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It is with extreme regret that we have to record the untimely death on the 19th ultimo of the Honourable John Edward Rose, one of the Judges of the High Court of Justice for Ontario. The news came with a sudden shock, as only ten days previously he was presiding at the Criminal Sittings in Toronto, and a few evenings before that many of us heard his eloquent and patriotic utterances on an occasion yet fresh in the memory of those present. The country can ill afford to lose so upright and so just a judge; so good a lawyer, and so estimable a citizen. The Bar, who knew him best, respected him as an able, painstaking, courteous and thoroughly competent judge, before whom it was a satisfaction to appear; whilst to the juniors and students, with whom he was a prime favourite, his loss will be very great.

Mr. Rose was, at the time of his death, in the prime of life, and it is therefore with the more regret that we think of his loss to the Bench, especially at this time, for, instead of being less useful day by day, as must sometimes be the case, he was in a marked degree maturing in learning and judgment, and growing in the favour and estimation of the profession. A marked feature of his character as a judge was his strong sense of responsibility and the conscientious discharge of his important duties—no shrinking from doing what seemed to him to be his duty. If he thought a case should be tried without a jury, he did not hesitate to undertake the burden. In his rulings at nisi prius he was prompt and generally right. In criminal cases, though strictly just and resolute in enforcing the law, no judge ever took more pains to ascertain what meed of punishment would seem most advisable to be visited upon the confirmed evil doer, or how best to apportion sentences when it seemed desirable to be lenient towards those for whom hope of reclamation might be entertained.

His death will be regretted and his loss be felt in every part of the Province of Ontario, where he was so long and so favourably known.