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DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER.

- 16. Sun.... *Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.*
- 17. Tue.... First U. C. Parliament met at Niagara, 1792.
- 19. Wed.... President Garfield died, 1881.
- 20. Thurs.. Lord Sydenham, Governor-General, died 1841.
- 23. Sun.... *Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.*
- 24. Mon.... Guy Carlton, Lieutenant-Governor, 1766.
- 29. Sat.... St. Michael's Day.
- 30. Sun.... *Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.* Sir Isaac Brock, President, 1811.

TORONTO, SEPT. 15, 1883.

WE published the letter of a correspondent in our last issue, criticising the work of some of the reporters of the Courts. As to the two principal errors referred to in the Supreme Court reports, they do not seem at present to exist, for the volume as bound up gives the points as they should be. There has been a gradual and marked improvement in these reports, and we understand some changes in the division of labour between the reporter and the editor at Ottawa will materially help to guard against mistakes in the future. As to the errors noted in O.R. vol. 1, it must be remembered that it comprises the work of three different gentlemen, and care must be taken not to lay the guilt at the wrong door. But as to the expression, "defendant company" and "plaintiff company," Mr. Grant is right, following the form of expression used in some of the best text writers.

Whilst we agree with our correspondent that our reports should be as complete and perfect as possible, we know quite enough of the difficulties of the position as to be very lenient in any criticism. It is easier for a critic to find fault with others than to do the same thing as well himself. As

to the Ontario reporters (though we presume the Benchers give them as large salaries as they consistently can) their remuneration is not adequate to the labour and the sacrifice of time involved, for it must be remembered that, as a rule, a reporter's time is so cut into as to preclude him from engaging to advantage in the ordinary business of his profession. The almost inevitable result of a young barrister accepting this position, is that sooner or later he must elect either to throw it up, or else give up the chance of "making a business," and so become simply an official of the Law Society at a small fixed salary, with no chance of ever improving his position.

WE have before us (just received) No. 8 of O. P. R., containing apparently the reports of cases decided between 21st June, 1882, and 13th March, 1883. We are not disposed to be too critical of reporters' work, knowing the difficulties under which these useful officers labour. We may, however, be pardoned for suggesting that it would very much increase the value of practice reports if they were issued more promptly. We do not see why practice cases should occasionally remain unreported for so many months. If there are not a sufficient number of cases to make up one-twelfth of a volume we know of no immutable rule as to the size of a number which prevents the issue of a part containing only half the usual number of pages, giving the volume 24 parts instead of 12. Indeed, we think this should be the rule as to practice reports. We would also suggest that the Division in which the case is heard should be given, and that the judgments should, as far as practicable, and as used to be done some years ago, be printed in the order of date. There may be a good