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THE LATE CHIEF JUSTICE JOHNSON.

“There is one event unto all.” Four times within the space of three years have the bench and bar of this province had to mourn the death of a Chief Justice. Sir Antoine A. Dorion, Chief Justice of the Court of Queen’s Bench, died 31 May, 1891; Sir Francis G. Johnson, Chief Justice of the Superior Court, died 27 May, 1894. Between these dates Sir Andrew Stuart and Sir William C. Meredith, ex-Chief Justices of the Superior Court, passed away. Add to these Sir John J. C. Abbott, an ex-premier, and the Hon. R. Laflamme, an ex-minister of justice of the Dominion, both of the Montreal bar, and one is forced to realize the immense gap that has been left in the ranks of the elders.

The friends of Sir Francis Johnson have been reluctantly compelled for some weeks past to recognize the fact that his illness could end in but one way. His naturally fine constitution was greatly weakened by a severe attack of influenza in the beginning of 1893, which kept him a prisoner to his house for four months; and although he rallied surprisingly during the summer, he had not sufficient strength to withstand, in his seventy-eighth year, a recurrence of the malady last December.