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DIARY FOR MARCH.

1. Sat ...St. David's day.
2. Sun. ..Quadragesima.
3. Mon....Treaty of San Stephano signed, 1878.
4. Tues ..Court of Appeal sits. County Court sittings for York begin.
6. Thur. . .York changed to Toronto, 1834,
9. Sun....2nd Sunday in Lent.
16. Sun. . .3rd Sunday in Lent.
17. Mon. . .St. Patrick's Day.
18. Tues ..Completion of Suez Canal, 1869.
19. Wed...Opening 1st Ottoman Parliament, 1877.
23. Sun....4th Sunday in Lent. Sir George Arthur, Lieut.-Gov. U. C., 1838.
23. Fri....Canada ceded to France, 1632.
29. Sat ...B. N. A. Act assented to, 1867.
30. Sun. ....5th Sunday in Lent. Lord Metcalfe, Gov.-General, 1843.

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The subtle leaven of Equity is pervading the Common Law Courts. A new development of the maxim which Chancery delights to honour that "Equality is Equity," may be found in the judgment on *Regina v. Wilson*, 43 U. C. R. 583, where it is held that "a superior person" has no exceptional privileges in this Province over the common run of litigants, so as to justify the Court in awarding a criminal information at his instance, and for his benefit.

One by one the complexities of the Mechanics' Lien Act are being solved by the judges. The Chancellor, the other day, thought that, when the contract price was payable by instalments, a bill could be filed when the first payment was due, and that application could be made in that suit to be allowed the other instalments as they fell due. He thought this a more merciful course, than requiring a bill to be filed as each payment accrued due.

A correspondent adverts to the fact that, in glancing over the earlier volumes of Grant's reports, he came across a passage which is pertinent to this day, touching the singular fatality which compels Chancery clerks to leave out dates in making up briefs. In 1855, V. C. Spragge, in *Donovan v. Lee*, 5 Gr. 352, is thus reported : "While alluding to these defects in this brief, I may refer to the common practice of omitting in briefs the dates of pleadings, and of the taking of depositions. The absence of these dates often leaves facts uncertain and obscure." How many times since has the same observa-