

time had carried on, without aid, the arduous work of his large judicial territory, which included the districts as far north as the French Rivèr.

In October, 1872, he was appointed Junior Judge, and upon Judge Gowan's resignation in September, 1883, Judge Ardagh was promoted to the position of Senior Judge, and the late William F. A. Boys was appointed Junior Judge.

In October, 1912, Judge Ardagh retired from the Bench, having served his country well and faithfully for over forty years. During his long and active career he was closely identified with the affairs of the County, and no man commanded more genuine respect and admiration than did the late Judge Ardagh. His administrations of justice was satisfactory alike to both practitioners and litigants. He was a sound lawyer and a most conscientious, righteous Judge, and devoted to the duties of his office.

For many years Judge Ardagh was Chairman of the High School Board and Collegiate Institute, and always greatly interested in educational matters. In the early history of that district he contributed valuable papers to the local Historical Society. He was past President of the Simcoe County Law Association, and at the time of his death was Patron of the Society.

Judge Ardagh was a man of large heart and of a kindly nature. He contributed freely to philanthropic objects, and was deeply interested in all agencies for the spread of Bible truths, helping largely both foreign and home mission work. He leaves one daughter and two sons, B. Holford Ardagh, barrister, of Toronto, and H. V. Ardagh of Barrie. The funeral was a large and representative one.

Bench and Bar.

ONTARIO BAR ASSOCIATION.

The eighth annual meeting of the Ontario Bar Association was held on the 6th and 7th days of January last. This gathering was one of the most successful and interesting in the history of the Association. Mr. Frank M. Field, K.C., of Cobourg, the retiring president, presided. Sir George Gibbons, K.C., Honorary President, was also in attendance.

The President's address has already appeared in full in these columns, and has doubtless been read with much interest, reviewing, as it does, in a masterly manner, the work of the Association in the past, the present condition of legal matters as they affect the profession, and referring to the subjects which would come before the Association for discussion.