

John P. Chipman as he was called prior to his elevation to the bench, decided when very young to enter the legal profession. At the age of 15 when the average boy is thinking of almost anything else except the choice of a profession, he entered a law office as clerk, and in the following year 1864 was articled as a student at law. Later in the same year he entered Horton Academy and matriculated into Acadia College in June 1865. The following year he attended college pursuing selected studies in classics, elocution, rhetoric, logic, mathematics and English literature. His vacations were spent in the law office acquiring familiarity with the practical details of the legal profession. From Acadia he went to Harvard University and took the course in the Law School and obtained from that institution in June 1869 the degree of LL. B. In October of the same year he was admitted to the Bar in Nova Scotia and forthwith entered into a partnership with the late T. W. Harris, Q. C. of Kentville, which continued till the death of Mr. Harris in 1876. In February 1880 he formed a partnership with R. L. Borden, Q. C. at the present time member of the House of Commons for Halifax County. On the dissolution of this partnership in 1883, Mr. Edmund L. Newcomb, now Deputy Minister of Justice, became his law partner. During this partnership Mr. Chipman was appointed Queen's Council by the Marquis of Lansdowne. On June 18th, 1890 he was appointed Judge of the County Court for District Number 4, Nova Scotia, comprising the counties of Colchester, Hants and Kings.

Tho' a busy man and devoted to his profession, the Judge has successfully filled several responsible positions. For a year or more he was agent for the Bank of Nova Scotia at Kentville. He was the first Stipendiary Magistrate and Recorder for that town after its incorporation, and later for two years he filled the office of Mayor.

By His Lordship Judge Ritchie he was appointed in 1892 one of the Arbitrators to reappraise the railway damages in the County of Lunenburg. The board heard some eighty appeals. The court sat in a portable Praetorium, extemporized from a railway car for the occasion, which was moved from point to point and shunted off on a siding as the locus of the court required to change. In 1895 he was appointed by His Lordship Judge Meagher an arbitrator to determine the value of the Middleton Water Works. In 1898 the Local Government appointed him one of the commissioners to distribute the Windsor relief fund. He filled the office of president of the Alumni Society of Acadia College with satisfaction to all, and for several years has rendered most valuable service as a member of the College Senate and as an appointee of that body to visit and report upon some of the departments of the Institution.

To whatever position Judge Chipman has been called, he has discharged its functions with ability, dignity and to the gratification of all concerned. As Student, Legal Practitioner, Judge or Arbitrator he exhibits the same open, genial, natural manner. He is one of