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HENRY HATTON STRATHY, K.C.

Mr. Strathy is a son of the late John Strathy, a Scotch Writer to the Signet and afterwards called to the Bar of Upper Canada; his mother was a daughter of the late Henry Hatton Gowan (a member of a well-known Irish family) and a sister of the late Honourable Sir James R. Gowan, K.C.M.G., so well and favourably known in Canadian public life.

Mr. Strathy studied for his profession under the late Hon. Sir Mathew Crooks Cameron, and was called to the Bar in 1871. After being called he returned to Barrie, his native town, where he began practice in partnership with the late Judge W. D. Ardagh and the present Judge J. A. Ardagh.

He was created a Queen's counsel by the Marquis of Lansdowne in 1885, and has been elected a Bencher of the Law Society at each of the four elections since 1891; on more than one occasion the profession having paid him the great compliment of returning him at the head of the list.

He is and has been president of the county of Simcoe Law Association for upwards of twenty years; and, at its last annual meeting he was also elected first vice-president of the Ontario Bar Association.

Mr. Strathy is recognized as a sound lawyer and an able counsel, though not as yet much known outside his own county. Those who saw his masterly treatment of the many difficult subjects which came before him in the suit of *Patriarch v. Town of Orillia* had but one opinion of his judicial capacity. In this case he was appointed to take the place of the Judge of Assize. His findings were afterwards upheld on appeal.

Always a liberal-conservative in politics he was for about twenty-five years president of the county of Simcoe Liberal-Con-