

the Ecole de Médecine, Sorbonne, and the Collège de France. He studied law with the late Duncan Fisher, Q.C., and the Hon. James Smith, subsequently Attorney-General for Lower Canada and a judge of the Superior Court, and was called to the bar in 1848. He was professor of Roman law in the Law Faculty of McGill University (of which he was afterwards a governor, and from which he obtained the degree of B.C.L. in 1856,) from 1854 to 1870. He was one of the commissioners appointed in 1865 to enquire into the St. Albans raid affair, and was appointed a puisné judge of the Superior Court on August 27, 1868.

THE LATE MR. JUSTICE RAMSAY.

(Gazette, Montreal, Dec. 28.)

A meeting of the Bar of Montreal was held in the Court House at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Amongst those present were: Messrs. J. J. Day, Q.C., Strachan Bethune, Q.C., W. H. Kerr, Q.C., W. W. Robertson, Q.C., J. M. Loranger, Q.C., J. C. Hatton, Q.C., Gersham Joseph, Q.C., Rouer Roy, Q.C., J. S. Hall, Jr., M.P.P., E. Lafontaine, M.P.P., John L. Morris, A. Branchaud, James Kirby, W. F. Ritchie, C. J. Doherty, J. Ralph Murray, G. B. Cramp, C. C. DeLorimier, Q.C., Denis Barry, C. H. Stephens, W. D. Lighthall, A. R. Oughtred, W. P. Sharpe, A. D. Nicolls, W. S. Walker, R. Dandurand, P. H. Roy, J. P. Sexton, H. J. Hague, H. Lanctot, P. M. Durand, S. A. Lebourveau, and A. E. Poirier.

Mr. BETHUNE, Q.C., suggested that Mr. Day, Q.C., as the oldest member of the Bar in this district, should take the chair.

The following resolutions were unanimously carried:—

Moved by Mr. S. BETHUNE, Q.C., Mr. Rouer Roy, Q.C., and Mr. W. W. Robertson, Q.C., and seconded by Mr. JOSEPH M. LORANGER, Q.C., and Mr. A. Branchaud:

That the members of the Bar of the district of Montreal desire to express their profound regret at the death of the late Mr. Justice Ramsay, who by his brilliant talents, varied acquirements and great learning, adorned the Court of Queen's Bench for Lower Canada, of which he was one of the most distinguished members for many years past.

Moved by Mr. P. H. ROY and Mr. LAWRENCE McDONALD, and seconded by Mr. J. C. HATTON, Q.C.:

That, as a token of respect to his memory, the members of the Bar wear mourning for one month.

Moved by Mr. W. H. KERR, Q.C., Mr. JOHN L. MORRIS and Mr. C. J. DOHERTY, and seconded by Mr. E. LAFONTAINE, M.P.P.:

That the secretary transmit to the family of the late judge a copy of these resolutions, and at the same time convey to them the expression of the deep sympathy of this Bar with them in their affliction.

Moved by Mr. J. KIRBY, seconded by Mr. R. DANDURAND:

That these resolutions be published in the papers of this city.

Mr. BETHUNE, Q.C., in moving the first resolution, said: I do not think it is necessary that I should add anything to the words of the resolution. I am sure that we must all feel the very great loss that the Bench, the Bar and the public has sustained by the sudden death of Mr. Justice Ramsay. For my own part, I have always admired him immensely, and when I speak of his brilliant talents, varied acquirements and great learning, I do not think there is a word too much. In short, I have always regarded him as one of our greatest legal minds.

Mr. KERR, Q.C.—I have very little to add to what has fallen from the lips of my learned friend, Mr. Bethune, excepting to say that I had the advantage of practising for many years in opposition to the late Mr. Justice Ramsay, and I must bear testimony to the fact that we have never had a public prosecutor in Montreal who was at all equal to him. He was most careful and attentive in his duties, and one noteworthy feature was that when he gave his word to a *confrère* that on such a day a trial would come on, you might depend upon it with the most implicit confidence. It is hardly necessary to add anything further with respect to him, excepting to say that his industry was very great, the pains that he took with his cases was unexampled, and so far as his integrity was concerned, although a violent partizan when at the Bar, I do not think that even the breath of suspicion was raised as to the purity of his motives in any of the cases in which he was engaged.

Mr. DAY, Q.C.—I need only say that I heartily endorse every word that has been uttered by my two learned friends.

Mr. P. H. ROY, in moving the second resolution, said: After the remarks of the learned gentlemen who have preceded me, there is but little to add. Judge Ramsay's knowledge