

of the Acts, merely affirming the decision appealed from in general terms. The judgment in the Fisheries Appeals is not expected to be delivered before the February Sitzings of the Judicial Committee.

The death of Sir Charles Pollock of the English Bench has been announced. He was the fourth son of the late Chief Baron Pollock, and came of a family which supplied the Bar with a greater number of distinguished men than any other. It is noted in our exchanges with special interest, as he was "the last of the Barons." Our namesake in England regrets that the ancient title should no longer be borne by any member of the Bench, as it has not been without a judge bearing the title of Baron for some six hundred years. His death means also a reduction to five in the number of the fast disappearing order of Sergeants. The only surviving members of the ancient order of the Coif are Lord Penzance, Viscount Esher, Lord Field, Sir Nathaniel Lindley and Mr. Spinks. We note also that a peculiarity of the elevation of Sir Walter Phillimore to the Bench, in succession to Baron Pollock, is that the son of a judge is followed by the son of a judge. Also that the Bench now has three occupants whose fathers adorned it before them, viz.: Lord Justice Williams, Mr. Justice Channell and Mr. Justice Phillimore.

THE BENCH AND ITS CRITICS.

We referred shortly in our last issue to some articles which recently appeared in one of our leading daily journals commenting freely upon the administration of justice by the judiciary of the Province. The subject is important and should not be passed over, although it is a difficult and a delicate one to deal with.

In one of these articles a learned judge was criticized adversely for having with undue haste, as it is alleged, closed the Criminal Assize at Toronto; in another, sweeping charges are made under the caption of "Autoeracy on the Bench." Other articles have appeared since and several letters have