

November 1, 1881, he was appointed a Lord Justice in succession to Bramwell. His judgments possessed much of the excellence, without the massiveness, of the late Lord Watson.

On the resignation of Lord Esher, Lindley was, on October 25, 1897, appointed Master of the Rolls, and on the retirement of Lord Morris was on May 14, 1900, created a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, with a life peerage under the title of Baron Lindley of East Carleton, in the County of Norfolk. In 1905 he resigned.

We copy from The Times a characteristic sketch of the career of these two great jurists:—

"We announce, with much regret, the deaths, full of years and honour, of Lord Halsbury and Lord Lindley, the two great surviving legal figures of our day. Both were born in the reign of George IV., and both were links with a long-vanished legal past.

Lord Halsbury died in the early hours of Sunday morning. Born on September 3, 1823, he was educated at Merton, and, in 1850, the same year as Lord Lindley, was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple. He chose the Common Law side, and acquired by his eloquence, intellectual quickness, and skill in cross-examination a very large practice. But, unlike Lindley, he was also an ardent party politician, one who never wavered in his allegiance to the pure Tory creed—indeed he may be regarded as the last of the old Tories. In Parliament was a good, but not a great debator, and became in due course Solicitor-General.

Afterwards those who might have been his rivals fell out of the race, and he became Lord Chancellor in 1885, and again from 1886 to 1892 and from 1895 to 1905. Thus he held the Great Seal for a longer period than any other Lord Chancellor or Lord Keeper save only Lord Eldon. The expectations of some that he would not prove quite equal to the demands of his great office were signally falsified. Indeed, though he sat constantly with Judges of rare ability, his ascendancy only became more and more marked. Moreover, his influence in politics steadily increased, and he played a great part in the councils of his party, though he never hesitated to reprove it when he thought it weak or wavering. Political courage he had in plenty, and he was never afraid to speak out.