

When that partnership was dissolved Mr. Ardagh and his brother-in-law, the present Judge J. A. Ardagh, carried on its business for some years, until the firm was increased by taking into it Mr. H. H. Strathy, and this partnership existed until Mr. Ardagh, entering into other pursuits, retired from practice.

Some years later he went to Manitoba, where his abilities soon obtained for him the position of Deputy Attorney-General of that province. While occupant of that office he was very largely instrumental in framing the laws of the Province of Manitoba, and his ability as a legal draftsman was so marked that the Acts drafted by him were, we understand, seldom altered in any material particular. In 1883 he was elevated to the Bench as Judge of the Eastern Judicial District of the Prairie Province, which position he held at the time of his death.

During his residence in Barrie, Mr. Ardagh was most zealous and active in his efforts to advance the interests of the town, and this the people recognized by electing him as their reeve for eight consecutive years (during the latter three of which he was warden of the county), and as mayor of the town for several years subsequently. At no time were the interests of Barrie and its people better looked after, or more zealously guarded, than when the subject of our sketch was its chief officer and head.

The popularity of the late judge was not, however, confined to his own town, as upon two occasions he was elected to serve in the Provincial Assembly as the representative of the riding. He was, while in the House, a supporter of the Liberal-Conservative party, though not by any means a strong party man.

The subject of our sketch was also well known as an able journalist. For many years he was associated with the late Chief Justice Harrison as editor of THE CANADA LAW JOURNAL, and he, at the same time, and for several years afterwards, was editor of this paper.

He was married in 1858 to the third daughter of the late Rev. S. B. Ardagh, who with their two children survive him. We cannot, in a short sketch of this nature, do more than merely allude to the various public positions occupied by its subject; but we cannot but refer to the kindness of heart and sincerity of purpose that characterized all the actions and life-work of Mr. Ardagh, and his death, we think we can safely say, produced among the people who knew him a greater shock and more evident sorrow than anything that has occurred for very many years.

The funeral of the late judge to St. James' cemetery took place in Toronto on Wednesday, the 19th inst. Among those in attendance we noticed Chief Justice Hagarty, Judge Osler (a former student of the deceased), Hon. G. W. Allan, Hon. J. C. Aikins, ex-Governor of Manitoba; Prof. Goldwin Smith, Col. C'Brien, Col. Grasett, Mr. John Hoskin, Mr. Charles Moss, Messrs. Henry and L. R. O'Brien, Dr. Baldwin, H. H. Strathy, J. A. Strathy, T. E. Rawson, Capt. William Hall, and many other of his old friends. We extend our deepest sympathy to his sorrowing wife and children, who have so suddenly been bereaved of a most loving husband, father, and friend.—*Northern Advance.*

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ERRATUM.—On page 221, *ante*, after the word "would" in the second line from the foot of the page insert the word "not."