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DIARY FOR NOVEMBER.

16. Wed....Appointment of election judges on rota.
17. Thur....Lord Chancellor Erskine died 1823, æt. 73.
20. Sun....24th Sunday after Trinity.
21. Mon....Michaelmas sittings begin. J. Elmsley, 2nd C. J.
of Q. B. 1796.
27. Sun....Advent Sunday.
30. Wed....Moss, J. A., appointed C. J. of Appeal, 1877.

TORONTO, NOVEMBER 15, 1887.

"ONE by one the leaves fall," but death has been of late years more than ordinarily busy in the ranks of our judges. Only a few months ago we had to chronicle the death of Sir M. C. Cameron, then his old friend Chief Justice Wallbridge dropped off, and now we have to chronicle the sudden death of Mr. Justice O'Connor, of the Queen's Bench, on the 3rd inst, while holding the assizes at Cobourg.

A REPORT of the case of *Shaw v. Northern Railway Co.*, which will be found in another place, has not appeared in the regular series, inasmuch, we presume, as the judges of the Court of Appeal gave no judgment other than merely to affirm without comment the judgment of the learned judge of the County Court of Simcoe. It does not, of course, follow that the Appellate Court adopts the reasons, but merely the results arrived at in the judgment of the court below. But in this case the argument of the County Judge is so satisfactory that we may assume it commended itself to the judges in the court above.

THE following clause is to be found in "An Act respecting domestic and other animals," now in force in the Province of Manitoba, and was enacted with a view of striking terror into the breasts of certain evil doers who had the "pernicious" habit of "catching animals at large and using them without the owner's consent." It reads as follows:

"3. No person catching or detaining, or causing to be caught or detained, any animal that has been advertised by the owner, or by any person on his behalf, as lost or strayed shall be liable to fine or imprisonment under this Act, unless he shall establish to the satisfaction of the court in which the charge is made, that he took immediate and proper measures to inform the owner of the animal, or his agent, of its having been caught."

This is lovely—comment would be barbarous.

SINCE our last issue the report of the Board of Trade of the city of Toronto in the matter of J. B. McKay & Co. has been published in the daily papers, and amongst others, in the *Toronto Mail* of the 26th inst. We call attention to this report on account of the admirably judicial way in which the council of the Board of Trade have handled the unpleasant matter before them, and also on account of the fearless and conscientious manner in which they have in the conclusion to which they arrived enforced honourable dealing among business men within their control. Who the actual author of the report was we have no means of knowing, but all we can say is that he has a judicial mind, and has admirably expressed the sound views entertained by the council. We think also that a good moral may be derived from the report by our own Law Society, who, it is to be hoped, will always enforce with equal firmness any crooked or