

From the Saint John Courier, January 25.

On Tuesday the 21st instant, pursuant to notice, a Meeting of the Members of the Bar now in Saint John, was held at the Court House: Present—

The Hon. the Attorney General, His Honor the Recorder of Saint John, W. Wright, Esq. Advocate General, A. L. Street, J. M. Robinson, W. Jack, D. Robertson, C. Johnston, J. H. Gray, W. J. Ritchie, W. R. M. Burtis, E. B. Peters, C. Duff, J. J. Kaye, A. R. Wetmore, H. T. Gilbert, B. B. Kinnear, J. G. Campbell, R. Parker, junr., A. Mackenna, N. DeVeber, C. Watters, G. Blatch, W. H. Hatheway, F. Coster, junr., C. W. Stockton, W. Hutchinson, junr., and G. G. Gilbert, junr., Esquires.

The Hon. the Attorney General being unanimously called to the Chair, explained the object of the Meeting.

George Blatch, Esq., was requested to act as Secretary.

The following Resolutions were then moved and passed, viz:—

1. *Resolved unanimously*, That His Honor Chief Justice Chipman having recently retired from the high official station, in the first judicial tribunal of this Province, which he has, for so long a term of years, eminently and honorably filled; it is but a just tribute of respect, that the Members of the Bar residing in this City and those now in attendance at the Circuit Court at present here sitting, should present an Address to His Honor, to express their feelings on the occasion, and their high estimation of his valuable services during his judicial career.

2. *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare such Address, and submit it to the Meeting; and that Messrs. W. Jack, J. H. Gray, and W. J. Ritchie, be such Committee.

Whereupon the Committee having retired for that purpose, returned and submitted a Draft of an Address, which was unanimously adopted; and therefore

3. *Resolved*, That the Secretary do engross the same, and make a Copy thereof; and that a Committee be appointed to wait on His Honor the late Chief Justice with such Copy, and to ascertain when His Honor will be pleased to receive the same;—and further resolved, that Messrs. C. Johnston, J. H. Gray, and A. R. Wetmore, be such Committee; and that Messrs. J. M. Robinson and G. Blatch be a Committee to afford the Members of the Bar an opportunity of signing the Address.

It was then moved and seconded, that the Chairman do leave the Chair; whereupon, on motion of W. Wright, Esquire,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the thanks of this Meeting be presented to the Hon. the Attorney General for his able and courteous conduct in the Chair.

J. A. STREET, *Chairman*.  
G. BLATCH, *Secretary*.

The following is a copy of the Address which was adopted at the above Meeting:—

TO THE HONORABLE WARD CHIPMAN.

The Members of the Bar assembled at the Saint John Circuit cannot permit this—the first occasion of their having met together since the resignation by Your Honor of the responsible duties of the Chief Justiceship of the Supreme Court of this Province—to pass, without expressing their deep regret for the cause, and their high appreciation of the motives, which induced that resignation; and without also publicly testifying their conviction of the able and honorable manner in which those duties have been by you always discharged.

They believe they but express the opinion of the people of the Province when they say, that the administration of justice, under your guidance, has been distinguished by a strict adherence to the Law, and the most undeviating impartiality.

The language of flattery it would be unbecoming in us to offer, and unworthy of yourself to receive; but the Reports of the Supreme Court for the last sixteen years afford, in language which no man can pervert, and which all may read, enduring records of the vigorous application of your mind, and the sound conclusions of your judgment, upon the various questions of Rights and Property, which conflicting interests have brought before that tribunal for adjudication; and in the calm seclusion of private life to which you have now retired, it must be a source of gratification to reflect, that your decisions are cited and referred to as authorities, in the Courts of the United States and the adjoining Colonies, in cases of a similar character.

We cannot permit ourselves longer to trespass on the privacy you have chosen; but we feel, that if the recollection of a public life usefully devoted to your country's service, and of a private life of unsullied purity, can shed repose over the declining evening of your days, then it will be in your power, like the Roman of old, to clothe yourself with the remembrance of the past, and exclaim, "*Mea virtute me involvo.*"

In conclusion, we wish you every happiness this world can now afford you.

Saint John, N. B., January 22d, 1851.

The foregoing Address was signed by the following fifty members of the Bar, viz:—

The Hon. the Attorney General, the Hon. R. L. Hazen, Recorder, &c., Wm. Wright, Esq., Advocate General, A. L. Street,

R. F. Hazen, Peter Stubs, J. M. Robinson, M. H. Perley, George Wheeler, Wm. Jack, George D. Street, D. Robertson, Charles Johnston, J. H. Gray, J. W. Peters, R. Bayard, W. J. Ritchie, C. W. Wardlaw, S. J. Scovil, W. R. M. Burtis, E. B. Peters, R. K. Gilbert, Charles Duff, W. T. Peters, Gustavis R. Jarvis, J. J. Kaye, A. R. Wetmore, George F. Rouse, Charles Doherty, H. T. Gilbert, B. B. Kinnear, J. G. Campbell, C. A. Hartt, R. Parker, junr., A. Mackenna, N. DeVeber, R. S. Armstrong, D. B. Stevens, Charles Watters, S. R. Thompson, George Blatch, W. H. Hatheway, W. C. Drury, F. Coster, junr., H. W. Frith, C. W. Stockton, W. Hutchinson, junr., G. G. Gilbert, junr., E. Jack, and B. L. Peters, junr., Esquires.

Who at half past 1 o'clock, p. m., yesterday, (being the time appointed for the purpose,) waited in a body upon his Honor the late Chief Justice, at his residence, for the purpose of presenting it.

The Hon. the Attorney General having, in the name of the Gentlemen assembled, stated to His Honor the purpose of their visit, then read and presented the Address; to which His Honor, in a voice almost choked with emotion, and in accents of deep feeling, read the following reply:—

GENTLEMEN,—It is impossible for me to receive this Address without deep emotion. It is indeed most gratifying to me to be assured, that I retire from Public Life with the esteem and good opinion of those among whom that Public Life has been passed.

With regard to the Decisions of the Supreme Court to which you allude, it must be remembered that a full share of any merit they may possess is owing to the hearty and most efficient co-operation of my Brethren on the Bench.

Gentlemen—I bid you farewell with the most sincere wishes for your prosperity and happiness.

It was a most gratifying circumstance to observe, that in order to do greater honor to the occasion, and to add their testimony of respect for the venerable Gentleman who had so long been associated with them, all the Judges now living, who had sat with him on the Bench, viz.—the Hon. Chief Justice Carter, and their Honors Judges Botsford, Parker and Street, together with His Honor the Master of the Rolls, were assembled together to witness the presentation of the Address of the Bar. The scene was altogether truly gratifying, and all present seemed deeply impressed, on witnessing the affecting emotions of the venerable Chief Justice on receiving the Address and in reading his brief but admirable reply. It was evident that he deeply appreciated the respectful tribute thus unanimously paid him, and this afforded the highest gratification to those who had rendered it. After partaking of some refreshment, all the Gentlemen present individually shook hands with their respected host, bid him farewell, and retired.

#### ADDRESS FROM THE GRAND JURY TO HIS HONOR THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

On Wednesday last, an Address was presented to His Honor Chief Justice Carter, by the Grand Jury—their foreman, (H. P. Sturdee, Esquire,) reading it in open Court. A copy of the Address, with His Honor's reply, are subjoined.

#### TO HIS HONOR CHIEF JUSTICE CARTER.

May it please Your Honor,

The Grand Jury for the City and County of Saint John, Court of Oyer and Terminer, beg to congratulate Your Honor on your recent elevation to the Chief Justiceship of the Supreme Court of Judicature of this Province, on the retirement of the respected and honored Chief Justice Chipman.

The Grand Jury have full confidence in the high integrity, ability and fitness of Your Honor for this most important Office; and from your strictly impartial, talented and honorable career, as a learned Judge of this Province for many years, are satisfied that the administration of Justice by Your Honor will be guided by truthful and sincere convictions, as well as high legal attainments.

The Grand Jury sincerely hope Your Honor may enjoy your well earned elevation for a lengthened period, accompanied by the happiness springing from the satisfaction of a mind that has faithfully discharged a most important duty.

Grand Jury Room, St. John, N. B.  
18th January, 1851.

H. P. STURDEE, *Foreman*.

#### HIS HONOR'S REPLY.

Mr. Foreman, and Gentlemen,

I thank you for the kind complimentary congratulations contained in your Address, and I am especially gratified that such congratulations should be founded on my public conduct during the period of more than sixteen years of my judicial career in this Province. A firm and inflexible purpose to administer the charge entrusted to him, according to the country's laws, by the light of his own mind and the guidance of his own integrity, is the only means by which any man holding a judicial station should seek; and I believe the only means by which he will permanently obtain the good opinion of those, the enforcement and protection of whose rights are entrusted to him.

I have a consciousness that I have always endeavoured to make this the rule of my judicial conduct hitherto; and I have a fixed determination not to swerve from it in the path which lies before me.