

## DEATH OF HON. JOHN HILLYARD CAMERON—EDITORIAL ITEMS.

man of that stamp seemed so necessary to the welfare of our profession.

The history of Mr. Cameron's life will be the history of Canada for the last thirty-five years; and if it is written as it should be, it will show that, though for the last twenty years he carried a burden of misfortune and financial embarrassment, resulting from a too sanguine temperament, which would have crushed most men to the earth, and which prevented even him from properly asserting himself among his fellows, he bore it so bravely and so uncomplainingly that few knew how it galled his proud nature and sapped his energies, and at last broke down a constitution which seemed to defy the ravages of trouble and fatigue. It will be long before we shall look upon his like again.

The public press has given to the general reader the leading incidents of Mr. Cameron's career. We shall endeavour to supplement this at an early day by some further information interesting to those who now mourn his loss to a profession of which he was one of the brightest ornaments.

Mr. Cameron died at his residence in Toronto, on Tuesday, November 14th, in his sixtieth year, after a brief illness. His funeral, which was attended by all the public bodies and an immense concourse of citizens from various parts of the Province, was, next to that of Sir John Robnson, the largest ever seen in Toronto.

We are indebted to Mr. Cassels, the very efficient Registrar of the Supreme Court, for the report of a case in the Exchequer Court, (*Wood v. The Queen*), in which the following points have been decided as to security for costs:

*Held*, 1. Where by a letter addressed to the suppliant the Secretary of the Public Works department stated that, he was desired by the Minister of Public Works to offer the sum of \$3,950 in full settlement of the suppliant's claim against the department, an application on behalf of the crown for security for costs was

refused on the ground that the crown could suffer no inconvenience from not getting security, as well as on the ground of delay in making the application.

2. Application for security for costs in this Court must be made within the time allowed for filing statement in defence, except under special circumstances.

The report was received too late for insertion this month, but will appear in full in our next issue.

MR. JUSTICE ARCHIBALD, whose death was announced last month, was the son of the late Hon. S. G. W. Archibald, LL.D., Master of the Rolls and Judge of the Court of Vice Admiralty, Nova Scotia, and was educated at Halifax. He was a special pleader below the Bar for eight years, and was called at the Middle Temple in 1852. He was appointed a Judge of the Queen's Bench in November, 1872, and in February, 1875, was removed to the Common Pleas. Like Lord Blackburn and Sir James Hannen, he was taken from the Junior Bar to be placed on the Bench. He was universally respected by the profession, was painstaking, conscientious and learned, with a large experience. He died at the comparatively early age of fifty-nine, having in his short career on the Bench displayed the highest judicial qualities.

THE *Law Times* calls attention to the growing disinclination of the best men at the Bar in England to go on the Bench. The encouragements to go there are not sufficient, the work being enormous and the salaries inadequate. If the salaries in England are too small, what must they be with us? Any Minister of Justice would deserve well of his country were he largely to increase the judicial salaries here. We may echo the desponding words of the *Law Times*: "It is impossible to look without apprehension to the necessities which must shortly arise and