

occasioned; and we incline to this opinion. There may, however, have been reasons, with which we are unacquainted, for the preference in favour of Mr. Sedgewick, or Mr. Justice Burbidge may have chosen to remain in the position in which he has given so much satisfaction, notwithstanding the smaller emolument attached to it. As it is, Mr. Justice Sedgewick will have an opportunity of discussing with Mr. Justice Taschereau the objections of the latter to the new Criminal Code, in the preparation whereof he must have assisted; and such discussion would, doubtless, be to the advantage of the public in the interpretation and application of the law. Yet it seems hard that this advantage to the public should be gained at the expense of Mr. Justice Burbidge, who would seem, therefore, to be entitled to indemnity by an equalization of the salaries attached to the two judgeships.

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LIEUT.-COLONEL HEWITT BERNARD, Q.C., C.M.G., who was the first Deputy Minister of Justice of the Dominion of Canada, has just passed away at the age of sixty-eight years. Whilst his many friends (for their name is legion, and enemies he had none) cannot but feel that his was a happy release from many years of great suffering, most bravely and patiently borne, we cannot record his death without a sense of loss and deep sorrow that we shall see his face no more. Nor is it unfitting that we at least should dwell somewhat upon his career, for he was one of the first editors of this JOURNAL, and for several years his great fund of legal lore, and especially his intimate acquaintance with municipal law (at that time not so well settled as it is now), combined with a liberal education and literary tastes, a facile pen and a polished diction, all his own, contributed largely to the success which attended the first effort to establish a legal journal upon a firm footing in this Province.

For a sketch of the life of our old friend we cannot do better than copy, as we do in another place, what has been said of him by one who knew him well, published recently in the *Ottawa Citizen*. We would merely add a few words to what is there stated.

Mr. Bernard was admitted to practice in 1856, and was called to the Bar in Trinity term, 1866. One of the students in the office of Patton & Bernard at that time was Mr. Featherston