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NOT as a matter of news, but of interest, we note that Sir Charles Russell, the Attorney-General of England, has been appointed a Lord of Appeal in the House of Lords, in place of Lord Bowen. This appointment will, doubtless, meet with general favour. A very competent authority has expressed an opinion that Sir Charles Russell is the greatest advocate who has appeared in England in this generation; at least, it may safely be affirmed that he is the greatest of his day. He was originally, we understand, a solicitor at Belfast, in religion a Roman Catholic, a typical Irishman, good-hearted and generous, with great force of character and masterful ways; the latter has, perhaps, prevented his being very popular with the profession of which he is such an ornament. Like many of his countrymen, he has a passion for horse racing, and is as well known on the turf as in the courts of law.

THE attention of the profession in the United States has been recently directed to the subject of land transfer reform by an address of the president of the Maine State Bar Association at its meeting, held last February, at Portland. He deals with the difficulties attending the present system, which, he says, often places on record not only what tends to sustain the title, but also many things which tend to defeat it, stereotyping complications and perpetuating technical defects which become more difficult to remove with the lapse of time. In view of these uncertainties, it is not strange, he remarks, that "Title insurance companies" should have sprung up in the larger cities in the United States, which attempt to protect purchasers against loss from some of the sources indicated; the existence of these insur-