

PREFACE

My friends have been urging me for many years to write my recollections of my work in the Police Court of Toronto where I have presided since the 2nd June, 1877. I hesitated and delayed doing so feeling that it would be premature to publish them too soon.

My military recollections were published, however, in 1900, and my political reminiscences in 1909. I then began leisurely to write this present book, and in a few years had it practically written and laid aside. In May of last year Mr. Best of the Canadian Magazine asked me to have it appear serially in that magazine, and it has been appearing in it each month from July, 1919, until August, 1920.

While it was going through the magazine I was often asked by friends whether particular cases, in which they were interested, or which they remembered, would appear. I had to reply that very few if any would be recorded, and explained that I was not writing an account of the Police Court work, but only recollections of a few of the