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WE notice in the *Irish Times* of November 6th an event which must have been as gratifying to the gentleman principally concerned as it is interesting to his many friends in this country. The *Times* thus refers to the incident:— "Yesterday, at the sitting of the Court of Chancery, an unusual and interesting ceremony took place in the special honorary call to the Bar, by the Lord Chancellor, of a distinguished Irishman, who has been staying for an interval amongst us, from the Canadian Dominion. The Benchers will be commended by every member of the profession, and the public will cordially endorse their action for conferring such an honour upon the Hon. Senator Gowan. As we have said, Judge Gowan is a native of Ireland, and ranks high amongst the numerous body of able men who have risen to eminence in the Colonies." After referring to Mr. Gowan's services, the article proceeds:—"We have no doubt that Senator Gowan very highly appreciates the honour done to him in associating him in fellowship with the Bar of his native country, and he will return to his high duties in Canada with, we should hope, a pleasing recollection of the hospitality shown to him, and the gratified consciousness that his abilities and character are known and appreciated alike by the legal profession in Ireland, and by his countrymen generally." The learned Senator's connection with this JOURNAL in years past makes it a pleasant task to us to call attention to this compliment to one who has been so useful to his country in his day and generation.

## PRIORITIES UNDER THE REGISTRY ACT.

The decision of the Court of Appeal in the case of *MacLennan v. Gray*, 16 App. R. 244, in which the Court was unanimous in overruling the judgment of the learned Chancellor, is one deserving the attention of the profession. The facts of the case were a little peculiar, and it was admitted that no precedent could be found on either side; the adjudication, therefore, confessedly proceeds by reference to the general principles of law bearing on the subject, a process, we may observe, by which so much of our law has been developed.

A testator died entitled to a parcel of land which, subject to an annuity to his widow, he devised to his sons Richard and John, the widow being also entitled to dower therein.