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MR. Robert Parkes, who for the past twenty years has been usher of the Chancery Court at Osgoode Hall, died on the 30th August last. Mr. Parkes was an obliging and attentive official, and his death will be sincerely regretted by the judges of the Chancery Division and those members of the profession with whom his official duties brought him in contact.

THE office of Master in Chambers, made vacant by the death of the late Mr. Dalton, has been filled by the appointment of Mr. John Winchester, previously Inspector of Legal Offices, and who has, as is well known, acted in the place of the late Master, both during his absence and his late illness, which continued for some months previous to his death. Mr. Winchester has already shown himself painstaking and assiduous in the discharge of the duties in Chambers, and this, added to his capacity and disposition for work, makes his appointment popular with the profession. He is succeeded in his late office by Mr. James Fleming, previously Registrar of Peel, who has acted on some occasions as deputy judge, as well as in other positions in that county, and we believe the appointment will be a good one.

THE new Liberal Government in England is to be congratulated on the promptitude with which it has given practical effect to one of the principles advocated by the Liberal party when it was in opposition, namely, that the law officers of the Crown should refrain from private practice whilst in office. We understand that both the new Attorney- and Solicitor-General have accepted office on the distinct understanding that during their tenure of office they will abstain from private practice. This is refreshing, for our experience of Canadian politics leads us to the conclusion that promises and principles made and advocated by a party in opposition are too often recklessly cast to the winds as soon as the party making them is placed in a position to carry them into effect.

A CASE of interest to insurance companies was adjudicated upon by the Privy Council on July 30th, on appeal from the Court of Queen's Bench, at Montreal. The defendant Kavanagh (*Connecticut Fire Ins. Co. v. Kavanagh*, M.L.R., 7 Q.B. 323) was the agent of two foreign insurance companies, and one of these instructed him to cancel a certain risk which he had taken for the company. Kavanagh then transferred the risk to the other company for which he