

able gentleman no matter what the cost might be.

Filled with my new determination, I set out to lay my case before some reliable advocate, and to have the necessary proceedings taken for the recovery of my claim. In those days, the process for the collection of small debts in our Province was effected by stating the complaint to a magistrate who would see that the suit was properly constituted, and that a day should be fixed for the determination of the case before himself. And so I hastened to the nearest of such officers, and proceeded to state the facts for his consideration. I had not gone far with my story, when he very summarily dismissed me by saying that I ought to be ashamed of myself for presuming to undertake such an insulting proceeding as that of suing the Lieutenant-Governor.

But being thus repulsed only fired my zeal and I soon found another magistrate before whom I laid my complaint. He, in turn, expressed great astonishment that I should be bold enough to think of suing the Governor, a gentleman acknowledged on all hands to have been in private life by far the most brilliant lawyer in the Province. My adviser proceeded to point out to me that it would really be scandalous if he were to take such a case, and tried to persuade me from such an unheard of proceeding.

Turning away in disgust, and now becoming desperate, I made a third attempt to enlist the required services in the person of a gentleman acknowledged to be fearless in the exercise of his duties. This time, after considerable argument and objection on the good man's part, I succeeded in filing my claim for two dollars and nineteen

cents against the Governor; and, having been advised of the day fixed for the trial, I returned to my home filled with the determination to vindicate the honour and majesty of the law. My father, in the meantime, having heard of my somewhat unusual undertaking, endeavoured to persuade the magistrate to accept a settlement of the account and have the proceedings withdrawn but I would not consent to any such arrangement and ordered the cause to proceed.

The morning of the trial broke fresh and clear and I was stirring betimes and early on the way to Town strong in my right as a citizen of a free commonwealth. On my arrival I found that the case had excited the greatest interest, and gentle and simple were alike engaged in discussing the all-engrossing topic that the Governor of the Province had been sued by a North country farmer for the paltry sum of two dollars and nineteen cents.

Many of my friends, while openly deploring my want of respect for authority, secretly hoped that I might be successful against a man haughty and arrogant, and feared rather than respected. I was advised on all sides to engage the services of a lawyer, and the favourite seemed to be a young man recently established in the Town destined afterwards to become Provincial Premier and who is now indeed the Honourable A. G. Blair, the Ex-Minister of Railways and Canals. But I decided to plead my own cause.

The Magistrate's Court was somewhat peculiar in that small claims such as mine could be tried by the aid of a jury of five persons. I, of course, demanded that the five good men and true should be forthwith empaneled and this having been done it became