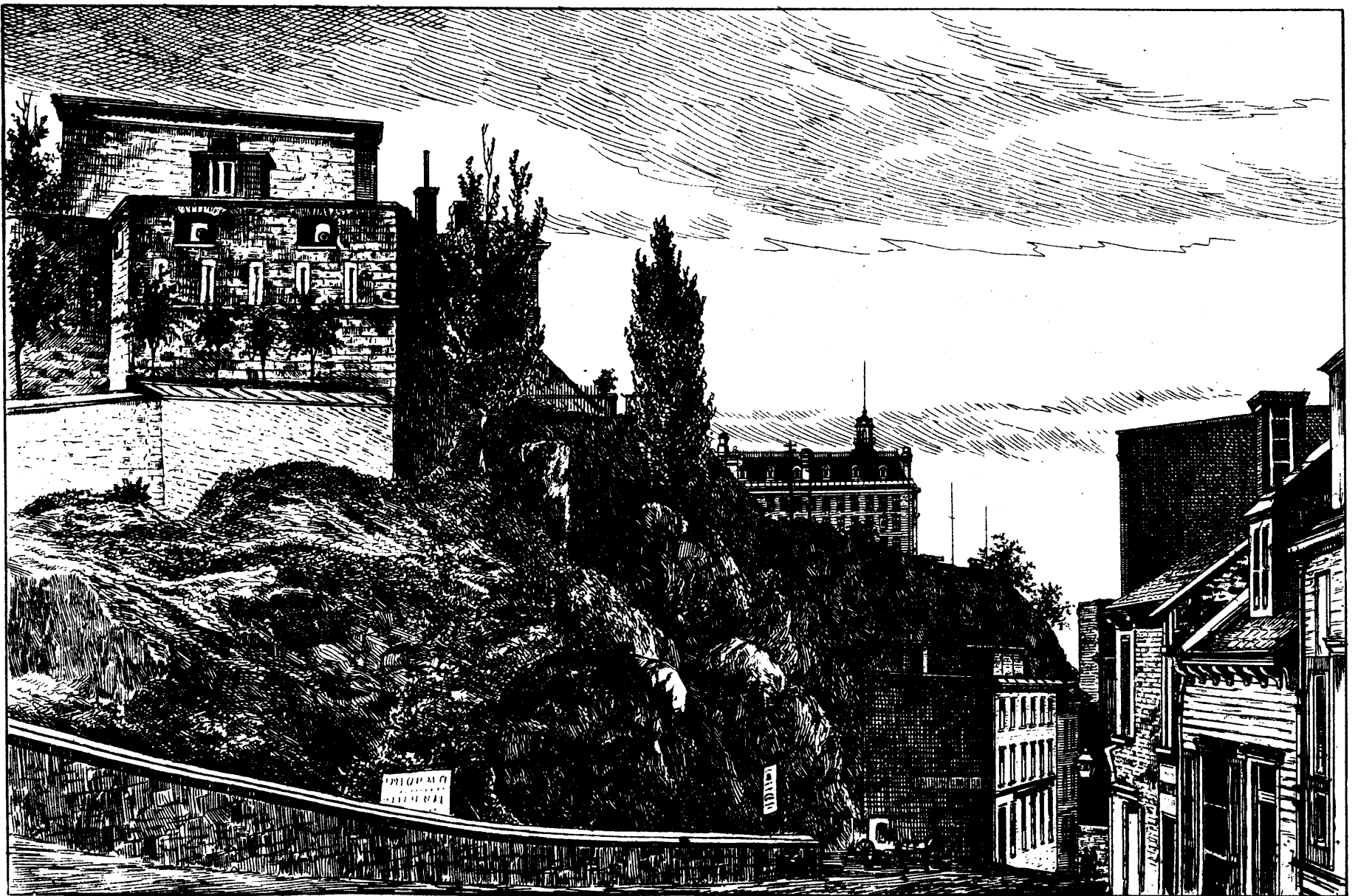
Moved by T. P. Butler, Esq., seconded by Joseph Duhamel, Esq., Q.C.,—

That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the widow and family of the deceased, and be also published in the city newspapers.

All the above resolutions were carried unanimously.

Mr. Ritchie's remains were brought to Montreal by Great Eastern Railway shortly after noon on Tuesday accompanied by his son, Dr. McDonald and Mrs. Lindsay. The remains were conveyed to his late residence No. 660 Sherbrooke street. The flag over the City and District Savings Bank buildings flying at half mast during the day out of respect to his memory.

The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon from the family residence on Sherbrooke street to Mount Royal Cemetery, a very large number of the members of the Bar and other friends being in attendance. The following were the pall-bearers:—Judge Johnson, Mr. Smithers, Hon. D. A. Smith, Hon. R. Laflamme, Q.C., Mr. W. W. Robertson, John Lewis, and Henry Judah.



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