

able length, I have viewed the case, as I hope I shall do every case that comes before me, solely with reference to its intrinsic merits. Totally devoid of all personal, all party and all political feeling, it has been and ever will be my earnest desire to render to every one impartial justice;" and winds up by quoting Horace Odes, Bk. 3, Carm. 3:—

"Justum ac tenacem propositi virum
Non civium ardor prava jubentium
Non vultus instantis tyranni
Mente quatit solida . . ."

of which he gives a translation for the benefit of the vulgar:—

"The Man, in conscious virtue bold
Who dares his honest purpose hold
Unshaken hears the crowd's tumultuous cries
And the stern tyrant's brow in utmost rage defies."

However admirable these sentiments in the abstract may be and are, this was a most injudicious method of speech, plainly suggesting as it did, that other judges acted from political motives or through fear of the Governor. But the Radical papers took up the newcomer and extolled his sentiment—largely, one may be permitted to conjecture, that they might thus harass the Government of the day.

Mr. Justice Willis, when he could not get his Court of Equity through the Government, himself drew up a bill and endeavoured to have it passed through the agency of the opposition. Chief Justice Campbell was in poor health and was known to be about to retire, and Willis applied for the Chief Justiceship; but Attorney-General Robinson also desired the position, and had the better claim to it. Willis fell out with the Attorney-General and charged him officially with neglect of duty. Complaint was made against Willis to the home authorities; while he on the other part seems to have acted in everything in such a way as most to irritate the Government. He had, or affected to have, the most profound contempt for the legal attainments of his colleagues, especially Mr. Justice Sherwood, and when the Chief Justice, as we have seen, left for England on leave of absence, which he did after Hilary Term, 1828, the court, composed of two puisnes, was the scene of continual and unseemly