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Appreciative Sketch of ex-Judge Stevens

JUST RETIRED FROM ACTIVE SERVICE.

St. Stephen Courier: The retirement from the bench of Hon. Judge Stevens, by reason of recent legislation passed at Ottawa, removes from active duties one who has filled an exalted station with honor and with marked ability, but leaves us still free to cherish the hope that his going out and coming in among the people may long be spared, to exert its ennobling influence, particularly among the youth of our town and county.

Perhaps, at this time, it may not be considered presumptuous to publish a brief review of the life and works of so distinguished a citizen.

Hon. James Gray Stevens, K. C., judge of the county courts of Charlotte, Victoria and Madawaska, was born in Edinburgh, (Scotland) on Feb. 25th, 1822. He is a son of Andrew Stevens, writer to the Signet, in his lifetime solicitor of the Superior Courts of Scotland, and freeman of the city of Edinburgh, and Grace Buchanan Campbell, daughter of Sir Colin Campbell, of Auchinbreck, Argyleshire. His mother was a woman of marked character and fine talent and a valuable contributor to Blackwood's Magazine. She was intimate with many of the leading writers and educators of Scotland in those days.

Although descended from a noble family of Scotland on his mother's side, Judge Stevens more highly appreciates the nobility of intellect and character which he inherited from his gifted mother. His brothers occupied responsible positions in their chosen professions.

The judge is an alumnus of Edinburgh University and came to New Brunswick in 1840, locating at St. Stephen where he at once commenced the study of law with Alexander Campbell, who afterwards became a noted judge in California. He finished his law studies with David Shank Kerr then practising at Fredericton, was admitted to practice in 1845 and called to the bar at Michaelmas term, 1847, and was created a Queen's Counsel in February, 1867.

Following his profession at St. Stephen, where he had an extensive practice in law and equity, he was brought into prominent notice in the conduct and argument of a case in equity in which he acted as counsel for the plaintiffs—St. Stephen's Bank vs. N. B. & C. Railway & Land Company. This case was appealed to the privy council in England, and it sustained the judgment of the New Brunswick court in favor of the plaintiffs.

Judge Stevens represented Charlotte county in the house of assembly from 1861 to 1865 when he was defeated on the question of confederation of which he was an ardent supporter. He was again elected in 1866, serving until his appointment to the bench on June 10, 1867. As a member of the legislature he succeeded in getting an act passed relieving the port of St. Stephen from payment of export duties, although former attempts were made on this same question, and strong opposition developed, as it was considered exceptional legislation. He dictated much of the correspondence which had to be transmitted to the home government by the attorney general, and consequently much credit was accorded Mr. Stevens for ability, tact and persistency in carrying a measure which at the time was so important to the interests of St. Stephen.

Judge Stevens was a successful legislator, leaving several acts on the statute books which mark his diligence and ability in this respect. His speeches, there, as in future life, were marked for their masterly eloquence and brilliancy. Judge Stevens is the author of 'An Analytical Digest of the Decisions of the Supreme Courts of New Brunswick from 1825 to Easter term 1873, inclusive, Index to the Statute Rules, Orders, Regulations, Treaties and Proclamations of the Dominion of Canada,' and 'Indictable Offences and Summary Convictions.' There are three editions of the digest, the last edition in 1897, bringing the decisions down to that year as reported in

the manuscripts of the late Chief Justice Chipman, and the published volumes of G. F. S. Burton, D. S. Kerr, J. C. Allen, James Hannay, William Pogsley, George Burbridge, A. I. Trueman and John L. Carleton, as well as of W. H. Trueman, the first equity reporter. In addition to these, the book contains in its appendices the cases appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada, and the rules of court from Michaelmas Term, 1882, in continuation of Earle's Rules.

About 3,500 reported cases constitute the book, forming a body of law which every practitioner in this province is bound to study with care, and thankfulness that a judicial mind could at the age of seventy-five years be so clear and concise as the admirable arrangement exhibited in the third edition of the digest or what the honorable gentleman is pleased to term the 'literary child of his old age.'

This work will be an imperishable monument to the judicial acumen and industry of Judge Stevens. It is pleasing to the author that his works have been so highly appreciated by the members of the New Brunswick bar, who have generously purchased these books.

In December, 1845, he married Elizabeth Helen, daughter of the late Colonel John Marks, the son of a Loyalist, and to them fifteen children were born. She was, in every sense, a helpmate and a true Christian wife and mother. Her death, which occurred on April 1st, 1883, is still lamented in the community and has been the great sorrow in His Honor's life.

His children all occupy prominent positions in professional, business and social life.

James G., jr., is a prominent barrister and King's Counsel, collector and receiver of taxes for the town of St. Stephen, was for many years and at the time of his death a partner of Hon. Jas. Mitchell, premier of the province, and occupies a number of important offices. Andrew is a merchant in the west, as was Atheling, whose lamented death occurred during the present year. John M. is a newly-appointed King's Counsel and prominent barrister in Madawaska. Helen M. is the wife of J. G. Orchard, banker. Elizabeth is married to J. J. Morrison, tanker, and Sarah G. to W. B. Torrance, also a banker. Grace M. presides over the home since her mother's death and is a valued and efficient member of the board of school trustees for St. Stephen and a writer of note, and prominent in church work. Fanny A. is the wife of J. D. Lawson, M. D., of St. Stephen. Ann W. is at home and Kate A. is the wife of J. Rankine Brown, in the insurance business at Woodstock. Robert W. is prominent in railroad circles in the west and Walter S., recently married, is engaged in various enterprises and a member of the present town council of his native town.

Eminent as a jurist, Judge Stevens has yet found time to manifest an active interest in the social, religious and industrial life of the community.

Largely to his influence, in association with the late Jas. H. Ganong, is attributed the establishment of the cotton mill at Milltown, where so many now find employment.

From its earliest history, Judge Stevens has been a member of and valued worker in the Presbyterian church in St. Stephen of which he is an honored elder. In its early history his wise counsel and earnest endeavors carried it safely over many rough places.

He carries today a handsome gold watch presented to him by the congregation of this church in 1852 as a token of their appreciation of his services. In his own church and from the pulpits of other Presbyterian churches he is often listened to with deepest interest as he expounds the word of God and his voice is powerful in the councils of his chosen denomination.

He has the honor of being the first layman appointed moderator of the Presbytery, which distinction came to him in 1893.

As a public speaker he has always held a high rank, both at home and abroad, and his words of eloquence and wit are listened to with marked attention. As an after dinner speaker no function seems complete without his presence.

On the eightieth anniversary of his birth, in February, 1902, in the court house at St. Andrews, the Charlotte county barristers and jury presented him

with an appreciative address which drew from His Honor a feeling reply, that at once confirmed his position as an orator and as 'every inch a man,' and tended to doubly enshrine him in the affections of the people.

The flower garden which surrounds his handsome home has long been a source of pleasure to His Honor and from it have gone many tokens of sympathy on occasions of bereavement and of interest on more joyous occasions.

His Honor has long been interested in horticulture and agriculture. For nearly thirty years he was president of the St. Croix agricultural society, and for eight years he rendered distinguished service as secretary of the provincial board of agriculture. In 1861 he was presented, by that board, with a handsome silver urn as a prize for an essay on the agricultural condition of Charlotte county. He was the pioneer in the present system of agricultural lectures delivered in rural districts.

In sports he has always taken an interest. He was the first president and is now the honorary president of the St. Stephen curling club.

The Currier but voices the sentiment of the entire community in expressing the hope that many years of happiness and of usefulness may be vouchsafed to His Honor, Judge Stevens.

A MAN WHO WORKS HARD.

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Canterbury Station.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

Nov. 12.—Death has again visited our little village, claiming as its victim one of the most loved and brightest flowers in the place, Josie, wife of Dr. A. D. Coburn. She was a general favorite loved and respected by all who knew her. To the lonely husband and surviving relatives we extend our heartfelt sympathy. May her infant son be spared to help fill the gap left vacant by her absence. The floral offerings were the finest ever seen here, among them being:

Orange Lodge, wreath of roses and carnations.

Husband, pillow of cut flowers.

Beessie London, bouquet of white carnations and smilax.

Ada Burns, St. John; bouquet of chrysanthemums.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bartt, Fredericton; basket carnations, roses and smilax.

Mrs. B. Coburn, Fredericton; bouquet cut flowers and ferns.

Sisters, bouquet of chrysanthemums and carnations.

Mrs. McLean, Maryville; bouquet of carnations and maiden hair ferns.

John A. Lawson, (brother) Maryville; broken circle of 27 cream roses.

Mrs. E. Armstrong, St. John; bouquet of chrysanthemums.

Maggie Crawford, St. John; bouquet of chrysanthemums, roses and ferns.

Mrs. Chas. McDougall, Canterbury; bouquet cut flowers.

Mable Law, Canterbury; bouquet of mixed carnations.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parsons, Houlton; bouquet of carnations.

Rev. Geo. Ross, Woodstock; cross of white cut flowers.

J. H. Murphy, Woodstock; bouquet of cut flowers.

After the funeral service Rev. Mr. Cunningham assisted by Rev. Arthur Ross, of McAdam, and Geo. Ross of Woodstock, baptized the infant son of the deceased.

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HOSPITAL OPENING.

Pleasant Functions at Moncton—Premier Tweedie Chief Speaker.

Moncton's new hospital building was formally opened Wednesday afternoon by Premier Tweedie in the presence of a large number of citizens.

Among the visitors present, besides the Hon. Mr. Tweedie, were Senator Wood, Hon. H. R. Emmerson, C. M. Lezere, M. P. P.; A. B. Copp, M. P. P.; Sheriff McQueen, Warden Trueman.

President Willett occupied the chair and after prayer by Rev. D. MacOdrum, made a few introductory remarks. He then called upon Premier Tweedie, who said too much could not be said in praise of those connected with this great undertaking. He congratulated the people of Westmorland and the city of Moncton on the completion of this work. It was not to promote their own interest, but was following out the teaching of the Master to help and assist fellowman. Too much could not be said in praise of the ladies for the part they had taken in this splendid work and he was sure that but for their efforts many such institutions in our land would not be in existence today. The idea of the institution was a great one and he felt sure the people who assisted in any way would be amply rewarded for their labors. The rapidity with which the building had been erected was also creditable to people, and he felt sure that long after we had passed off the stage of action would remain a credit to our memory and would so be recognized by our children.

Addresses were also made by Revs. Brown, Meahan, Hon. H. R. Emmerson, Dr. Ross and others, and letters of regret were read from Hon. C. H. LaBilloy, Archibute, Brodie, J. D. Hazen, M. P. P., and J. Hanington.

Among the subscriptions received during the day was a hundred dollars from Sausenladood of Sackville.

Evening the ladies held a reception in the building was thronged with guests from early evening until ten o'clock. An orchestra furnished music and more speech making was indulged in, the speakers being Rev. G. Swim, H. F. Hamilton, secretary of the hospital board, Mayor Givan and President Willett. The handsome building was greatly admired.

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Carrie Nation a Star.

New York, Nov. 11.—The Herald today has the following from Elizabeth, N. J.: Carrie Nation and her company appeared here tonight in her play, "Hatchet-station," a new version of "Ten Nights in a Barroom," in which she is billed for three nights at the Lyceum Theatre, with a matinee each day. She was greeted with a big audience tonight, but looked very angry when she saw a handsome new saloon had just been opened in the theatre building and adjoining the entrance. She significantly remarked, "I wonder if that fellow will do much business when I get through."

Mrs. Nation received an uproarious welcome when she appeared on the stage, which so pleased her that she made a short speech in each of the five acts of the play. The climax was reached in the fourth act, when Mrs. Nation wrecks the Sickle Tavern with her hatchet. The applause was deafening as she strode up and down smashing bottles and glasses and upsetting chairs and tables. She had to appear twice before the curtain at the end of this act, and, flourishing her axe, exclaimed, "I would like to smash ten Elizabeth barrooms like this every night." This remark elicited thunderous applause, for which the actress repeatedly bowed her thanks. Her support in general is fairly good, but Mrs. Nation is the whole show.

Mrs. Nation held an informal reception

after the performance, when she passed through the audience, a large proportion of whom were women, and shook hands with everyone she could reach. Meanwhile she did a thriving trade in selling to them her little souvenir hatchet.

Amusing Story of Late Phil May.

An amusing story is told of the late Phil May, the famous English cartoonist, and a conjurer at the fair at Stratford-on-Avon. Phil was in the crowd which had gathered to watch the very clever gentleman who was wrapping up sovereigns and half crowns in pieces of paper and selling them for 2 shillings. The "sharp" had a beautiful face—such a face as Phil May loved to draw. So he sketched him furtively. But the gentleman saw him, and made a speech forthwith: "If that there celebrated portrait painter with the tight breeches on will 'and up the plecter, the equally celebrated benefactor to 'oomanity wot is givin' away quids for coppers will reward him accordingly!" he shouted.

Phil, with a twinkle in his eye, handed up the drawing. The conjurer was delighted with the sketch, and pinned it to the tailboard of his cart. With another preliminary speech he threw three sovereigns and several half crowns into a piece of paper, screwed it up and handed it to the artist. "You'll be president of the bloomin' Royal Academy some day, young man," said he. "Here, catch!"

"A bargain's a bargain," said Phil, walking off with the packet of gold and silver.

He confessed afterward, when he opened the packet and found two pennies and a halfpenny in it, that it was the most entertaining commission he had ever been paid for.

Spent Over \$2,000 Doctoring.

Mr. Joseph Pomerville, of Stillwater, Minn., after having spent over \$2,000 with the best doctors for stomach trouble, without relief, was advised to try a box of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. He did so, and is well now today. For sale by all druggists.

Anecdotes of Churchmen.

An excellent paper of anecdotes of Churchmen is contributed to the August number of Blackwood's Magazine by "Sigma." The writer tells several stories of Blomfield, Bishop of London. One of these arose out of the complex character of the Bishop's plentiful domestic circle. It appears that His Lordship married twice, and in both unions had been blessed with progeny, while his second wife was a widow, who, besides supplementing her second husband's family, had imported an independent brood of her own. "In my experience, the children of ecclesiastics do not, even under normal conditions, always exemplify the Christian unity so solemnly enjoined from the parental pulpit, and with such a blend as that which I have just denoted, it is scarcely surprising that unruffled peace was not invariably present under the Bishop's roof. On one occasion when an unequal battle was raging fast and furious among the miscellaneous offspring, the Bishop was disturbed in his study by the impetuous entrance of his lady. 'What is it, my dear?' he inquired, with ill-concealed testiness. 'Oh, Bishop,' she replied in agonized accents, 'quick, quick, there's not a moment to lose. Your children are siding with my children, and are murdering our children!'

A Generous Secretary.

A curious story is told of Lord Rowton in his younger days as Mr. Montague Cory when he was secretary to Lord Beaconsfield. In 1868 came the Fenian outbreak, with the Clerkenwell explosion and the consequent desolation of the neighborhood. The private secretary walked across from St. Arthur's club to a fashionable harness maker's in St. James' street and was at once fitted with a strong leather girdle from which depended two enormous pockets. Thus equipped, he drove to Downing street to see the chief. "In heaven's name, what is this?" was the exclamation of surprised salute. "I am going," replied the secretary, "to distribute largess of silver and copper to the Clerkenwell sufferers. I have a hansom waiting below. When I have placed some small change in these pockets I shall drive off." It was of Lord Rowton that Lord Sherbrooke said at his elevation to the peerage: "Caligula made his horse a consul. I really see no reason why Lord Beaconsfield should not create his private secretary a peer."

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