

Hamilton. This was the first trial of great importance in which Mr. Harrison was engaged. It required great endurance and skilful management, and was conducted in a manner satisfactory to the Attorney-General.

Mr. Harrison, notwithstanding his employment as Counsel for the Crown at this time, was devoting a considerable portion of time to the execution of a most important work, which he undertook, "Harrison's Common Law Procedure Act, and County Courts Procedure Acts." This valuable contribution to legal literature was, as the title page expresses, dedicated :

To the Honorable John Alexander Macdonald, Attorney-General of Upper Canada, to whose ability as a Lawyer and influence as a Statesman the Profession are indebted for the Acts here annotated, this work is inscribed, by the Editor.

In the preface to the work, Mr. Harrison gave his reasons for entering on its performance, and bringing it to a successful termination. He said :

The law, and the administration of the law, are two things essentially different. By the former we understand the great body of legal rights and liabilities which teach that justice should render to every man his due; by the latter we understand the practice of the Courts, or the machinery used for dispensing justice. All laws are designed either to prevent a mischief; to remedy it, if committed; or to compensate the sufferer, if no other remedy can be applied. The proper application of the remedy is thus of vital importance to the due dispensation of justice. The spirit of modern legislation is to make the remedy coextensive with the mischief intended to be prevented or redressed. For this the Courts have at all times struggled; for this the Legislature have labored; and for this has the Common Law Procedure Act, 1854, been passed.

These were very good reasons for the undertaking. Slovenliness in practice is as prejudicial as unsound law; any work worth performing is worthy of being well performed. Mr. Harrison always kept this in view, and acted upon it as a cardinal principle. The work was got out specially to instruct the profession in procedure.

Mr. Harrison's Common Law Procedure Act will always endure as a lasting monument to his memory, and evidence of his work. It was first published in 1858,