

ville, and was called to the bar of Upper Canada in 1837. He practised many years at Brockville, and rose to distinction in the legal profession.

Mr. Richards was elected a Benchler of the Law Society in 1849; was created a Queen's Counsel the next year; was a member of the Executive Council of Canada, and Attorney-General for Upper Canada—succeeding Robert Baldwin—from October 28, 1851, to June 22, 1853, when he was appointed to succeed the Hon. R. B. Sullivan as a Puisne Judge of the Court of Common Pleas; held that position until July 22, 1863, when he was promoted to Chief Justice of that Court, *vice* Hon. W. H. Draper, transferred to the Court of Queen's Bench. On the 12th of November, 1868, Judge Richards succeeded Mr. Draper as Chief Justice of Ontario, the latter becoming President of the Court of Error and Appeal. He was appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Dominion, October 8, 1875, and retired January 10, 1879.

"During his prolonged judicial career," said the *Canadian Monthly*, "while he was still on the Supreme Bench, he has established an enviable reputation for ability and erudition. His suavity of temper, his good humor, and singular clearness and perspicuity of mind, have made him universally popular with the bar and the people, and he has never, so far as our memory serves us, impaired the confidence reposed in his integrity and acumen."

In addition to his labors on the Bench, Judge Richards has often been called upon to discharge other important duties. In 1874 he was appointed Arbitrator on behalf of Ontario, for the settlement of the north-west boundary of that Province, resigning the position two years later. He was Deputy-Governor of Canada during the absence of the Earl of Dufferin in British Columbia, from July 29 to October 23, 1876. He sat for Leeds in the Canadian Assembly from January, 1848, till he was placed on the Bench in June, 1853. He was knighted by Her Majesty the Queen, in 1877, as we learn from the "Parliamentary Companion," from which we gather most of the data for this sketch.

In October, 1846, Deborah Catharine, daughter of John Muirhead, Barrister-at-law, Niagara, Ontario, and a great granddaughter of Col. John Butler, of "Butler's Rangers," became the wife of Judge Richards, and they have five children, three sons and two daughters.

EARL OF DUFFERIN, K.P., K.C.B.

AMONG the men of high distinction whose names are associated with the Dominion, and who have added impulse to its progress, the RIGHT HONORABLE SIR FREDERICK TEMPLE holds an eminent place.

Before the appointment of Lord Dufferin to the administration of Canadian affairs, there