

We have only touched upon a few of the many important cases in which Mr. Robinson has been engaged and won distinction. Space forbids more extended reference to them. It affords us the most sincere pleasure to think that his recovery from his recent severe illness gives promise of many years of usefulness in the profession of which he is so great an ornament.

The regret has often been expressed that the learned gentleman of whom we write is not on the bench. In a higher degree perhaps than anyone otherwise eligible, he is fitted for such a position; for, apart from his learning, industrious research and keenness of intellect, his mind is essentially judicial in its character. We have had counsel of marvellous skill, persuasive eloquence and brilliant address—such men, for example, as John Hillyard Cameron, Henry Eccles, Chief Justice Hagarty, Matthew Crooks Cameron and others—but of none, we venture to think, could it be as truly said as of Mr. Robinson that he has the capacity to see at a glance all round a case, recognize the strong points of both sides, and avoiding all side issues and detecting all fallacies, grasp the salient fact or the governing principle which should rule the decision. That Mr. Robinson might have occupied the highest judicial position that the country could give him goes without saying.

Perhaps, however, we have said enough. We might speak of his unblemished character as a citizen—his gentle courtesy and consideration for others, both in his professional and private life; but it would be distasteful to him to enlarge further upon the many qualities which have not only brought him to the prominent position which he occupies in the profession, but which have also made one so modest and retiring in disposition the most popular man in the profession to-day. This feeling of friendship and respect is not confined to the seniors, who know him best and longest, but is widely diffused among the younger members of the Bar, to whom he is uniformly kind and encouraging, and who look up to him as a model worthy of their sincerest imitation, realizing that in his person he worthily sustains the best traditions of the profession. The following expressions from the pen of a well-known writer, in language none too strong, sums up the estimate in which he is held by all who know him: "There is no member of the Canadian Bar worthier of distinction on the ground of ability, legal learning, or in the possession of those rarer qualities of head and heart which find no better name than the good old term 'gentleman.'"