

others, and particularly Mr. Justice Russell, are better qualified to speak than I. One cannot help, when reading his decisions as given in that learned gentleman's volume of equity cases being struck by their clearness and comparative brevity. They carry conviction to the readers' intellect as he goes along and are evidently the productions of a mind thoroughly saturated with the principles of law and familiar with its practical working.

From the Memorial of 1890, I may quote the following: "In the preface to the volume containing his decisions as Judge in Equity, the learned reporter, Mr. Russell, describes the Court during his term of office as in the language of Chancellor Kent, presenting the image of the sanctity of a temple where truth and justice seemed to be enthroned and to be personified in their decrees; and in the resolution of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society, unanimously adopted just after Judge Ritchie's death, the following eloquent language is used with respect to the Equity Court: To the discharge of its duties he brought faculties and attainments of the highest order, and those judicial virtues without which even faculties and attainments of the highest order are no sure guarantee of success. Patient to listen and weigh, keen to detect fallacy, merciless in the exposure of fraud, severe and exacting with seniors, but gracious and condescending to juniors, he discharged for eight years the duties of his high judicial office with an unbending integrity, which is happily not exceptional, but also with an unquestioned authority, which is almost without a parallel in the judicial annals of the Province. After a long and busy career, crowded with the most useful and most fruitful activities through many years, in which he wore the white flower of a blameless life, he has gone from our midst, leaving to the generation that follows him a noble example of high devotion to professional and public duty, and to those that were privileged to know him intimately the memory of his many endearing qualities of head and heart".