

of B.C.L., and afterwards had degree of D.C.L. conferred upon him ; began the study of law with Messrs. Robinson and Allen, and finished in the office of Crawford and Hagarty ; in Michaelmas Term, 1855, was called to the Bar "with honors ;" in 1854, was appointed Chief Clerk of the Crown Law Department, and served in that capacity until 1859, when he entered upon the practice of his profession. Henceforward his career was one of the most prosperous which has been known at the Canada Bar ; was Counsel for the Crown in several important cases, and was one of those chosen to defend the Ministers when they were accused of violating the Independence of Parliament Act. "In fact," said an authority some years ago, "since 1859, when he entered into partnership with the late James Paterson and Mr. Thomas Hodgins, and commenced his practice at the Bar, there has been scarcely a case of public importance in which he has not been retained, and the number of briefs he yearly held must have entailed an immense amount of labor, anxiety, and thought. We believe no member of the profession in this country has held so many briefs as Mr. Harrison, during the time he has been at the Bar. At many of the Assizes for York and the City of Toronto, he has been retained in three-fourths of the criminal, and as large a proportion of the defended cases on the docket." He must, indeed, have been an indomitable worker, and extremely systematic to have accomplished during these years, the work referred to, and at the same time have produced the amount of valuable legal literature which he did. In 1867 he was made a Q.C., and elected a Bencher of the Law Society in 1871 ; in 1867 and 1868, sat in the City Council ; from 1867 to 1872, represented West Toronto, as a Conservative, in the House of Commons, declining a re-nomination. As already intimated, he wrote much, being a high authority in many branches of jurisprudence ; published several works which are recognized authorities in the Courts ; was a contributor to the *Merchants' Magazine*, the *Daily Colonist*, and various other periodicals and newspapers ; was one of the founders and editors of the *Local Courts Gazette*, and subsequently editor of the *Upper Canada Law Journal*.

In 1875 Mr. Harrison was elevated to the Chief Justiceship of the Court of Queen's Bench of Ontario. He stood, at the time of his appointment, at the head of the law profession in Canada, and his appointment was received with general satisfaction, as one not more honorable to himself than in the public interest, and to his enviable reputation of a sound lawyer, he added that of an upright judge. He found the business of his Court largely in arrears, but his untiring energy soon had it clear. He found no time for idleness, but, as before, worked almost incessantly, and doubtless the immense strain upon his energies, which were taxed to their utmost, hastened his death, which occurred after a short illness, on the 1st of November, 1878. In his death Ontario lost one of the greatest men that has adorned its judiciary, and a large circle of friends and fellow-citizens lost one who had endeared himself to them by his many excellent qualities, both of head and heart. At a meeting of the Bar, resolutions of respect and condolence were passed, among which appear the following : "At the Bar he became