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the provinces with his family at the close of the struggle, and on the organization of the supreme court of New Brunswick, in 1784, was appointed one of the four judges. His son, John Allen, born in the last named year, was subsequently Colonel Allen, a prominent public man who was one of the judges of the inferior court of common pleas, and for thirty-five years continuously represented the county of York in the General Assembly. He died at the advanced age of ninetyone years. John Campbell Allen, his son, was born in 1817, and in 1838, at the age of twenty-one, was admitted an attorney of the supreme court of New Brunswick. This was the beginning of a long and honorable service at the bar and on the bench of his native province, which terminated only when, in November, 1893, after fifty-five years of earnest work, he was stricken by paralysis while at the post of duty. Five years later, on the 27th of September last, he passed away, leaving behind him the precious heritage of a good name, which shall endure undimmed down through the generations that shall follow us.

In all the varied epochs of his public life, as a lawyer, a legislator, a crown officer and a judge, Sir John Allen dignified and adorned the position he held. His positions came all unsought by him, because he was recognized as the right man in each instance. When he had reached the highest position on the bench, his name as a jurist and a gentleman found fit association with such names as those of the chief justices from Ludlow to Ritchie. He was made a judge because he was worthy to be one, and when he became a judge he had in him that which commanded respect, wholly apart from the scant and formal courtesy which would be of necessity due to the position. He belonged to the old regime of judges, to whom the most swaggering latter-day attorney felt impelled to doff his hat on the