

he held until he became in due course Law Clerk of the House of Commons of the Dominion of Canada. After having completed fifty-seven years in the public service he was retired on a pension, since which time he has lived in Ottawa, devoting himself to various literary pursuits, and enjoying a well-earned rest.

He was connected with various public duties outside his position as Law Clerk, having been appointed one of the commissioners for revising the statutes of Lower Canada in 1841, and in consolidating the statutes of Lower Canada and Canada respectively in 1856. He devoted himself assiduously to the duties of his office, and was, from time to time, of inestimable value to the various ministers in power, and enjoyed to the full the confidence of all political parties.

His spare time was largely devoted to writing on various questions of interest to the profession and to the public. A number of his essays, short poems and miscellaneous verses have been collected and published, and show that his classical and scholarly attainments, as well as his knowledge of public affairs, were of a very high order. Many articles of his have appeared in the columns of this journal, and were fully appreciated by our readers. Of unblemished reputation, he was respected and beloved by all who knew him. Notwithstanding the great age that he attained he preserved the use of his faculties almost up to the day of his death. His erect form and bright genial face will long be remembered.

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SIR CASIMIR GZOWSKI, K.C.M.G., A.D.C. to the Queen.—This talented man, and highly respected citizen, who passed away on August 25, was not known in Canada as a member of the legal profession. He was nevertheless one of us, and as such we record his death. Having been born in St. Petersburg in 1813, he had reached the advanced age of 85. Although best known as an engineer, and for the many great public services rendered to his adopted country, he was in 1837, shortly after arriving in the United States from Poland, which he had to leave after the insurrection against Russia in which he took a prominent part, enrolled as an advocate in Beaver County, Pennsylvania. He practised there for some years, until he came to Canada in 1841. His career since then finds its record in the history of the Dominion.

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## Book Reviews.

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*The Law of Mines in Canada*, by W. D. MCPHERSON and J. M. CLARK, of Osgoode Hall, Barristers-at-Law; The Carswell Company, 1898.

This volume appears seasonably. It is a comprehensive treatment of a comprehensive subject. The great and growing importance of the mining industry throughout Canada, to use the words of the authors in their preface, "renders some statement of the laws in force therein a matter of convenience amounting almost to necessity."