

recipient, and it must have been as gratifying to the worthy Senator as it was to his friends in Canada and elsewhere. It was certainly also a high compliment to the Canadian bar, of which he is one of the oldest members.

The *Irish Times* of the 6th November, thus speaks of the graceful act: "Yesterday, at the sitting of the

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sessions. A work, well known in Canada, written by Dr. John George Bourinot, Clerk of the House of Commons of Canada, bears ample testimony to the supreme influence that Judge Gowan exercised in modelling the municipal system of Canada. Naturally his long tried experience was appealed to, and it was owing to his enlightened and prudent counsels that so much was so rapidly done to place them upon a practical working basis. Our Canadian countrymen have elected Judge Gowan to the highest position which it is in their power to confer. Some years since he retired from the bench, but he was immediately appointed to the Senate, a body corresponding to the House of Lords in England. Demands have since been made upon his learned judicial discretion, and never have been disappointed. No citizen of the Dominion occupies at this time a higher or better deserved position than Judge Gowan, Senator of Canada. In the highest ranks of English and Irish society he is honoured, and it would be unfortunate if his countrymen were not to recognise his presence amongst them with a word of cordial and kindly acknowledgment. Men like Judge Gowan sustain the honour of Irish intellect abroad, and we cannot but feel pride in the successes of such lives of labour and of notable talent. Judge Gowan has not obtruded himself upon public notice, but we cannot allow a distinguished countryman to leave us without, for our part at least, bearing testimony to his most interesting and honourable career. A timely opportunity may yet be found to pay such a compliment to him as would be grateful to the sentiment alike of the people of Ireland and of the loyal and noble colonial community to which he belongs."