

yearly hiring, the burden is upon him to establish it by proof. A hiring at so much a day, week, or year, no time being specified, is an indefinite hiring and no presumption attaches that it was for a day even, but only at the fixed rate for whatever time the party may serve. It is competent for either party to shew what the mutual understanding of the parties was in reference to the matter, but, unless their understanding was mutual that the service was to extend for a certain fixed and definite period, it is an indefinite hiring and is determinable at the will of either party. . . . Thus it will be seen that the fact that compensation is measured at so much a day, month, or year does not necessarily make such hiring a hiring for a day, month, or year, but in all such cases the contract may be put an end to by either party at any time, unless the time is fixed and a recovery had at the rate fixed for the service actually rendered."—*Central Law Journal*.

By the death of the late Judge of the Exchequer Court of Canada the country loses an able and a conscientious judge, and Ottawa a good citizen. Grown up with the Court over which he presided, he had a thorough knowledge of its scope, procedure and requirements, while, by his judgments, he had obtained the general confidence both of the Bar and of the Government. That his decisions were but infrequently reversed on appeal indicates the correctness of his law and the maturity of his judgment. In the prime of his life and in the midst of his usefulness he was compelled to cease temporarily—as it was hoped—from his labour; then, when informed of the incurable nature of his disease, and knowing that his days were numbered, he methodically completed his judgments, arranged his affairs, and calmly awaited the inevitable summons. The late judge was born at Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, on Feb. 6, 1847. He was called to the Bar of that province in 1872, made Deputy Minister of Justice in 1882, and, five years later, was appointed Judge of the Exchequer Court of Canada.