

After a struggle which has lasted five months the end has come.

The deceased for nearly sixty years has been such a conspicuous figure in legal circles that it is hardly necessary at this time or in this place to advert at any length to his career. As an advocate he won his greatest successes before juries, and in the criminal courts. In his younger days he was not pre-eminent in the ordinary practice of the civil courts. The routine of office work did not suit him. But as crown prosecutor he appeared to great advantage, and perhaps never in the history of the province has the Crown been represented with greater dignity and decorum than during his term of office. At a comparatively early age he was elevated to the bench. At first apparently, his success was not great. He was appointed to a country district, (Bedford) and his decisions were frequently taken to Review and overruled. Which court was right we do not pretend to say. But from the date of his transfer to the bench of this district, now more than twenty-two years ago, a marked increase of reputation came to him. He acquitted himself so well as to surprise even those who were acquainted with his powers. Judge Johnson in that period undoubtedly worked very hard, and in this labor he was stimulated by the high respect which he always entertained for the judicial office. When he took his seat on the bench all men knew that justice would be administered fearlessly and independently. We have heard it stated that he was severe in his demeanor on the bench. He was severe in his denunciation of everything savoring of chicanery, and he was stern where he perceived trifling or inadequate preparation of cases on the part of counsel. But he had a ready and generous appreciation of honest effort, and an admiration of professional efficiency. He had a reverence for the judicial office and a high regard for the profession of advocacy, and he resented and scorned all that tended to degrade one or the other. He was far from