

that he has been fortunate enough to see a very considerable number of his most important decisions confirmed either by the Supreme Court of Canada, or by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. To those interested in the subject, reference might be made to the Shefford Election case, 10 L.N. 403; Vipond v. Findlay, M.L.R., 7 S.C. 242; Sise v. Pullman Palace Car Company, Quebec Reports, 1 S.C. p. 9; Canada Paint Company v. William Johnson & Sons (Ltd.), Quebec Reports, 4 S.C. 293; Lambe v. Fortier, Quebec Reports, 5 S.C. 47; Canada Revue v. Fabre, Quebec Reports, 8 S.C. 195; Rendell v. Black Diamond Steamship Co., Quebec Reports, 10 S.C. 257; Beach v. Corporation of Stanstead, Quebec Reports, 8 S.C. 178; Montreal Water & Power Company v. City of Montreal, Quebec Reports, 10 S.C. 209, and many others.

His decisions of Sir Melbourne Tait are perspicuous, direct and to the point. He does not indulge in any sententious verbiage nor burden his judgments with jejune platitudes or unnecessary philosophical reflections, and his remarks are delivered in excellent judicial manner. He may possess, but never exercises, a somewhat favorite judicial art or artifice of shirking a difficult point and basing a decision on some minor question, not touched upon by counsel. His demeanor to the bar is excessively courteous and urbane, without in any manner lacking the dignity and repose which befit a magistrate.

In his social life, the learned Judge is a great favorite. When at the bar, he was a member of a well-known Dramatic Society—the Social and Dramatic Club of Montreal—and has performed leading parts in its productions with *eclat*. He is a member of the St. James Club of Montreal, and a churchwarden of Christ Church Cathedral. He is also a governor of Bishop's College.

His Knighthood by the Queen, on the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee, was an extremely popular appointment, and the judge received many felicitations on his honor, and was on September the 10th presented with a congratulatory address by the Bar of Montreal. Lady Tait is an American, a native of Rhode Island. Sir Melbourne has an interesting family, his eldest son, Mr. Thomas Tait, being Eastern manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

In the prime of life, possessed of a vigorous and robust constitution, fond of his work and competent to do it, respected and implicitly trusted by the profession and the public, Sir Melbourne Tait's lot is indeed an enviable one. But his freedom