

investiture was not quite as magnificent or as expensive as that of a knight of the garter, it was not unaccompanied by those orgies in which the great actor so much delighted, and of which the recollection still lives in the hearts of the old Indians who even now recount the vivacious powers of "the little man with the bright eyes."

As a lawyer, Mr. Stuart, though not equal to his brother, was highly esteemed at the bar, his partner being the Hon. Henry Black, now judge of the Court of Admiralty. It is to be regretted that he left no work behind him worthy of his talents and his name, for judging from his reports to Parliament, he was capable of much in that line. In 1828, Mr. Stuart as Government Commissioner and Lieut. Baddely, R.E., went up the Saugenay to the lake St. John, and there met Mr. Joseph Bouchette, who had ascended the St. Maurice, crossed over to the head waters of the Batiscan, and descended that river to St. John's lake.

Of this expedition an able report was published in 1829; and it was on this long inland journey that one of the parties made the wonderful discovery of a quicksilver mine, a first and accidental edition of the Oshawa coal mine discovery. It was after this wise:—an instrument carried by the leading party got broken, and the quicksilver fell in the crevice of a rock, the remaining fragments were put out of sight either by accident or for a joke. The party following discovered the precious metal, and forthwith their fortunes were made, notes and bearings were strictly taken; but, alas! the phantom dissolved, and in place of making a fortune they made a good deal of fun.

One admirable trait in the character of Mr. Stuart was the alacrity with which he served his friends, and to it we owe one of the best guide-books published in Canada, "The Picture of Quebec and its environs," by Alfred Hawkins. Between Mr. Stuart and Mr. Hawkins, an extensive wine merchant, an enthusiastic Englishman, and by-the-way a brother chief of the Lorette tribe, a strict friendship had grown up, and between them they planned the guide, to which the subject of this sketch contributed largely, as he also did to a paper called *The Star*, printed by a man of the name of Chase.

Mr. Stuart was an active member of the Quebec Historical Society, which numbered in its ranks the cleverest men at that day in Canada, and he contributed several valuable papers to its periodical publication, he also wrote some tracts on constitutional law which were highly prized.

Of the part which Mr. Stuart took in the troublous politics of the day it is unnecessary to write here, or to make any allusions to those contests which caused so much of irritation and estrangement; those who are curious in such matters may consult M. Garneau on one side and Mr. Christie on the other, it is quite sufficient to state here that no man was ever more honest, more honourable, or more consistent, and it