

American as a millionaires' party or a shipowners' party would be." In speaking of a recent American statute Mr. Butler said:—"This law established a privileged class among us and thereby increased the cost of living to every man, woman and child under the American flag." He then referred to a kindred class of legislation in language which has much of interest in some of the Provinces of this Dominion:—"The use of the power of the State to enforce some particular rule of conduct, which those to whom it appeals describe as moral, may easily differ only in form and not in fact from the long since abandoned use of the power of the State to enforce conformity in religious belief and worship. Private morals and private conduct are matters for the conscience of the individual and not for regulation by some majority which, at best, can only be temporary."

The speaker must have been taking notes as he passed through Canada.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE CANADIAN BAR ASSOCIATION.

The splendid service rendered to the Bar of Canada by Sir James Manning Albert Aikins, K.C., Lieut.-Governor of Manitoba, in connection with the Canadian Bar Association has found expression in a striking and unusual manner, and comes, we may also say, from an unexpected quarter. The Anglo-Saxon mind, though quietly appreciative, is slow of, and stolid in expression as compared with the brighter, warmer, more imaginative and genial temperament which characterises the Celt. It is to the latter feature that we now call attention to in a graceful tribute to the one whose name we here refer to.

None but those of our legal fraternity hailing from the Province of Quebec would have thought of the presentation which they made to Sir James on the anniversary of his 70th birthday. We all know something of what he has done for us; we have all heard of his princely gift to the