

he took that notice which, happily, is less common now than it used to be in those days,—and the judge's friend lost his life in the duel which immediately followed. He that fell was a member of the Assembly, and his death made a vacancy, which the judge, to the disgust of every respectable person, became a candidate for, and after a desperate struggle he carried his point, being the first and the last judge in Upper Canada who ever desired a seat in the Assembly. This was in 1806-7. As soon as this monstrous proceeding became known in England, the judge was suspended; and from that time till Governor Gore's retirement in 1811—when on account of the prospect of war with the United States, it was thought proper to replace him by a military governor (General Brock)—there was little or nothing to disturb public tranquillity in Canada, and Mr. Gore's administration was free from that anxiety and those unpleasant difficulties which he had to encounter upon his arrival, and during the first year that followed.

You ask me if I know what were the results of his controversy with Sergeant Frith. Poor Sergeant Frith I knew well. He came out as Attorney-General in 1807, upon the promotion of the famed Attorney-General, Mr. Scott, to be Chief Justice, and as I was in the office of the Solicitor-General at the same time, I saw much of him. He was an eccentric, unreasonable man, with an ungovernable temper, but had qualities that made him to be looked kindly upon in society,—being hospitable, an agreeable companion when his caprices did not interfere, and possessing literary tastes and acquirements. He was so really absurd in his temper that he was more laughed at than disliked for it. Being an Englishman, (from Norwich,) he did not participate in