

Bench and Bar.

MR. J. G. SCOTT, K.C., MASTER OF TITLES, ONTARIO.

The profession in Ontario learned with regret that Mr. John Galloway Scott, K.C., at his own request, was, at the close of the past year, superannuated, and retired from the public service of the Province. During his official career, Mr. Scott had held three important positions: (1) as Clerk of the Executive Council of the Province; (2) he was for some years Deputy Attorney-General; and (3) when the Torrens' system of registration of titles was introduced into Ontario, in March, 1885, he was appointed the first Master of Titles, an office which he filled with conspicuous ability up to the time of his retirement.

The introduction of an entirely new method of registration, coupled with a Government guaranty of title, necessitated that the person called on to administer the new system should be one capable and willing to bestow the most assiduous care and attention to the subject. He had of necessity not only to train himself, but also his whole staff, to the new duties they were called on to perform. Mr. Scott entered *con amore* into the task, and though, as must inevitably be the case, some practitioners might think him unduly careful, yet the very few, and we believe comparatively insignificant claims which have been made on the Assurance Fund during his term of office indicates that Mr. Scott's administration of the new system has been thoroughly successful.

For thirty-five years Mr. Scott has had the supervision not only of the registration of titles in Toronto, but he had also supervised the work of all others in all parts of the Province where the system is in force, and in any projected extension of the system throughout the Province his advice and assistance must have been of inestimable value.

The learned Master of Titles has well earned a rest from his labours, and that he may be spared yet many years to enjoy *otium cum dignitate* is not only our wish, but that of all members of the profession who have had the pleasure of his acquaintance.