

He pined for work in keeping with his past activities, something which would preserve him from the rust of idleness. This complete change in the habits of a man of his temperament, his energies not yet blunted by old age, had the most baneful effect on his health. This change did not come about at once, but gradually in the course of the few remaining years of his life it began to tell on him with ever increasing rapidity until the foundations of a naturally strong constitution were sapped.

As soon as the business of the Chancery Court was wound up he went abroad with his family, travelling in England and on the Continent, enjoying the society of his many friends in the old country. He spent a year or more in this way, and returned to his old home in Halifax where he passed the remainder of his life. His restless spirit, however, rebelled against the enforced idleness of his life. Nothing could, or ever did reconcile him to this monotonous existence. In one respect, however, he was fortunate in having the comfort, and society of his children married happily and well, and all living in the Province with their children in whom he took the fondest interest. As had been his custom when on the Bench during vacation he spent his summers in Amherst, and its vicinity, where with the exception of his youngest daughter they all lived. His relations with his children, and grandchildren were of the most affectionate, and tender kind. He in return enjoyed their highest respect and devotion. He was their wise counsellor in all their trials and difficulties, and for those who needed it his purse was always generously open. Through his paternal influence the bonds of affection and family unity were preserved amongst them all so that notwithstanding the numerous connections and divers interests there was no sound of discord to be heard. Such was his life, varied with an occasional visit to England and in daily intercourse with those of his old friends who still resided in Halifax. His duties in the Admiralty Court with some few exceptions were not heavy, and he filled in his leisure hours in reading, and walking of both of which he was very fond. He died in Halifax on the first of January, 1865, about ten years after