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Obituary.

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*HON. STEPHEN RICHARDS, Q.C.*

Mr. Richards was one of three brothers, all of whom have occupied prominent positions in this country: Sir William Buell Richards, who was the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ottawa, and one of the very best judges who ever sat in Canada; Hon. A. M. Richards, formerly of this province, and subsequently of Victoria, British Columbia, a leading man in that province, as he had formerly been in Brockville, Ont., and the subject of this notice.

Mr. Stephen Richards was called to the Bar in 1844, and made Queen's Counsel in 1858. In 1861 he went into political life, and ran for South Leeds in the Local Legislature, but was defeated. In 1867 he became member for Niagara, and was appointed a member of the Executive Council of Ontario, and Commissioner of Crown Lands in the Sandfield Macdonald government.

He was a prominent member of the profession, an excellent lawyer, industrious and conscientious, and painstaking to a fault. He had a large counsel business, and was for many years the senior partner in the well-known firm of Richards & Jackson. Mr. Richards was engaged in many of the most important cases of his time, amongst them the Greenwood murder case, where, however, he failed to obtain the conviction that was subsequently gained by Mr. John Bell, Q.C., who, though his inferior in learning, had great aptitude for *Nisi Prius* work. Mr. Richards was Bencher of the Law Society, and for a short time its treasurer. He retired from active practice several years ago, and spent much of his time abroad.

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*NEW RULES OF PRACTICE*

*Passed 29th September, 1894.*

1380. Rule 1289 passed 23rd June, 1894, rescinding Consolidated Rule 41, and substituting a new Rule in lieu thereof, is amended by striking out the words "proceedings in the nature of a *quo warranto* under the Municipal Act or to" in the ninth and tenth lines.

1381. Rule 88 (a) is rescinded, and the following substituted therefor:

"(A) Where he acts as Master in Chambers in a matter within his jurisdiction as Master in Ordinary, the fees payable in stamps shall, in respect of such business, be the same as are payable for the like business to the Master in Chambers."

1382. Rule 211 is amended by adding thereto the following words:

"(A) All documents sent from outside offices to Toronto for use in the weekly court are (in all cases) to be sent to the Clerk of Records and Writs, and the necessary postage or express charges for return of same is to be transmitted therewith."