

inadequacy of salary as compared with the more generous income which he had been receiving from his practice, relinquished the latter and accepted the appointment of Deputy Minister of Justice for Canada, which position he still occupies. In that capacity he has been engaged not only, as his predecessors were, in the administration of the affairs of his department, which include the advising of other departments of the Government upon legal matters, reporting upon the constitutionality of the statutes of the various Provinces, and many other matters of public importance, but he has in addition, to a considerable extent and with much success, conducted in the courts the litigation in which the Government has been concerned. Mr. Newcombe is eminently fair and judicial in his methods, and his administration of the department has met with general satisfaction.

Mr. Newcombe was appointed Queen's Counsel 18th November, 1893, and called to the Bar of Ontario, 8th December, 1893. He has been a member of the Council of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society 1892-3; Governor of Dalhousie College, 1887-93; President of Alumni Association of Dalhousie College, 1887; Lecturer on Insurance in the Law Faculty of that University, 1892 and 1893. In 1895 he was appointed by His Excellency in Council representative of the Government of Canada to confer with Her Majesty's Government on the subject of Canadian copyright, and in that capacity visited London and conferred with the Secretary of State for the Colonies, both as to the constitutional aspects of the question, and for the purpose of removing the causes of complaint then existing on the part of the Canadian publishers. Mr. Newcombe's report as to the result of this conference has not been published. His work was mentioned in the Governor General's speech at the opening of the following session of Parliament, and it is believed, although no new copyright legislation has been enacted, that the more satisfactory relations that have since prevailed between Canada and the Mother Country, with regard to this difficult problem, have been very largely due to the capable and prudent manner in which he executed the important mission with which he was entrusted.

Mr. Newcombe is very fond of sport, his special hobby being big game shooting, in which he has a very considerable record for the opportunities afforded by a busy professional life.

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