

DIARY FOR JANUARY.

1. Wed.. *Circumcision*. Taxes to be computed from this date.
2. Th.. Error and Appeal Sittings.
3. SUN.. *2nd Sunday after Christmas*.
6. Mon.. *Epiphany*. County Court and Surrogate Court Term begins. Municipal Elections. Heir and Devisee Sittings commence.
7. Tues.. Last day for Township, Village and Town Clerks to make returns to County Clerk.
8. Wed.. Election of School Trustees,
11. Sat.. County Court and Surrogate Court Term ends.
12. SUN.. *1st Sunday after Epiphany*.
13. Mon.. Election of Police Trustees in Police Village.
15. Wed.. Treasurer and Chamberlain of Municipality to make return to Board of Auditors. School Reports to be made to Local Superintendent.
18. Sat.. Articles, &c., to be left with Secretary of Law Society.
19. SUN.. *2nd Sunday after Epiphany*.
20. Mon.. Members of Municipal Councils (excepting Co's) and Trustees of Police Villages to hold first meeting.
21. Tues.. Heir and Devisee sittings end.
25. Sat.. *Conversion of St. Paul*.
26. SUN.. *3rd Sunday after Epiphany*.
28. Tues.. 1st meeting County Council.
29. Wed.. Appeals from Chancery Chambers (except in all cases during Examination Term).
30. Th.. School Financial Report to Board of Auditors.
31. Fri.. Last day for Counties and Cities to make returns to Provincial Secretary.

The Local Courts'

AND

MUNICIPAL GAZETTE.

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Great changes have taken place in the political aspect of this country during the past year. These changes call for notice from us only so far as they affect ourselves. Upper Canada and Lower Canada are, in name, no more. Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have cast in their lot with us, and Canada as a unit, comprising four provinces, has become a dominion.

As the oldest legal periodical in the four provinces, and as the organ of the profession in the largest and wealthiest of them, the CANADA *Law Journal* claims, without fear of contradiction, or, we think, without the danger of being considered presumptuous, the right of representing not only the profession of Ontario, but that of the Dominion at large.

Earnestly desiring also to increase as well the usefulness as the sphere of usefulness of this journal, we shall spare no exertion on our part to make the *Gazette* acceptable in the sister Provinces amongst a class of readers, similar to those who form the bulk of our subscribers in Ontario.

Our work has however hitherto been almost entirely a labour of love. We are willing that it should so continue, if need be, but we hope nevertheless that those interested in this publication will do their part of the work with more regard to our right to an increased measure of support (not only as to the number of our subscribers, but as to the payment of what they owe after they have subscribed), and with more regard to their *own* interests, by furnishing us with such information as may be interesting and instructive to our readers in general.

Our thanks are due in this respect to many of the County Judges and others who, having their heart in the work, desire to do what they can for the benefit of others.

BLUE BOOKS FOR 1866.

Reading blue books is looked upon somewhat in the same light as reading Johnson's Dictionary—instructive, but if anything a little dry. We have never heard of any one whose courage and endurance carried him through a steady perusal from cover to cover, but at the same time valuable and interesting information may always be gathered even from much abused statistics.

We have approached the subject in the hope of presenting to our readers some facts that may interest them, gleaned from the mass of figures before us. The following table we have compiled from the volume of public accounts for the year ending 30th June, 1866, lately received with a number of other books of the same colour.

The County of Halton does not for some reason appear in the returns.

The table is interesting as shewing the amounts received from the sale of stamps used in law proceedings in all the several courts of civil jurisdiction in Upper Canada, and under three distinct heads, viz.: (1) C. F. or Consolidated Revenue Fund; (2) F. F. or Fee Fund; (3) L. S. or Law Society.

The stamps of the first and third kind (C. F. and L. S.) being used for payment of fees on business done in the Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, and Court of Chancery. The stamps of the second kind (F. F.) being for payment of fees on business done in the County Courts, Surrogate and other local Courts, and on proceedings under various statutes before the local judges.