These suits were intrusted to him on the part of the Crown, and were conducted with diligence and success.

He was of counsel for the Crown in the case of the Attorney-General *vs.* Sherman Smith Halliday, 26 U. C. Q. B. Rep. 397, which deserves mention. It was an information filed by the Attorney-General against the defendant, who was a distiller carrying on business in Maitland, in the County of Grenville. He had gained a wide celebrity in that county for his hospitality, and because of his large business, which brought money to the farmers, who sold grain to him for his distillery business. He was growing affluent; but in some way the Revenue Department were not satisfied that he made correct returns to them of all the whiskey which he distilled. On investigation, they ascertained that it was more than probable there were upwards of 2,000 gallons short in his returns, the duty on which, if paid into the treasury, would have amounted to a large sum; which large sum they had not received. The suit for penalties and duty was tried at Toronto, in 1847, and resulted in a verdict for the Crown for $47,999.00, being the duty on 159,608 gallons of manufactured whiskey not returned.

J. H. Cameron, Q. C., moved a rule nisi in term to set aside the verdict on many grounds. Galt, Q. C., Anderson and Robert A. Harrison shewed cause. S. Richards, Q. C., supported the rule.

The case was very hotly contested. Mr. Halliday held a prominent position in the county, and if it should be decided against him, his reputation would be injured, and his future prospects blasted, on account of crookedness of dealing. Chief Justice Draper gave the judgment of the Court of Queen's Bench, and discharged the rule. The principal question decided was on the onus of proof. The Crown proving that the defendant had sold to customers more than he returned, was it for the Crown to prove the quantity manufactured, or was it for the defendant to establish that he had paid duty on all manufactured by him. It was held: (1) That the defendant was liable to