

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE—MASTER IN CHANCERY—LAW STUDENTS' EXAMINATION.

DIARY FOR OCTOBER.

2. SUN. 16th Sunday after Trinity.
 9. SUN. 17th Sunday after Trinity.
 15. Sat... Law of England introduced into Upper Canada,
 1792.
 16. SUN. 18th Sunday after Trinity.
 18. Tues. St. Luke Evangelist.
 23. SUN. 19th Sunday after Trinity.
 28. Frid. St. Simon and St. Jude.
 30. SUN. 20th Sunday after Trinity.
 31. Mon. All Hallow Eve.

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The recent visit of Sir John A. Macdonald to the seat of law and learning in Western Canada was the occasion of his many friends and admirers congratulating him upon his restoration to health, after the alarming illness under which he was prostrated. In common with them, we think we may without presumption, on behalf of the profession, add our meed of rejoicing that so eminent a member of the Bar, so distinguished a legislator and the head of the Department of Law in this Dominion has recovered from an attack which so nearly proved fatal, and is again able to resume his duties.

MASTER IN CHANCERY.

In our February number we touched upon the subject of certain reforms in the Court of Chancery, which pressingly required the interference of those in authority, and our remarks were mainly directed (1) to the Master's office, and the necessity of having an energetic man as well as a good lawyer at the head of that department; and (2) to the Registrar's office—and as to the latter, particularly with reference to the difficulties in the way of getting money out of Court, and the necessity for some simple and efficient system in that behalf.

In view of the state of things there spoken of, we are glad to learn that the Attorney-General has taken the subject in hand, and has done something towards providing a remedy for at least some of the evils complained of. He has, in the first place, determined to remove the present Master and put in his place a younger and more vigorous man, from whom, if we can judge from his

career so far, we may expect much in the speedy and efficient despatch of business. Secondly, he has appointed the present Master to the office of Accountant-General, whose duties have hitherto been performed by the Registrar; Mr. Turner not having performed the duties strictly pertaining to that office, but, owing to the accumulation of work in the Master's office, having done part of the work of that department. Mr. Buell will, as Accountant-General, be of much use, it is thought, in overseeing the financial business of the Court and facilitating the payment of moneys out of Court to the parties properly entitled to them, and relieve the Judges of much troublesome detail in examining accounts, vouchers, &c., which could as well be done by a painstaking, methodical officer.

The gentleman selected to fill the responsible office of Master of the Court of Chancery is Mr. J. A. Boyd, one of the firm of Blake, Kerr & Boyd. He is a young man for the office, and it has been said of not much experience, but if he has, as his success in the profession so far would seem to shew, "an old head on young shoulders," this will be no disadvantage, but the contrary, for there is an absolute necessity of having in that office one who is able, physically as well as mentally, to grapple with and keep down the business which would otherwise so rapidly accumulate there. Mr. Boyd has only comparatively recently devoted his attention exclusively to Chancery practice, but he has taken a good stand on the Equity side, as he had commenced to do previously at the Common Law, so that we have every reason to think that the Attorney-General has made a judicious selection. He enters upon his duties, we understand, early in November next.

It is said that the Attorney-General proposes making various other changes in the offices of the Court of Chancery at Osgoode Hall, the nature of which, however, he has not yet made known.

LAW STUDENTS' EXAMINATION.

For fear of any misapprehension on the part of law students who are preparing for the next interim examination, we desire to mention that it will take place on the 23rd November next and not on the 7th December, as stated in the Law Journal Sheet Almanac for 1870.