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Provincial
PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS, 1902

**ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S
DEPARTMENT.**

Administrative Duties.

Advisory Duties.

Revision of the Statutes.

Legislation and Law Reform.

Constitutional Cases.

Election Laws.

Prosecutions under Election Laws.

Municipal Accounting.

This Department was presided over by the Hon. Sir Oliver Mowat, G.C.M.G., for over twenty-three years without interruption until his retirement in 1896, when he was succeeded by the late Hon. A. S. Hardy, K.C., who held the office until his retirement, on account of ill-health, in 1899. Since 1899 it has been presided over by the Hon. J. M. Gibson, K.C.

The duties and responsibilities of that "high officer,"—as the Attorney-General has been judicially styled—as the general agent for the Crown, are most arduous, exacting, and continuous.

Administrative Duties.

To this Department belongs the supervision of the administration of justice throughout the Province, including the investigation of complaints made in respect to the conduct of magistrates, the prosecution of criminals both for offences com-

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