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The Late John Bain, Queen's Counsel.

THE subject of our sketch is the late John Bain, Queen's Counsel, of the legal firm of Bam, Laidlaw & Kappelé, of the City of Toronto. Mr. Bain took a great interest in the formation of the Toronto Type Foundry Company, and upon its incorporation was elected its first Vice-President. His career as a self made man is so striking that a short sketch will be of great value to all our readers, especially to young men who have their future before them. Mr. Bain was born in Kirkcaldy, Scotland, in the year 1839, and was the son of a Scotch clergyman. In his youth his parents came to this country and settled in the town of Scarborough, in the county of York, where his father had a charge in connection with the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Bain was educated in the public schools of the county, and for a number of years taught school, and in this way saved sufficient money to enable him to enter the Law Society and pursue his study of law, a profession which he had mapped out for himself. In 1861, at the age of twenty-two years, he came to Toronto and began the study of law in the office of Patterson, Harrison & Patterson. He was what is known as a five years' student, and rapidly gained for himself a reputation for being painstaking, determined and industrious, and before he had completed his course as a student he had made such headway in his profession that he was highly thought

of throughout the city, and upon his being called to the bar in 1866 he was at once taken into the above firm as a partner. He married in the same year Miss Mary Price, daughter of Col. Price, of H. M. 60th Rifles (Ceylon).

In the natural course of events he outlived many of his partners, and also saw several of them elevated to the Bench, amongst whom are the present Hon Justice Ferguson, of the Supreme Court of Judicature for Ontario, and His Honor Joseph E. McDougall, Senior Judge of the County of York, both of whom had been associated with Mr. Bain in his law practice. He was appointed a Queen's Counsel by the Dominion Government in 1883. On the 1st of Jan., 1884, he entered into partnership with Mr. William Laidlaw, Q.C., of Hamilton, and Mr. Geo. Kappelé, both of whom continued with him until the time of his death.

Mr. Bain's whole life was devoted to his family and profession. He was never known to neglect any interests

which were placed in his hands; he centred all his energy and ability in his business, and, as a result, was a man eminently successful, both as a solicitor and counsel. During his long practice he had entrusted to him interests of great magnitude and importance, and in every case he faithfully and conscientiously, and with marked ability, looked after those interests.

He was at the time of his death one of the most respected men in Toronto, and was looked



THE LATE JOHN BAIN, Q. C.