

faction. \* \* I reckon confidently on an energetic and diligent discharge of duty, a prompt and cheerful compliance with the various regulations, by which the full benefit of the courts may be secured to those who have occasion to use them."

We will only add, Judge Gowan may be said, in a certain sense, to have been exacting in the case of officers appointed by him, but he was just, and that he was revered by them to the end is manifest by their final address to him on his retirement, to be hereafter noticed. Nor did he confine himself to the effective organization and administration in the courts, but, active and energetic in everything calculated to promote the public good, he engaged himself ever since the year 1843, in assisting by his co-operation and advice, in the working and development of our municipal system,\* and it enabled him to give much valuable

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\* "Towards the organization and practical working out of our complicated municipal system, Judge Gowan has contributed more than any other one individual. Living, himself, after his appointment in a new district—brought into daily contact with the immigrant and the old settler, forced to hold his first Division Court in localities to which, for a time, the only means of access would be a bridle path, and the only means of locomotion a saddle-horse or one's own stout legs—he was brought face to face with the wants and peculiar requirements of settlements hewn out of the primeval forest, and the learned Judge thus acquired a practical experience which was open to few. This special knowledge, added to his well known legal attainments, and the confidence which was felt in his judgment and knowledge in high quarters, gave him the opportunity to mould much needful and practical legislation—legislation, which otherwise would