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Lord Alverstone is the eighth Lord Chief Justice who has been appointed during the present century; the others being Lords Ellenborough, Tenterden, Denman, Campbell, Cockburn, Coleridge and Russell. Like many other eminent judges in England Lord Alverstone was not less known as an athlete than as a scholar. Sir A. L. Smith, whilst at the Bar, though not possessing many of the qualities of an advocate, acquired by his more solid gifts a very large practice, and was promoted to a judgeship without taking silk.

The appointment of Lord Alverstone (Sir Richard Webster) as Lord Chief Justice of England, and of Lord Justice A. L. Smith to the Mastership of the Rolls, vacated by Lord Alverstone receive the hearty commendation of the English legal journals. Both of these judges are said to possess judicial gifts of a very high order, having both proved their qualifications for the positions to which they have been appointed, and eminent for their learning, their industry and their courtesy. Such commendations must be pleasant reading for both profession and public in England, and are not without their lesson to those who are responsible for judicial appointments in other countries, including our own Dominion.

Mr. Justice Stirling has been taken from the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice in England to fill the vacancy occasioned by Lord Alverstone's promotion. Mr. Matthew Ingle Joyce succeeds Mr. Justice Stirling in the Chancery Division. It is delightful to read the commendations of the English periodicals on these appointments. The *Law Times* says of Mr. Justice Stirling: "A perfect temper and a judicial temperament accompanied with great clearness of intellect and a large knowledge of law combine in Mr. Justice Stirling, to make an admirable judge." The *Law Journal* says of Mr. Joyce that "His elevation to the bench has long been expected, and will be very popular. His wide experience and sound legal knowledge should make him an ideal