

expression to render himself intelligible to men of all classes, and an even, well-controlled temper, and, perhaps beyond all else, a persistent and intelligently directed industry, are some of the most prominent of those characteristics which have brought to Mr. Osler the honours he bears and to which none of the profession question his right.

The Hon. Albert Clements Killam, one of the Puisne Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench in the Province of Manitoba, has been appointed Chief Justice of Manitoba in the room of Sir Thomas Wardlaw Taylor, Knight, resigned.

Mr. Albert Elswood Richards, M.A., takes the seat vacated by Mr. Justice Killam. Mr. Richards was called to the Bar in Hilary Term, 1874. He was formerly County Attorney at Brockville, but has for many years resided in Winnipeg. He comes of good legal stock being the son of the late Stephen Richards, Q.C., and nephew of Sir William Buell Richards, and of Albert N. Richards, Q.C., of Victoria. We have no doubt but that he will make an excellent judge, and be acceptable to his brethren of the Bar. If he approaches to the standard set by his uncle, the late Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, than whom no better judge ever sat on the Bench in this Dominion, he will do well. We congratulate the new Chief and the new Judge on their appointments.

The sudden departure without leave from the Napanee jail of the two notorious criminals who were the principal witnesses for the Crown in the bank robbery case, throws a somewhat strong light upon the phase of criminal evidence referred to in these pages on a previous occasion (ante p. 91). It is generally thought that sec. 678 of the Code does not cover depositions of a dead, ill or absent witness on a new trial, the provision being apparently limited to depositions taken at a preliminary investigation. This event shows another good reason for the amendment of the law above suggested and now brought before the Dominion Parliament by Mr. B. M. Britton, Q.C. As to the other clauses in this bill, we give to our readers, and to the legislators assembled at Ottawa, the benefit of the views of Mr. E. F. B. Johnston, Q.C. His reasoning upon the points touched upon by him are very cogent, and seems to be unanswerable.