

Norman Blain Gash, K.C.

LEGAL LEADER STRICKEN AT 81

Norman Blain Gash, K.C., LL.B., of the law firm of **Beaty, Snow & Gash**, died yesterday at his residence, 85 Spadina Rd., at the age of 81. Mr. **Gash** had practiced in Toronto since he was called to the Ontario Bar in 1891. He was created King's Counsel in 1908.

In a long and brilliant legal career, Mr. **Gash** had on many occasions represented both the Dominion and Ontario Governments in civil and criminal cases. He was appointed by the Ontario Government in 1916 as a Royal Commissioner to report on the education and welfare of the blind.

He had been a member of the Toronto Public Library Board since 1907 and was its chairman in 1911, 1916, 1922, 1929, 1933 and 1940. He was a member of the Ontario Council of the Canadian Bar Association from 1916 to 1918 and was vice-president of the Ontario Bar Association from 1915 to 1918 and president in 1919-20.

Born in Dunnville Sept. 1, 1863, Mr. **Gash** was the son of the late **Matthew Gash** and Jane Adams. He was educated at the Dunnville public and high schools and at Victoria University, Cobourg, where he was a medallist in classics. Before graduation at Osgoode Hall Law School he read law with Kingsmill, Cattanach & Symons and with Coatsworth, Hodgins & Co. in Toronto.

Surviving are his daughter, Edith Raymore **Gash**, and his son, Arthur B. **Gash**, who served in France with the RFA in the last war and is now on active service in Italy.