

position amongst the members of the Ontario Bar". Of his personal character it is truly recorded in one of the papers in his own City that he was "one of the most companionable men, and his natural dignity blended well with the geniality and the gentle courtesy that endeared him to a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He was one of the men who radiate kindness and who win respect by modest worth". A high-minded honorable man and a staunch and genial friend his loss will be great to those who knew him.

Flotsam and Jetsam.

Lord Alverstone and the Colonial Secretary.—It is useless for any British statesman to attempt to persuade us that Lord Alverstone treated our Commissioners with courtesy and fairness, or that he did not depart from the letter of his oath to render a judicial decision on the point at issue. For some time we suspended judgment. Mr. Aylesworth and Sir Louis Jetté had made their serious and formal accusation over their signatures in the most official and public manner; and we, with sensible self-restraint, awaited his reply. But when he refused to accord us the courtesy of an explanation, we no longer suspended judgment; and now our opinion has hardened into an historic certainty that two islands were taken from us and given to the Americans by the British Commissioner in violation of his oath and with the purpose of propitiating the big Republic at our expense. Thus, the best thing that Colonial Secretaries in future can do is to leave the matter alone. A full explanation from Lord Alverstone now would be late, but it would be listened to. Nothing else, however, can make any headway at reopening the case. Least of all we are in a mood to hear with patience eloquent praise of the intellectual qualities and high character of Lord Alverstone. We had rather judge for ourselves these intellectual qualities in the defence of his conduct which he should have written long ago, as we have already formed our opinion of the high character of a man who takes an oath to give a judicial decision, and then does nothing of the kind, and who agrees with two Canadian colleagues to pursue a certain definite course, and then takes another without even letting them know of his intended breach of faith. — *Toronto News*.