

He is entitled to such recognition on two heads, viz., the important services he has rendered to the Liberal party for well-nigh thirty years, and second, the able and admirable manner in which he has discharged his duties on the Bench since his appointment to that position. For nearly thirty years Judge MacMahon laboured with pen and speech, and personal labours and sacrifices to forward the interests of the Liberal party. In their interest he ran as candidate once in the City of London, the Catholics of which he attached to the Liberal interest to which they as a body have remained faithful ever since; and once also in Kent, where the Catholic vote is very large, and where previously that vote had been almost unanimously cast for the Tories, and yet for all his long and important services the Liberal party has never given him any recognition. It was Sir John A. Macdonald who placed him on the Bench! Of the manner in which he has discharged his duties on the Bench it must be unnecessary for me to speak. The whole country has acknowledged his eminent qualities as a Judge.

I would, therefore, most respectfully but most earnestly urge his appointment to the Supreme Court Bench. By doing this your Government will perform an act creditable to itself, acceptable to the public and specially satisfactory to the Catholic people.

Believe me to be,

Yours very faithfully,

†JOHN WALSH,
Archbishop of Toronto.

Toronto, May 18th, 1897.

My dear Mr. Solicitor,—

When your telegram was delivered last night I knew the despatches to and from Rome would not be published until this morning, as the Archbishop, on calling here yesterday afternoon, said they had been translated and copies sent to each of the morning papers. This morning I send you the full text.

The Delegate is annoyed at the action of the Episcopate in Quebec.

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Yesterday morning I sent the note you addressed to me to the Archbishop, who informed me he had written you, and stated that the