

*SIR ELZEAR TASCHEREAU.*

The death of Sir Henri Elzear Taschereau, which took place at his home in Ottawa on the 14th of April, has removed from amongst us a man who, in his day, was eminent at the Bar, on the Bench and in public affairs; in private life esteemed and respected by all who knew him. Born in 1836 at Ste. Marie de la Beauce, in the Province of Quebec, he died at the age of 75, full of years and of well-earned honours.

Sir Elzear was educated at the Seminary of Quebec. He studied law, was called to the Bar in 1857, and practised in the city of Quebec, being at one time partner of the late Mr. Justice Blanchet. He was appointed K.C. in 1867, and in the following year was appointed clerk of the District of Quebec. In 1861 he was elected to Parliament for the County of Beauce, was re-elected in 1863, but defeated in 1867, which was the end of his political career. While in Parliament he was a supporter of Macdonald and Cartier, and of the measures which led to the Confederation of Canada.

In 1878, at the age of thirty-five, he was appointed a puisne judge of the Superior Court of the Province of Quebec. In 1873 he was transferred from the District of Quebec to that of Kamouraska, his residence being at Riviere du Loup, a place where for many years he made his home for the summer months. In the year 1878 he was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, of which he became Chief Justice in 1902, being knighted the same year. In 1906 he retired from the Bench and spent the remaining years of his life in study and the management of his private affairs.

Sir Elzear came by descent Seigneur of Ste. Marie de la Beauce, which had been ceded to his great grandfather in 1746. Always a student he devoted his leisure hours to the advancement of learning in relation to his profession and was the author of several works of great value to its members, besides frequent contributions to journals in connection with it. He wrote and published in the year 1874, "The Criminal Law of Canada, with Notes, Commentaries, Precedents and Indictments, etc.," con-