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DIARY FOR MAY.

2. Tue... Primary Examination. Supreme Ct. Session begin.
3. Wed... J. A. Boyd appointed Chancellor, 1881.
4. Thurs. Primary Examination.
5. Fri... Napoleon Bonaparte died, 1821.
7. Sun... 4th Sunday after Easter.
9. Tue... County Court sittings for York begin. Court of Appeal sitting begin. First Intermediate Examination. Final Examination for Attorney.
11. Thurs. Final Examination for Call. Second Intermediate Examination.
14. Sun... Rogation Sunday.
15. Mon... Easter Sittings begin.

TORONTO, MAY 1, 1882.

THE discussion of various matters connected with the administration of justice in British Columbia, bringing up grave constitutional questions, has recently received considerable space in our columns. A valuable addition to the learning on the subject has been sent to us by Mr. Alpheus Todd, in a letter which is published in another place. The judgments in the *Thrasher Case* referred to in this discussion, and now criticised by our highly valued correspondent, are printed in pamphlet form, and can be obtained at the office of the publishers of this journal. Those who wish to see both sides of the question should procure a copy, and form their own opinion. These judgments and Mr. Todd's letter will prove a mine of learning on a subject of increasing interest to the profession.

IN our review of recent English decisions in the present number we are able, for the first time, by reason of having reviewed the Law Reports up to date, to turn to the *Law Journal* reports, and notice those cases of important application which have not as yet appeared in the former reports. Our present issue reviews the cases in the January an

February numbers of the *Law Journal* reports, and it will be a surprise to many probably to find that there are so many cases of considerable importance which have appeared there so long ago as January or February, but which have not as yet been reported in the official reports. This would not be a matter of surprise if these were decisions of the various Divisional Courts merely, for it might then be supposed that they were standing for appeal, and that the editors of the Law Reports were waiting, so as to carry out their very convenient practice of reporting at the same time the decisions in the Court *a quo* with the decisions in the Court of Appeal; but it will be found that several of the cases we review in this number are decisions in the Court of Appeal. By the end of the year we shall, perhaps, be able to form an estimate of some real value as to the usefulness of the *Law Journal* reports.

PROBABLY few funnier things have ever come before a Court of Justice than the following agreement, made between the parties concerned previously to entering the bonds of matrimony. It is to be found given in its beautiful entirety in the recent case of *Dagg v. Dagg*, 51 L.J. N.S. 19, in which the husband was suing for dissolution of the marriage in question. The male to the agreement, be it remembered, was a porter, and the female party a cook in a hydro-pathic establishment; and it is necessary to add, we regret to say, that the porter had been guilty of certain familiarities with the cook, which one would have hoped a man of his refinement would have shrunk from. This is the agreement:—

"This is to certify that whereas the under-