

THE HON. ARCHIBALD McLEAN.

to a race, most of whom have now passed away—the “giants” of Canada’s early history. He was one of those honest, brave, enduring, steadfast men sent by Providence to lay the foundation of a country’s greatness.

For the last few years Mr. McLean had been afflicted with partial paralysis, which, whilst it impaired his physical powers, left his intellect unclouded. For a long time however his iron frame resisted the attack of man’s “last enemy,” until having passed the span of life allotted to humanity, a general break up of the system took place, which, combined with his malady, at length carried him off. As he had lived, so did he die; calmly, courageously, and peacefully he went to stand before the Judge of all mankind, in the sure and certain hope of an eternity of joy and peace.

On the second day after his decease a meeting of the Benchers of the Law Society of Upper Canada took place in the Convocation Room at Osgoode Hall, for the purpose of taking such steps as were fitting under the circumstances. The Hon. John Ross was appointed chairman, when the following resolution was passed on the motion of Mr. John Crawford, seconded by Mr. Vankoughnet:

“That this meeting has heard with unfeigned regret of the death of the Honorable Archibald McLean, late President of the Court of Appeal, and as a mark of the high estimation in which he was held by the members of this society—he is resolved therefore, that a deputation do wait upon the family of the late President and request that the funeral do take place from Osgoode Hall and be conducted by this Society. and that the Hon. John Ross, and the mover and seconder compose such deputation.”

A committee was also appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the feelings of respect and affection of the profession to the late President, and the mode of testifying the same.

On Saturday before the funeral a meeting of the Society was held to take into consideration the resolutions which had been accordingly prepared by the committee. The Hon. John Ross being again called to the chair, the following resolutions were passed:

Moved by Mr. KENNETH MCKENZIE, Q. C., seconded by Mr. DUGGAN, Q. C., and

“Resolved, That the members of the Law Society now assembled, desire to record their feeling of profound regret at the death of the Honorable

Archibald McLean, President of the Court of Error and Appeal, and their sincere sympathy with his family in the great bereavement they have sustained. In paying this humble tribute to his virtues as a Judge, and his worth as a man, they are but giving feeble utterance to the sentiments of the whole profession. His great public services, extending over nearly half a century of our country’s history, and embracing offices of the highest trust, will cause his loss to be widely mourned, but by no part of the community as much as by the members of the bar, with whom he was so long and so intimately associated. By the upright and conscientious discharge of his judicial duties, he gained the confidence and secured the esteem of his fellow citizens; by a happy union of courtesy with dignity, he inspired affection, as well as respect, in those who practised before him, and thus helped to foster the spirit of mutual regard and cordial coöperation between the bench and the bar, which distinguishes the administration of justice in Upper Canada.”

Moved by Mr. GAMBLE, seconded by Mr. BROUGH, Q. C., and *resolved*,—

“2 That the members of the Law Society shall wear crape on their left arm for a month, as a testimonial of respect and affection for his memory.”

Moved by Mr. CRAWFORD, seconded by Mr. ALEXANDER CAMERON, and *resolved*,—

“3. That the treasurer be requested to transmit a copy of the first resolution to Mrs. McLean.”

Moved by Mr. ROAF, Q. C., seconded by Mr. CROOKS, Q. C., and *resolved*,—

“That the Treasurer do lay these resolutions before the Convocation, and on behalf of this meeting request their insertion in the minutes of the proceedings of the Society.”

The corpse, attended by personal friends, was taken from his residence on Peter Street to Osgoode Hall, where the funeral was arranged under the direction of the Law Society. Shortly after two o’clock the burial service of the Presbyterian Church was performed by the Rev. Dr. Barclay, when the coffin was placed in the hearse and the procession moved off. The pall-bearers were: The Chancellor of Upper Canada, Ex-Chancellor Blake, Mr. Justice Morrison, Mr. Justice Adam Wilson, and Mr. Vice-Chancellor Mowat. The procession was composed of the Bishop of Toronto, such of the Judges of the Superior Court as their duties on circuit permitted to attend, the Hon. S. B. Harrison, and others holding