

"A SKETCH OF LAWRENCE O'CONNOR DOYLE, A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY IN THE THIRTIES AND FORTIES."

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To rescue from almost total oblivion the memory of a man whose doings and sayings vastly interested the generation in which he flourished is a somewhat difficult task, when it happens that none of his contemporaries are alive nor any relative or descendant that had met or conversed with him who could describe his characteristics. Still it seems but just that the attempt should be made in the case of one who held a high place in the circle of Reformers who obtained responsible government.

In this historic building gathered a number of men whose talents and acquirements would have gained fame in the wider arena of the mother country—men whose eloquence and persistence changed the old order of affairs and brought about the new form of responsible government as we know it to-day. In the Supreme Court, a few feet from here Joseph Howe stood at the bar charged with libel, and was pronounced not guilty by twelve of his fellow citizens. These halls rang with cheers from an immense crowd when the verdict was made known. In this chamber sat the opponents of the reformers within closed doors. One of the principal men to open these doors to admit the public is the subject of this paper. To effect the free admission of the public, Lawrence O'Connor Doyle moved four resolutions, the first of which was as follows; "Resolved, that the practice hitherto pursued by His Majesty's Legislative Council of this Province of excluding