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HON. CHARLES FITZPATRICK, Q.C., M.P., SOLICITOR GENERAL.

The prominent positions which the Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, Q.C., now occupies as Solicitor General of Canada, Batonnier of the Province of Quebec, and Batonnier of the Bar of his native city, attest his professional standing, and mark him as a representative lawyer of his province.

Born in Quebec in 1853, he was called to the bar in 1876, after obtaining the degrees of B.A. and B.C.L. at Laval University. He was at once taken into partnership by the law firm of Andrews, Caron & Andrews, which then enjoyed a very large and lucrative practice, one of the members being the present Mr. Justice Andrews, of the Superior Court. Soon afterwards he was named Crown Prosecutor for the district of Quebec, which office he filled for several terms, bringing to bear in the discharge of his duties, the energy, acumen and learning for which he has continued to be distinguished. To enumerate the criminal cases wherein Mr. Fitzpatrick has been engaged, whether for the prosecution or defence, would be to mention nearly every one of importance before the Courts of the Province of Quebec, for the last twenty years. Suffice it to say that he was employed as Counsel for the United States Government in the Eno Extradition matter, and for the Belgian Government in the Canon Bernard case; in 1885 he led for the defence in The Queen against Louis Riel, tried for high treason, at Regina, N. W. T., and appeared before the Privy Council in England on the application for a new trial; in 1892 he defended the late Hon. Honore Mercier and others in the political prosecutions of that day, and subsequently the late Thomas McGreevy, M.P., and the Connollys, before the Committee of the Lieuse of Commons on Privileges and Elections. Not only in criminal but in commercial and other cases have Mr. Fitzpatrick's services blen called into requisition to the great advantage of his many clients.