

"Attorney-General's devil," a position which has for a very long time past been regarded as a stepping-stone to the Bench. In doffing a stuff gown for the judicial robes, Mr. Rowlatt is following the example of a number of eminent lawyers who have filled the position he is now vacating. Apart from his work in his capacity as counsel to the Treasury, Mr. Rowlatt has enjoyed a considerable practice at the Junior Bar, which has kept him in touch with the ordinary practice of the courts, and should prove of service to him and to litigants who may appear before him. We shall await with some curiosity the announcement of the name of his successor.

Almost contemporaneous with the announcement of the foregoing appointments was that of the death of Sir Alfred Wills. The late judge, since he retired from his seat in the King's Bench Division in 1905, to which he was appointed so far back as the year 1884, occasionally sat as a member of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, but was otherwise but little seen in public. Occasional letters to the press, emanating from his pen, and principally in connection with the punishment of criminals, served to recall his memory. His death, as was his retirement, will be regretted universally by both sides of the profession, who will remember his invaluable kindliness of demeanour towards them, his sound common-sense and legal knowledge, and the quiet dignity with which he presided over his court. A well-known instance of this last characteristic of the late Sir Alfred Wills was his charge to the jury in the trial at bar of Lynch for treason in January, 1903.—*Law Times*.

THE "TITANIC" REPORT.

Lord Mersey's report on the loss of the "Titanic" is entirely what the profession expected it to be—practical, judicial, and impartial. The court finds that the loss of the ship was due to collision with an iceberg, brought about by the excessive speed at which she was being navigated, and, although in some quarters exception is taken to the form of the finding and it is suggested