

of the fainéant and cynic, whose reply to counsels of alertness and firmness of action is: "Cui bono?" Quite apart from Mr. Balfour's fatal indecision in the matter of Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal propagandism, his political adversaries say that the Education Act, the Licensing Act, the Sugar Bounties Convention and the Chinese Labour Ordinance are a combination of circumstances quite adverse enough in results to wreck his ministry at the polls. Already the wiseacres are forecasting a Liberal administration, with that astute statesman and extremely able lawyer, Mr. Asquith, K.C., at its head.

Apropos of Mr. Balfour's recent reverse in the House, it is said that Oliver Cromwell, when at any time balked by his Parliament, was wont to bemoan himself that he had not remained by his "woodside to tend a flock of sheep rather than have been thrust on such a government as this!" Possibly Mr. Balfour, in his turn, might find the golf links a more abiding lure and joy than the environment of "Mr. Speaker's right" at Westminster.

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The new Chief Justice of the Crown Colony of Hong Kong, Mr. F. T. Piggott, M.A., J.J.M., passed through Canada recently on his way to his new field of labour. Mr. Piggott is known to the profession as an author of repute. Many years ago he published a work on Foreign judgments which passed through two editions, also a treatise on Torts, and another on Service out of Jurisdiction. In 1892 he wrote a book on Ex-territoriality relating to Consular Jurisdiction and to residence in Oriental countries. There will also be found in the library at Osgoode Hall, Mr. Piggott's Collection of Imperial statutes of the Colonies, in two volumes. This is a valuable addition to any complete library, and certainly should be found in all public libraries. There is another work of his in press entitled "Nationality, including Naturalization and English law on the high Seas and beyond the Realm," which will be further noticed hereafter. Mr. Piggott's works resulted indirectly in his being appointed legal adviser to the Government of Japan in which country he resided for three years. Mr. Piggott subsequently was one of the counsel for the British Government on the Behring Sea Arbitration. After that he was for some years Attorney-General at the Mauritius. Incidents of this character tell of the variety of career open to