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DIARY FOR JUNE.

4. Sat...Easter Term ends.
5. Sun...Whit Sunday.
8. Wed...First meeting of Parliament at Ottawa.
12. Sun...Trinity Sunday.
13. Mon...County Court Term for York begins.
14. Tues...County Court sittings (except York) begins.
15. Wed...Magna Charta signed, 1215.
17. Fri...Burton and Patterson, JJ. Ct. of Appeal, sworn in 1874.
18. Sat...Earl Dalhousie, Gov.-General, 1820. Battle of Waterloo, 1815.
19. Sun...1st Sunday after Trinity. County Court Term ends.
20. Mon...Accession of Queen Victoria, 1837.
21. Tues...Galt, J., sworn in C. P., 1869.
23. Thurs. Hudson Bay Co. Territory transferred to Dom., 1870.
26. Sun...2nd Sunday after Trinity.
28. Tues...Queen Victoria crowned, 1837.
30. Thurs. Hon. J. B. Robinson, Lt. Gov. of Ontario. P. E. Irvine, Prest. of P. of Canada.

TORONTO, JUNE 1, 1881.

THE Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Hon. W. J. Ritchie, has been knighted. This dignity is now, we presume, attendant upon this office as it is to certain high judicial positions in England.

WE are glad to see that the dignity of a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George has been conferred on Mr. Alpheus Todd, Librarian of the Parliament of Canada, —an old friend and an occasional contributor to this journal. The degree of LL.D. has also been conferred upon him by Queen's College. These honors are worthily bestowed upon one so useful in his generation, and of such high literary attainments.

WE publish in this number of the LAW JOURNAL the report of the Minister of Justice, in pursuance of which the Public Streams Bill, passed last session, has been disallowed by the Governor-General in Council. We

also publish the first part of an article reviewing the precedents and authorities for such an exercise of the prerogative of veto, which want of space has reluctantly compelled us to divide into two portions.

IN our last number (p. 197), we referred to a case of *McCutcheon v. Creswicke* (which should have been cited as *McCracken v. Creswicke*) decided by Judge Ardagh, in which he held that a claim on a promissory note for less than \$100, but which with interest exceeded that amount, was recoverable in the Division Court. A motion for a prohibition has since been refused by HAGARTY C. J., and the ruling of the Court below sustained.

THE change in the Cabinet at Ottawa makes Sir Alexander Campbell Minister of Justice. We are glad to see a member of the Ontario Bar in this position. It is some years since Sir Alexander was in the active practice of his profession, but his great administrative capacity, his extensive knowledge of constitutional and statute law, combined with the fact that he is a highminded courteous gentleman; will render his reign in his new Department very satisfactory to the public.

MR. JUSTICE GROVE, at a public dinner in England, revived a saying of Lord Bacon's, to the effect that a "talking judge was an ill-tuned cymbal." Our namesake in England quotes the passage in full, as follows:—

"Patience and gravity of bearing is an essential part of justice, and an over-speaking