



OBITUARY—JUDGE L. P. D. TILLEY

The death of Judge L. P. D. Tilley on December 26, 1947, brought to a close a career of distinguished service to this Province. Prominent as a citizen, barrister, parliamentarian, jurist and leader of many patriotic and philanthropic campaigns, his death will be keenly felt.

Leonard Percy deWolfe Tilley, a son of Sir Samuel Leonard Tilley one of the Fathers of Confederation, was born in Ottawa in 1870. Sir Leonard Tilley was the one who had suggested the name "Dominion" for the vast new nation which was in the making in 1867. Judge Tilley received his early education both in Fredericton and Ottawa. He continued his education at the University of New Brunswick and Dalhousie University, where he graduated from the Law School with the LL.B. degree in 1893. He later received the degree of LL.D. from the Universities of New Brunswick and Toronto, and from Bowdoin College in Maine.

Following his graduation from Dalhousie, he studied law and was called to the bar in 1894. Judge Tilley became a King's Counsel in 1914 and in 1935 was appointed a district judge in Admiralty and judge of the Kings and Albert County courts. He resigned from these posts in June, 1945.

A political career leading to his position as Premier of New Brunswick in 1933 started with his election in 1912. Judge Tilley was the first son of a former Lieutenant-Governor and Premier to take office as Premier of a Canadian Province.

Judge Tilley had been a President of the Saint John Law Society and for many years was on the executive of the Canadian Bar Association.

Judge Tilley was a member of many organizations including the Union Club, Saint John, the L. M. Club, the Knights of Pythias, the I. O. F. and the Eclectic Club. He was a past president of the Saint John Canadian Club, the St. George's Society of Saint John, and the Saint John Y. M. C. A.