

manner in which the locality had of that Court, giving soundness in commercial ing;" and adds: n, in taking leave t is with mingled ect for you as an that we have lost o this address, the 2, says, amongst dance for a period f the courts over are warranted in s integrity, ability erely to the value d the existence of in the address to niary transactions, d a higher tone to ty." est with the per- ut he took much within his jurisdic- matter of no small the country, when

in the nature of things, the same educated intelligence could not be expected, as can now everywhere be found, in those who hold positions of trust.

His kindness in this particular was felt and appreciated, and has frequently been acknowledged; one such instance may be mentioned. In July, 1844, the magistrates of the Judicial District presented him with a gold snuff-box of very beautiful design, bearing the inscription: "Presented to His Honor Judge James Robert Gowan by the Magistrates of the District of Simcoe, who gratefully acknowledge his invaluable services in the Judicial organization of this new District, and his uniform kindness to them personally."*

The Municipal Councils all over the district, on many occasions, in resolutions and addresses, thankfully acknowledged his services: indeed it is rare to find the career of any public man marked by such constant appreciation, and every possible occasion used to give it expression. One, within the recollection of the writer, may be mentioned, as showing how he was revered by the profession, as well as the public in his Judicial District, who were justly proud of his well deserved fame.

In 1868, when he had completed a quarter of a century on the Bench, he was presented by the Bar of the county, in which he had so long presided, with a

* *Canadian Biographical Dictionary*, page 26, and *Toronto Newspapers*.