

Mr. Fitzpatrick, Q.C., now Minister of Justice, and Mr. Lemieux defended the prisoner.

The most famous matters of Imperial interest in which he has been engaged were the Behring Sea arbitration and the Alaska boundary dispute. In the former, in 1893, he represented the Dominion Government before the arbitrators at Paris, his colleagues being Sir Richard Webster, now Lord Alverstone, Sir Charles Russell, afterwards Lord Chief Justice of England, Mr. Box and Mr. Piggott; Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper being the agent in charge of the whole case for the Dominion. Amidst all the array of talent in this important international arbitration, not the least conspicuous figure was that of Mr. Christopher Robinson. The London *Times* refers in complimentary terms to his "brilliant speech at the conclusion of the argument, in which he summarized the whole case, reducing it to a series of concise propositions, which, from the British point of view, demonstrated the absurdity of the American claims." For his services in this case the learned counsel was offered knighthood, which, however, for private reasons, he declined. That he might have occupied, had he so desired, the highest judicial position in Canada goes without saying.

In his last great case, the Alaska boundary dispute, he was on the same side with the great leaders of the Bar in England, and pitted against the most brilliant advocates of the United States. The intellectual gifts of Mr. Robinson and his luminous and masterly presentation of the British case evoked the highest praise as well from the members of the Commission as from his opponents and his confreres. It is unnecessary to speak of the very many minor cases that were also entrusted to him. Suffice it to say that the same thoroughness was given to them, and he never failed to win distinction in all he undertook.

A great lawyer, a good man and a true friend—he has gone from among us; and those who were his associates at the Bar and in private life seem, day by day, to miss him more and more. But no one of his character and gifts could live in vain. His name and that of his distinguished father, of whom he was a worthy son, shed lustre on the pages of Canadian history, and his memory will long live and be cherished by all true Canadians.

Many have borne testimony to the life and character of Mr.