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DIARY FOR MAY.

18. Sun.....*Rogation Sunday*. D. A. Macdonald, Lieutenant-Governor Ontario, 1875.
19. Mon.....Easter Sitting Com. Law Divisions, H. C. J. begin.
21. Wed.....Confederation proclaimed, 1867.
22. Thur.....*Ascension Day*. Earl Dufferin Gov.-Gen., 1872.
24. Sat.....Queen Victoria born, 1819. Ferguson, V. C., appointed, 1881.
25. Sun.....*Sunday after Ascension*. Princess Helena born, 1846.
30. Fri.....Proudfoot, V. C., 1874.

TORONTO, MAY 15, 1884.

His Excellency has been pleased to give to four of the members of the Manitoba Bar the privilege of wearing silk gowns instead of stuff ones. We trust the selection will meet with more general approval than the last batch in Ontario. The names are: Sedley Blanchard, Frederick McKenzie, J. B. McArthur and A. C. Killam.

THE question of standard time is still exercising those who are specially interested therein, and is likely to continue to do so, at least until the International Commission shall have made its report upon a standard meridian for all nations. This commission is to meet in Washington on the 1st of October next and doubtless the conclusion it may reach will have an important bearing upon the question of local standards. It is thought that this Commission will probably recommend one standard from Atlantic to Pacific for railway purposes and that citizens should keep natural time—mean solar. Why does not some ingenious person invent a clock that would always give the absolute solar time of day?

THE Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench is now the Chief Justice of Ontario and

the head of the Court of Appeal. This appointment of Mr. Hagarty to the highest judicial position in this Province is what the public and the profession would have wished and expected. Chief Justice Wilson very properly takes the seat thus vacated, and Mr. Justice Cameron takes the Chief Justiceship of the Common Pleas. All these faithful public servants and learned judges have well earned any honour which the country had to bestow. The universal feeling is one of satisfaction that these appointments have been made.

In addition to the present vacancy in the Bench, the health of Mr. Justice Morrison is such that his friends fear he ought not for long continue the arduous duties of his position. Two men must therefore shortly be taken from the Bar; but it is difficult to say where men are to be found who, whilst having the learning and experience required, would at the same time be willing to accept a promotion which would so largely reduce their incomes. Men there are but the inducements appear to be insufficient to lure them to the Bench. Honour is pleasant but a reasonable emolument is a necessity. This necessity, the Government (and here we speak of both political parties) practically ignores. It is strange the public as well as statesmen do not realize the evils which must eventually flow from this state of things.

WE have received the new edition of Mr. J. S. Ewart's, "Manual of Costs," and welcome it most cordially. Lawyers at all events can appreciate a work of this kind, even if the *profanum vulgus* cannot.