

point, but merely in producing general merriment. The next day we halted at Truro, and on the third reached Pictou. At that time, and for several succeeding years, the travelling, except on *runners* in winter, was almost invariably on horseback; and for three days from Halifax to Pictou, and four to Amherst.

The proceedings in the court, in those early years, I can confidently say, were conducted, as to the Bench, with dignity, and with due respect from the Bar; and among the members of the latter, with becoming courtesy, and an avoidance of wrangling, or unseemly strife or contention. The admission to practice, *then*, were as Attorney and Barrister at the same time, and might also be so obtained into the courts of Chancery, and Vice Admiralty, and as a Notary Public. The present rule of a prescribed time between the admission as Attorney and as Barrister, is certainly the better arrangement. I think it not at all presumptuous, to take this fit opportunity, of offering some remarks regarding the *right or title* for obtaining the *honors* of the profession, as to both the Bar and the Bench. All the members of the *legal*, as well as those in the other learned professions, and of all civil offices, should, in justice, be equally entitled to obtain the honors which respectively belong to those professions and offices, and other public employments, according to seniority of standing and service,—the circumstances as to knowledge, skill, experience, and on other essential or material points, being superior, or but equal. This was the general and just course, or it may even be said the rule, in those early years, as to the Bar and Bench; and it