

There have been at least seven such in Upper Canada: the *first* granted to the Honorable William Henry Draper, with rank after the Solicitor-General for the time being; the *second* to the Honorable Henry Sherwood, with rank after the Attorney and Solicitor-General for the time being; the *third* to the Honorable William Hume Blake, with a like rank; the *fourth*, to Thomas M. Raden-hurst, Esquire; the *fifth* to the Honorable John Ross, in 1853, with rank after the Honorable William Buell Richards, who was Gazetted in 1850; the *sixth*, in June, 1853, received a special patent of precedence, next after the Honorable Robert Baldwin, who was Gazetted on the 15th September, 1842; the *seventh* to the Honorable James Buchanan Macaulay, with rank next after the Attorney and Solicitor-General for the time being. Where precedence is given to several Counsel "next after the Attorney and Solicitor-General for the time being," it is presumed, that, as between themselves, inasmuch as all cannot be next, they will rank according to the dates of their respective Commissions, when not otherwise expressed. Where the precedence is not special, but only as among Counsel already appointed to rank after a particular one named, the precedence has no reference to the official rank which the person named may at the time hold, or afterwards attain. Thus, a patent to rank after a person named, who subsequently becomes Attorney-General, does not entitle the recipient of the Commission to take precedence before the Solicitor-General. (In re H. J. Boulton, Q.C. 1 U. C. R. 317.)

Excluding the Judges, there are at present, out of a Bar of 383 persons, twenty-eight Queen's Counsel, or one silk for every fourteen stuff gowns.

Calls to the Bar are now regulated chiefly by the Rules of the Law Society, made in Michaelmas Term, 1835, amending the previous Rule of Trinity Term, 1st and 2nd William IV., and dividing the Candidates into two classes, those for "Call" simply, and those for "Call with Honors." The latter, though requiring a higher standard of qualification than the former, gives no special rank or precedence at the Bar.