

THE LATE CHIEF JUSTICE MOSS—CORRESPONDENCE.

Killop, C. Campbell, J. Doherty, G. Gibson, P. Mackeown, all without oral of merit.

J. C. L. Armstrong, J. P. Curran, J. Harley, R. Boulton, H. Buchannan, J. A. Skinner, A. Dawson, W. A. Wilkes, D. E. Sheppard, W. White.

The following gentlemen passed the Honour examination for call:—W. F. T. Dickson, J. A. Allan, W. Nesbitt.

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The following were the remarks of Mr. Justice Burton on the opening of the Court of Appeal on the day following the news of the death of the Chief Justice of that Court:—

“My colleagues agree with me that it is not fitting to proceed with the ordinary duties of the day without some allusion to the loss the profession, the public, and especially the members of this Court, have sustained by the death of the eminent Judge who but a few short days since filled the position of President of this Court and Chief Justice of Ontario.

It is perhaps a singular coincidence that within a few weeks death has robbed this and the Mother Country of two of their most distinguished judges, both of them men in the prime of life, to whom there appeared to be opening a brilliant future, and as to each of whom, I may say, I think without exaggeration, a national loss has been sustained. Each of them, however, has left an imperishable monument of his learning and ability in the reports of their published judgments, which may well be referred to as models of judicial style.

Many of those who now hear me have listened with pleasure and admiration to the oral judgments delivered from where I am now sitting by the distinguished judge whose death we are now deploring, and must have been struck with the simplicity, ease, and grace of manner, combined with depth of thought and elegance of diction, with which those utterances were delivered; but few beyond his intimate acquaintances were aware of the untiring energy with which he investigated those cases requiring more careful preparation, or that the rising sun has occasionally found him still engaging in examining and verifying the authorities upon which he proposed to base his decisions.

His loss is too recent, and my appreciation of it too keen, to permit me to make more than a passing reference to his personal and social qualities—“To know him was to love him.” My heart is too full for me to venture to say more.

We may, one and all of us, whether on the Bench, at the Bar, or the youngest student entering for the

first time the portals of the profession, safely adopt him as our model, combining as he did in his own person the kind and courteous gentleman, the brilliant and able advocate, the upright and impartial judge.

I wish that I had the command of language to do justice to his many virtues and his great intellectual gifts; but I yield to none of his numerous friends in admiration of his character, and in tender and affectionate regard for his memory.”

Mr. Christopher Robinson, Q. C., on behalf of the Bar, expressed the admiration and love felt for the late Chief Justice and the general regret at his untimely decease. The Chief Justice was, he said, pre-eminent in every department of public and private life, with this advantageous peculiarity, that throughout his career he had never provoked jealousy in those whom he had outstripped. All had united in regarding him as *facile princeps* among them.

At a recent convocation of the Benchers of the Law Society held at Osgoode Hall, the following resolution was adopted:—“That convocation desires to place on record the deep sense of loss which it, in common with the whole country, feels by reason of the death of the Honorable Thomas Moss, Chief Justice of Ontario, and to offer to his widow and family its respectful sympathy for them in their sad bereavement. In his death the Law Society loses one who in the years of his presence in convocation as a Benchers rendered most valuable service to the profession and to the country by the energy and wisdom which he brought to the promotion of legal education, and to whom in latter years it could ever look back for encouragement and advice. His courteous urbanity of manner and amiability of disposition won to him the hearts of those who enjoyed the privilege of his friendship, while his profound scholarship, his unimpeachable integrity, and his eminent ability, commanded universal respect and admiration. In him the province has lost one of its ablest and most distinguished sons, and one of its most erudite and brilliant judges.”

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Unlicensed Conveyancers.

To the Editor of the CANADA LAW JOURNAL.

SIR,—Under the head of correspondence I noticed in your journal for this month an article on “Unlicensed Conveyancers” signed “X. Y.” Although I cannot altogether agree with your correspondent on the subject, with your permission I would like to express my views through your journal.