

NEWS has just been received of the death of Right Hon. John Duke Coleridge, Lord Chief Justice of England, on the 14th inst. He was born in 1821, and was educated at Eton and Balliol College, Oxford, where he graduated in 1842. In 1855 he was appointed recorder at Portsmouth, taking silk in 1861. On the appointment of Sir Robert Collier to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in November, 1871, Sir John Coleridge was appointed to succeed him as Attorney-General. Upon the death of Sir William Bovill he was appointed Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas in 1873, and soon afterwards was raised to the peerage by the title of Baron Coleridge of Ottery, St. Mary, in the County of Devon. On the death of Sir Alexander Cockburn, in November, 1880, Sir John Coleridge was appointed Lord Chief Justice of England. It is said that Lord Russell will succeed Lord Coleridge as Lord Chief Justice, a position for which he is eminently suited. Sir John Rigby would then become Lord Justice of Appeal in place of Lord Russell, and Mr. Robert T. Reid, the new Solicitor-General, would probably become Attorney-General, and Mr. Richard B. Haldane, M.P., Solicitor-General.

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AN advertisement recently appeared in a Toronto newspaper which furnishes us with a delightful specimen of the peculiar technical jargon of Scotch law. It begins with the statement that "Information is given"; we presume the word "notice" is beneath the dignity of Scotch law, especially when the subject of the notice is nothing less than the fact that "an action of multiple-pounding and exoneration has been raised" by a "judicial factor," "conform to extract of appointment," and that the "judicial factor" is also "pursuer and real raiser" against a lady who shall be nameless, "concluding to have it proved that the pursuer is only liable in once and single conveyance and payment of the estate" of another lady who is deceased; and when, moreover, it is intimated that the Lord Ordinary has pronounced an "interlocutor," in which he "finds the pursuer liable only in once and single payment; holds the condescence annexed to the summons as a condescence of the fund *in medio*; appoints intimation of the dependence of the action to be made by advertisements; and appoints all parties claiming an interest in the fund to lodge their condescences." When we read an