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DIARY FOR DECEMBER.

18. Fri.....First Lower Canadian Parliament met, 1792.
20. Sun.....4th Sunday in Advent.
23. Wed.....Christmas vacation, H. C. J., begins.
25. Fri.....Christmas Day.
26. Sat.....Upper Canada made a Province, 1791.
27. Sun.....1st Sunday after Christmas. Spragge, V.C., Chancellor, 1879.
31. Thur.....Revised Statutes of Ontario came into force, 1877.

TORONTO, DECEMBER 31, 1885.

WE publish, as usual with this number, the Index of Subjects, Table of Cases, etc., for the past year. The Sheet Almanac for 1886 will come out in the beginning of the new year.

WE did not refer at the time to the appointment of Mr. Edward Morgan to the junior judgeship of the County of York, inasmuch, as practising in a small country place, it was difficult to speak with any certainty as to his qualification for the position. Now, however, that there has been a better opportunity of forming an opinion, it is a pleasure to know, as well as a pleasant duty to record, that so far as his short term of duty has as yet extended, Mr. Morgan has given much satisfaction to the profession, and to those of the public who have appeared before him as litigants. Of Judge McDougall, his senior, we need only say that the high opinion we expressed, as to his judicial capacity when he was first appointed, is amply confirmed by experience.

MR. JUSTICE MORRISON.

THE death of one so well-known for many years was not an unexpected event. The whole profession will, nevertheless, mourn the loss of one with whom there always existed the most pleasant relations, and his many warm personal friends will be sad at losing one so much liked for his cheery nature and genial hospitality.

Mr. Morrison was born in Ireland on the 20th August, 1816, and came to this country in 1832 with his brother Angus and the rest of the family. In 1839 Joseph Curran Morrison, the deceased judge, was called to the Bar, and became an active member in the then well-known firm of Blake, Connor & Morrison. In 1848 he entered Parliament as a Liberal, but subsequently joined the Conservative ranks, and was for about seven years a member of Sir John Macdonald's Government as Solicitor-General. For a short time he was Registrar of the city of Toronto, but on 19th March, 1862, was raised to the Bench, taking the place of Mr. Justice Hagarty in the Court of Common Pleas, the Hon. James Patton becoming Solicitor-General. Mr. Justice Morrison was subsequently, in December, 1877, moved to the Court of Queen's Bench, in which he remained until made one of the judges of the Court of Appeal, in the room of Thomas Moss, who became chief of that Court. This position Mr. Morrison held until his death.

As a judge, though it cannot be said that Mr. Justice Morrison was a lawyer of the depth of learning, or of the intellectual calibre or power of expression of some of his associates, he had an intuitive perception of the rights of a case, strong com-