

to express in words my deep appreciation of this kind reception; but the too-flattering manner in which Mr. Irving has voiced your congratulations has almost overpowered me, and I must ask you to believe that my gratitude is deeper than I can at this moment give expression to. It is now within a few days of 23 years since I was raised to the bench, and, to use the words of a very eminent American on a recent occasion, I can only say 'that I have earnestly striven to the best of my ability faithfully to fulfil my trust.' Beyond that I have no claim to the honour conferred upon me. But it is a proud satisfaction to me to find that my efforts faithfully to discharge my duties have been noticed by the members of the profession of which I have been so many years a member, and to which I am so warmly attached. I am now nearing the close of my career, and there is nothing that I prize so highly as this manifestation of their esteem and good will. This Court has been presided over by men of great ability, including the gifted jurist whose place I am called upon to fill, and I feel the more so that account the grave responsibility of my position; but I think I am justified in saying that this Court has succeeded in gaining the confidence of the profession and of the public, and I do not doubt that, with the able assistance of my colleagues, with whom I have

worked so long, we shall succeed in retaining that confidence—the more so as we have been reinforced by the addition of one of the ablest members of the Bar in the person of my friend Mr. Moss, whose name is a household word, not only in this Court, but throughout the Dominion, his brother having for all too short a time presided over its deliberations with an ability known to every one. This assemblage has met for the purpose of doing honour to him, in which we cordially join, and I will not therefore detain you longer; but, thanking each and every one of you for this kind mark of your confidence, I will close by saying that I shall make every effort to retain it."

Mr. Justice Moss made a most complete, though concise, address in reply to the treasurer's words of appreciation. He referred in the warmest terms to the retiring Chief Justice, and to the new Chief Justice, and then spoke of his own experiences at the Bar, and his feeling of friendliness towards all his former associates. He thanked the Bar warmly for their manifestation of kind feeling towards him.

Among the members of the Bar present were Messrs. D. B. Read, Q.C.; Christopher Robinson, Q.C.; D'Alton McCarthy, Q.C.; J. T. Garrow, Q.C.; Walter Cassels, Q.C.; J. J. Maclaren, Q.C.; C. H. Ritchie, Q.C.; G. F. Shepley, Q.C.; the Hon. William Mulock, and many others.