

the retirement of Sir Oliver Mowat, to become Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, he assumed the portfolio of Minister of Justice and the position of Government leader in the Upper House. For both of these positions Mr. Mills was eminently qualified. Twenty-three years ago he entered the Ministry of Hon. Alex. Mackenzie as Minister of the Interior, and he held that important portfolio till the retirement of this administration from office in 1878. Under him the settlement of the North-West was greatly facilitated; treaties of a just character arrived at by many Indian tribes; and the nucleus of local self-government established. So that, when he was again requested to become a member of the Government of Canada, it was conceded on all hands that the Prime Minister had made an excellent choice, and Mr. Mills' subsequent career as Minister and Government leader in the Senate has amply sustained this view.

Our readers are probably more interested in the career of Mr. Mills as a jurist and as an authority on constitutional and international law. He is a Queen's Counsel of the Province of Ontario, and his name was included in the Dominion list presented to Lord Aberdeen by Sir Charles Tupper in 1896. For a number of years he successfully practised his profession in the city of London, and in 1872 he earned distinction for himself in connection with the definition of the north-west boundary of Ontario, pursuing his researches in support of the claims of the Province not only in Canada and in Great Britain, but at Washington. His professional services were retained in conducting the argument on the subject before the Imperial Privy Council in 1884, and his report was recognized on all hands as a most ably-reasoned and conclusive document. The claims therein made were entirely sustained by the British Privy Council. He was entrusted with other important business by the Ontario Administration—notably, the Indian title case, in which he appeared both before the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court—and in each case earned praise for the manner in which he accomplished his important task. For a number of years he was editor of the *London Advertiser* and he is also a frequent contributor to the leading magazines. As Professor of Constitutional and International Law in the Provincial University, the Minister of Justice earned the highest respect from all with whom he came into contact, and he has had the satisfaction of seeing many of the students who have profited by