

cellor said that, in view of his past distinguished career he had great pleasure in calling him to the Irish Bar as a member of a profession, in this his native country, which he ornamented in that of his adoption. The compliment was enhanced by the circumstance that the 'call' was a special one. Incidents of the kind were rare in the history of the Irish Bar, but in Canada, as in Ireland, the event would be recognised as a tribute of respect to the legal learning of the Dominion, which thus, in the person of one of its most prominent and respected representatives, was peculiarly acknowledged."

Canadian journals also made pleasant reference to the incident, appearing fully to "recognise it as a marked compliment to the whole legal profession in the country that one of their number should have been chosen for one of the most distinguished and seldom bestowed honours by the legal confraternity in Ireland."

Senator Gowan was only three years and six months at the bar when he was appointed a judge, and consequently was not entitled to be made a Queen's Counsel. But after his retirement from the bench, it is known, the dignity was offered to him. A new commission appointing a number of Q. C.'s was issued during his absence in Europe, and his name appeared at the head of the list.