

The next death among your active members, is that of Joseph Bouchette, Esquire, late Surveyor General of Lower Canada. This Gentleman was greatly instrumental in the formation of a Society in this City in 1827, whose objects were of a somewhat similar nature to those of this Society. It was named "The Society for the encouragement of the Arts and Sciences in Canada," and of this he was the President during the time of its separate existence. Some few years subsequently a junction of the two Societies became desirable, and it was effected on the recommendation of His Excellency Sir James Kempt, then Governor General, with a common benefit: Mr. Bouchette on this occasion became one of the Vice-Presidents of the joint Society; an honour he continued to enjoy during several successive years. The following particulars of Mr. Bouchette's public life, are taken from a sketch drawn up by one of his friends, apparently well suited to the task, and published in the Quebec Gazette, some time after his demise:—

" Joseph Bouchette was born in Quebec on the 14th May, 1774. Early in life his talents were displayed and obtained for him at the age of sixteen, the situation of Draftsman in the Surveyor General's Office; and some time afterwards a commission as Land Surveyor. Two years later in life he joined his Father, the Commodore on the great Lakes, as an ordinary sailor; and frequently had assigned to him the most perilous duties. He was soon promoted to the grade of Mate, and in 1794 was rewarded with a Lieutenantcy in the Provincial Navy for having succeeded in saving H. M. Schooner Onondaga, which had been stranded on the shoals near Toronto. In 1796 he joined the First Battalion of Royal Canadian Volunteers as Lieutenant, and the following year he was placed in command of an armed Row Galley, to cruise