

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.

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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-

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vincial Secretary and afterwards Attorney-General. As a member of the Provincial Government he became sponsor for much important legislation. He was also successful in his practice at the Bar, but it was his accession to the Bench that brought out the full measure of his great learning and ability. His earlier studies and training had amplified his capacity for clear and orderly reasoning; while his great memory for facts and principles retained them ready at hand for use and application.

In conferences of the judges he was quick to discern the very crux of a case or to point out the fallacy in an argument. In all discussions he retained his characteristic good nature and his respect for the opinion of those whose views differed from his own.

He was always a great reader and kept himself fully informed upon all the topics of the day. He retained his knowledge of the classics and was fond of quoting from them to an appreciative friend.

Apart from his learning and his manifold endowments as a judge, Mr. Justice Cameron's personal charm and companionship endeared him to all his associates on the bench. He was indeed to them a brother—not using that word as a mere term of judicial courtesy—but as the expression of affection, trust and confidence implied in the relationship of actual brotherhood.

To us this Court and its precincts will no longer be the same, with J. D. Cameron gone. It will be a sad pleasure to bear him in loving memory until the last session comes for each of us and the adjournment is final.
