

vices and suggestions for reform and improvement in matters of legal administration, and the Attorney-General of nearly every Government since then, has, in various ways, sought his aid which was always as freely given, as it has been generously acknowledged.* For example, in October, 1863, Sir William B. Richards, in replying to the Grand Jury at the County of Simcoe Assizes, shortly after his appointment to the Bench, refers to the "suggestions and able assistance rendered to him by Judge Gowan, when he was Attorney-General, in preparing legislation touching legal improvements." "With regard," he said, "to the measure for consolidating the Statutes bearing upon the duties

* His skill, as a legal draughtsman, was such that Mr. Baldwin, who at the time of Judge Gowan's appointment, was Attorney-General for Upper Canada, availed himself of his services in preparing various important measures, which were afterwards submitted to Parliament. This was a remarkably high compliment for a young man of twenty-five to receive, but there is no doubt the compliment was well merited, for the measures so prepared were models of compact statutory legislation, and gained no inconsiderable *eclat* for the Administration. The example set by Mr. Baldwin, has since been followed by other Attorneys-General, and Judge Gowan has thus made a decided mark upon our Canadian legislation and jurisprudence. * * * *Canadian Portrait Gallery*. It is well known that many important Acts of Parliament, and many valuable amendments of existing statutes have originated in his fertile brain: and any suggestion coming from this eminent Judge, with his known experience and ripe judgment, it may well be believed, was eagerly and gladly made use of by the officers of the Crown, for the time being, and speedily these suggestions would be found reflected in the Statute book.—*Canada Law Journal*, Nov., 1883.