

The late Hon. John Stewart.

A brief announcement of the demise of this venerable gentleman (for the last 64 years a resident of Quebec,) recently appeared, under the obituary head, in this journal. A more extended notice, however, seems due to one who, during his long and useful life, filled many important offices in the government of the country, (under several consecutive Governors,) as well as in the commercial institutions of the city. Under the administration of Sir G. Prevost, he was appointed Deputy Paymaster General of the Incorporated Militia, the duties of which office he continued to discharge until the forces were disbanded. Upon the accession of Lord Dalhousie to the government of the Province, he was called to a seat in the Legislative and Executive Councils, and was appointed sole Commissioner of the Jesuit Estates, having been for many years previously a member of the Board of Management. For a long period he was President of the Executive Council, a position which he held during the rebellion of 1836, when the peculiar state of the country imposed upon him duties of the most onerous and responsible nature. As a member of the commercial community, his life was no less active and useful. He was President of the Board of Trade, President of the Bank of Montreal, and Master of the Trinity House. In every station of life, public or private, his conduct was marked by the strictest honour and integrity, and commanded the respect and esteem of all who became acquainted with his character. As a sincere and devoted member of the Church of England, and a generous contributor to all its religious and charitable institutions, he was well known to the congregation of the Cathedral, where he continued to attend divine service until his increasing infirmities rendered it no longer possible. During the last few years of his life, he attended St. Michael's Chapel, which was contiguous to his late residence. This exemplary and humble-minded Christian gentleman was followed to the grave on Wednesday last, the 9th instant, by his three sons-in-law—the Rev. H. J. Grassett, B.D., Rector of Toronto; the Rev. J. G. Geddes, M.A., Rector of Hamilton; and Henry Le Mesurier, Esq., Jr., and a large number of the oldest and most respectable inhabitants of Quebec, who seemed desirous of testifying their profound respect for venerable age and departed worth. The Burial Service was read in the Cathedral, by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Quebec, and the remains were consigned to the grave by his Lordship's son and Chaplain, the Rev. Armine Mountain, M.A., Minister of St. Michael's Chapel.

“ The chamber where the good man met his fate
Is privileged beyond the common walks of life,—
Quite in the verge of heaven.”

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