

from the Regiment. Mr. Wilson, from his manner of conducting the case, was awarded great credit by the military authorities in Canada and in England.

I should not omit to mention here that James Shanly, Master in Chancery at London, was a Student of Mr. Wilson at this time, and acted as his amanuensis at the Court Martial. He has a great affection for the memory of the deceased Judge, and says in a letter which conveys information as to this Court Martial :

When I came as a law student to the office of my good and kind old friend and master, he had been a good many years in practice, and I was his sixth or seventh student, and when called to the Bar had been for a year before the senior and managing student of his office. He had a kind and generous disposition, an earnest love of truth and justice, and singular originality in the mode and management of nisi prius matters, and in his tact before juries.

The following complimentary reference to Mr. Wilson on his retiring from the Colonelcy of the 2nd Battalion, Sedentary Militia, was published in the Canada Gazette :

Lieutenant-Colonel the Honorable John Wilson is permitted to retire, retaining his rank.

His Excellency, the Commander-in-Chief, cannot permit Lieutenant-Colonel Wilson to retire without expressing the sense he entertains of the value of Lieutenant-Colonel Wilson's services in the Militia of the Province for the last five and twenty years.

Mr. Wilson was twice returned as representative for London in Parliament, on the first occasion in 1847, by a large majority of the electors, and on the second occasion at the general election of 1854, unanimously.

After his election, in 1847, he sat until the dissolution of the Parliament, but was defeated in 1851, and after his election in 1854, sat in the House from his return till 1857. In 1863, he was elected Legislative Councillor for the St. Clair Division, but did not take his seat, as he was shortly after appointed to the Bench.

He was a Conservative in politics; but not such a bigoted partizan as to cause him to believe there was no virtue in his opponents. He was not so strong a