

in the retirement of his chambers or before the court in Term, rather than in the more public forums of the nisi prius courts; and where, after 19 years at the Bar, he was promoted to the Bench of the former Court of Common Pleas, the appointment was received with general satisfaction by the profession and was amply justified by his judicial career from that day to this. But from his temperament and general disposition the Court of Appeal was a more appropriate tribunal for the display of his judicial abilities, and to this court he was, with the hearty approval of the profession, elevated in 1883, and there he has remained until his retirement, notwithstanding the offer of promotion to the Supreme Court Bench, which he declined in 1888.

Mr. Justice Osler may be said to be a judge of the old school who has combined dignity with learning and simplicity of manners. It has been enough for him to do his duty without ostentation, and he leaves behind him the record of a painstaking, fair-minded, learned and able judge, of whom the province has every reason to be proud.