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On the 28th ultimo, full of years and of honour, Sir Thomas Galt, late Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, Ontario, passed away in his eighty-sixth year. On his retirement from the Bench in 1894 we referred to the career of this most estimable gentleman (30 C.L.J 489). His memory will be lovingly cherished by all who knew him; enemies he had none, for none could resist the charm of his large-hearted kindness. With a quick apprehension of men and things, a strong desire to be just and fair to all and a most generous disposition was combined a boyish simplicity and directness of character, quaintly mixed with an impulsive temperament, making up a unique personality which won all hearts and silenced all criticism. He was, the last link binding the Bench and Bar of the past to that of the present. The strong points and the weak points of his career as a Judge we have already referred to. But those who stood round his coffin as he was laid to rest in St. James' Cemetery on the 2nd inst., thought not so much of the upright Judge as of the kind and loving father, the genial true-hearted friend and the courteous gentleman.

Hon. Arthur Sturgis Hardy, K.C., who passed away last month, will, undoubtedly, be best remembered in connection with political matters in this Province in which he took a distinguished part as leader of the Government for many years, but had he continued to devote himself with the same industry and zeal to his profession, as he did in the beginning of his career, and as he afterwards did to the public service, there can be no doubt but that he would have occupied a very high place as counsel, and especially so in jury cases. His forensic abilities were undoubtedly very considerable, and in his contests with the great leaders of the Bar, when he was in active practice, he held his own with marked success. He was a man of strong and sterling character; a true friend and a generous foe.