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acted in the presence of a large and able Bar, and
 amongst "an intelligent and educated people, very
 tenacious of their rights." This fact has been referred
 to in several quarters. We learn from older members
 of the Bar that there never was a feeling in this Judi-
 cial District that "it depended upon the humour of
 the judge what character the law assumed." So far
 from that, every practitioner felt confidence in advising
 his client, upon ascertained facts, what the decision
 would probably be. This was a matter of great
 importance in those days when the bulk of the law
 business was done in the Division Courts, and when
 there was no appeal from the decision of the judge
 acting in these Courts, though retained in the other
 Courts over which he presided. The feeling of confi-
 dence and certainty to which we refer, was conspicuous
 very early in Judge Gowan's judicial life, and in this
 connection may be given the language of an address,
 presented to him in 1852, by the magistrates, council-
 lors and others, residents of the western townships,
 after a new District was set off from the territory then
 in his jurisdiction, and formed into the District of

adjust the disputed rights of the parties; (2) to establish a rule by
 which similar questions may be solved in the future, and if possible
 to bring each case within the scope of some general principle which
 he had enunciated and defined, guarding it, however, with proper
 conditions and exceptions. * * The soundness of his judgments
 and the care with which he prepared his decisions is evinced by the
 fact, before mentioned, that but two of his judgments appear to be
 reversed on appeal."—*Canada Law Journal*, Nov. 1883.