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Amidst all the demands, which varied duties of the judicial office entailed upon him, it is marvellous that he found time, in so many ways, to aid in promoting matters of importance to the welfare of the country. His ability as a legal draughtsman had commended him to the Honourable Robert Baldwin during the time of his government, who availed himself of his ser-

have been largely theoretical and of questionable value. In all such matters Judge Gowan did not confine himself solely to the limited sphere of his local judicial duties, but with pen and voice brought under public notice any notable abuse, or suggested some sensible amendment of the existing law, which would bring order out of chaos, and tend to reduce the constant friction which is an incident to all newly devised systems, no matter how carefully framed. Through such labours as his—and the labours of many others, too, who are entitled to be credited with efforts in the same direction—we have perfected a most flexible and workable system of local self-government, which while a boon to the various local communities, is at the same time a monument, more enduring than brass, of the untiring energy and patriotism of men like the late Judge of the Judicial District of Simcoe.”—*Canada Law Journal*, Nov., 1883.