

AN APPRECIATION.

SIR WALTER GIBSON PRINGLE CASSELS.¹

By the HONOURABLE SIR WILLIAM RALPH MEREDITH, K.T.,

President of the Supreme Court of Ontario.

In the death of Sir Walter Cassels the public and the profession have lost a distinguished Judge and a truly great lawyer. He was born at the City of Quebec on the 14th August, 1845, receiving his education at the High School of that City and in the University of Toronto. He became a barrister in 1869 and was made a Queen's Counsel in 1883. He was a member of the firm of Blake, Lash, Cassels. His rise at the Bar was rapid, and he soon became an acknowledged leader of the Chancery Bar, and was engaged in many important cases among which may be mentioned the famous Onderdonk Arbitration in which he acted as counsel for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. He was appointed Judge of the Exchequer Court of Canada on the 2nd March, 1908, and subsequently became its President and received the honour of Knighthood. He was also one of the arbitrators on the reference to determine the value of the common stock of the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada, and Chairman of the Board. To the work of the arbitration he gave unstintingly of his time and ability, and owing to his strenuous duties in connection with this matter it is believed that his strength was impaired and his life was shortened.

His activities were not confined to his professional and judicial duties. He was an excellent whist player, and an ardent golfer, and it was through his efforts

¹ NOTE: The Editor regrets that this tribute to the memory of the late President of the Exchequer Court of Canada did not reach him in time to be published in the March number of the REVIEW along with that written by Mr. Justice Mignault.

that the decision was reached that it was not unlawful to play golf on the Lord's Day, a decision that has stood unquestioned to the present day, and has proved a boon to many golfers.

His bearing was unostentatious. He had a fund of quiet humour and was a pleasant and entertaining companion.

It was my privilege to have known him since his boyhood days, and to count him as practically a life-long friend.

THE LATE MR. JUSTICE CAMERON.

BY THE HONOURABLE W. E. PERDUE,

*Chief Justice of Manitoba.*¹

Since the last sitting of this Court a sad bereavement has come upon it. By the death of Mr. Justice Cameron a gap has been made in the personnel of the Court which it will be difficult to repair. To some of us it seems almost irreparable.

At Toronto University John Donald Cameron was the most brilliant student of his day. He graduated with a standing only equalled by one man in the previous history of the University. It was while he was a student there that I first met him. I had graduated some years before, but circumstances brought me in close touch with the students of that period. Everyone who knew him foretold a great future for him, if only his delicate health would permit the full exercise of his fine ability. A friendship sprang up between him and me which remained and grew stronger as the years went by.

His temperament and qualities specially fitted him for a political career. He was elected a member of the Legislature of this Province and soon became Pro-

¹ This was an Address delivered at the opening of the Manitoba Court of Appeal on 2nd April, 1923.