## An incident in Queen v. Riel.

Counsel: "No record is ever made up in criminal cases unless wanted for ulterior purposes."

The Chief Justice: "The only note of the sentence, even in murder cases, is that entered upon the indictment by the clerk—Sus. pen. col."

Mr. Justice Taylor: And sometimes only S. P. C."

Counsel: "P.P.C. I suppose would answer all the purpose."

## The Master of the Rolls.

The Right Hon. Sir William Baliol Brett has been raised to the Peerage, and will be known in future as Baron Esher. He was born August 13, 1817, and is therefore 68 years of age. He was called to the bar at Lincoln's Inn, in Hilary Term, 1846; was M. P. for Helston from 1866 to 1868; appointed Solictior General in 1868; was a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas from 1868 to 1875, and of the Common Pleas Division of the High Court of Justice from 1875 to 1876: was Lord Chief Justice of Appeal from 1876 to 1883; and has been Master of the Rolls since 1883. We agree with *The Law Journal* (Eng.) in saying that "the creation not only bestows a well-earned distinction, but secures to the public in the future the services, in the highest court in the country of one of its ablest lawyers."

## The Statutes.

The Law Journal (Eng.) is very angry because of the long delay in the appearance of the Statutes of the last British Parliament. If in Manitoba the Queen's printer should, by any chance, happen to accomplish that which the same functionary in England is traduced for failing to achieve, he would, no doubt, receive instant dismissal for excessive promptitude and consequent breach of all tradition.

Notice the dates: "The usual complaint at the end of the session of the lateness of the appearance of Queen's printer's copies of Acts of Parliament must be made again