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THE HONORABLE GEORGE SKEFFINGTON CONNOR,
JUDGE OF THE QUEEN'S BENCH.

 HE Honorable George Skeffington Connor was Irish to the manner born. He was the son of a successful Irish Lawyer, who practised in Dublin.

George Skeffington Connor, better known in Canada as Doctor Skeffington Connor, was born in the City of Dublin. He was an out and out Dublin man, and took his D. L. Degree at Trinity College. Doctor Connor was an accomplished and highly educated man. Before coming to Canada he had been called to the Irish Bar, not with the intention of practising however, as he had expectations of a good income from other sources than the Bar—he only went to the Bar “*causa honoris*.” It was the custom of Irish gentlemen who were men of wealth, or expected to come into a fortune, to take a Degree at the University and attach themselves to the Bar as an honorable and liberal profession. Doctor Connor came to Canada with William Hume Blake, afterwards Chancellor Blake, in 1832. In July of that year a number of young Irish gentlemen formed themselves into an emigration society, determined to leave their native land and make their future home in a new country, where with prospects of fortune from tilling the soil, they could at the same time satisfy the love for adventure so