

DIARY—CONTENTS—EDITORIAL ITEMS.

DIARY FOR MARCH.

1. SUN... 2nd Sunday in Lent.
2. Tues... Last day for notice of trial for County Court, York.
6. Fri... Name of York changed to Toronto. 1834.
7. Sat... Last day for Local Clerks' return under Mun. Act. s. 199.
8. SUN... 3rd Sunday in Lent.
10. Tues... Gen. Sess. & Co. Ct. York beg. Last d. for J. P.'s to ret. conv. to Clk. of Peace (32 V. (Ont.) c. 6, s. 9; 32-33 V. c. 31, s. 76; 33 V. c. 27, s. 3). Prince of Wales married, 1863.
12. Thurs. Irish Union Bill defeated; Gladstone resigns, 1873.
15. SUN... 4th Sunday in Lent.
17. Tues... St. Patrick's Day.
19. Thurs. Insurrection of Parisian Troops, 1871.
20. Fri... Flight of Napoleon III. to Dover, 1871.
21. Sat... Princess Louise married, 1871.
22. SUN... Passion Sunday.
25. Wed... Annunciation.
27. Fri... American Civil War commenced, 1861.
29. SUN... Palm Sunday. Cambridge wins Univ. Boat Race, 1873.
31. Tues... Last day for return by Local Clerks under s. 191-2 of Mun. Act.

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In a case reported in the *Central Law Journal*, St. Louis, of Nov. 1873, upon the question as to the validity of Railway Aid Bonds, it was held by the Supreme Court of Kansas that the law did not authorize the submission to a single vote of the question of subscribing stock and issuing bonds to two or more corporations. The question of making the subscription to each corporation must be submitted separately to the electors.

The exercise of the power to punish for contempt of Court is fast approaching the region of comedy. It appears, says the *Solicitors' Journal*, that the unfortunate gasman who rules the lights in Westminster Hall was brought before that Court whose justices are, in the language of Lord Coke, "the sovereign justices of Oyer and Terminer, gaol delivery, conservators of the peace, &c., in the realm," and solemnly informed that to dazzle the eyes of the judge by turning on too strong a light would be deemed contempt of Court. The Judge who fulminated was Blackburn, J. The reason of the glare, as explained by the terror-stricken official, arose from the demand in the Divorce Court for "more light."

LAWYERS' FEES.

We do not propose now to discuss the wisdom of the present system of making unfortunate litigants contribute such enormous sums as they do to the coffers of the country, nor to enlarge upon the odium attaching to lawyers for the large fees they are supposed to receive for services rendered, but we desire to state a few facts touching the latter sub-