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As we go to press the sad news comes of the sudden death of Lord Herschell, ex-Lord Chancellor of England, and president of the International Commission sitting at Washington. The cause of his death is said to have been heart failure, resulting from a fractured thigh from a fall on a slippery sidewalk. Lord Herschell was born in 1837 and called to the bar in 1860. In 1880 he was, as Sir Farrer Herschell, appointed Solicitor General, and in 1886 was raised to the peerage and made Lord Chancellor of England. His eminence as a lawyer goes without saying. His appointment to the position he held in Washington, and as the British member of the Venezuela and British Guiana arbitration boundary case are a sufficient indication of the estimate of his countrymen as to his ability and knowledge of international law. He was a great favourite with all who knew him, and we in Canada, who had the benefit of his loyal support to our interests, will join in heartfelt sorrow with our kinsmen in the United States who, with us, appreciated to the full his great ability and unfailing courtesy in the somewhat difficult position in which he was placed.

No appointment has as yet been announced of a successor to Sir Thomas Wardlaw Taylor, Chief Justice of Manitoba. It will be difficult to find one who will fill the position more worthily than did the ex-Chief Justice. His capacity and learning were well-known to the profession in Ontario, and he discharged the duties of his high office in Manitoba with credit to himself and advantage to the country. He was appointed to the Manitoba Bench in 1886, becoming Chief Justice in the year following.

Legal exchanges report the sudden death of Lord Justice Chitty, one of the best judges on the English Bench. He was as well known and as successful as an athlete as he afterwards proved to be as counsel and subsequently as a judge. Sportsmen will remember him as being captain of the Eton eleven, head of his