

## LAW BILLS OF LAST SESSION.

## DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER.

1. Satur... Paper Day Common Pleas. New Trial Day Queen's Bench.  
 2. SUN... 14th Sunday after Trinity.  
 3. Mon... Paper Day Queen's Bench. New Trial Day Common Pleas. Recorder's Court sits. Last Day Notice of Trial County Court.  
 4. Tues... Paper Day Common Pleas. New Trial Day Queen's Bench.  
 5. Wed... Paper Day Queen's Bench. New Trial Day Common Pleas.  
 6. Thurs... Paper Day Common Pleas.  
 7. Friday. New Trial Day Queen's Bench.  
 8. Satur... Trinity Term ends  
 9. SUN... 15th Sunday after Trinity.  
 11. Tues... Quarter Sessions and County Court Sittings in each County. Last day for service for York and Peel.  
 16. SUN... 16th Sunday after Trinity.  
 21. Friday. St. Matthew. Declare for York and Peel.  
 23. SUN... 17th Sunday after Trinity.  
 28. Satur... St. Michael. Michaelmas Day. Last day for notice of Trial for York and Peel.  
 30. SUN... 18th Sunday after Trinity.

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A short review of the legislation that took place during the Fifth Session of the Eighth Provincial Parliament will be peculiarly interesting, in view of the statement made in the Governor General's closing speech, that it is "the last session likely to be held under the Act for the union of the two Canadas." It has been a session of much labour to the legislature, and we may hope of some profit to the country.

The number of Acts which have passed are one hundred and seventy-six, besides one reserved for the consent of the Queen. Of these, the large majority are of a local or private nature—such as acts for granting or amending charters of various companies, or providing for some special case; some refer exclusively to Lower Canada; whilst, of the remainder, we may class about fourteen as acts having peculiar relation to law, or its due administration, besides others of great general interest, such as the Municipal and Assessment Acts—acts to prevent the unlawful training of persons to the use of arms—to provide for the issue of Provincial notes—respecting the Militia, and its maintenance—to regulate the egress from public buildings—to amend the Medical Act, and the Act for the protection of sheep, &c., &c.

The law bills which have received the Royal Assent, and to which we intend at present principally to refer, are as follow:—

1. An Act to amend Chapter 98, Con. Stat. U. C. This act makes further provision for the prosecution and punishment of lawless aggressors against this country and its peaceable inhabitants. It will be found in full in another place.

2. An Act to amend the Act respecting the Court of Impeachment in Upper Canada, which introduces some new provisions in respect to the mode of procedure under the act, and makes it applicable to Recorders as well as County Court Judges.

3. An Act respecting the hearing of causes in the Court of Chancery, which empowers any one of Her Majesty's Council, learned in the law, at the request of the Vice-Chancellors, to hold the sittings of the Court of Chancery for the hearing of causes, and therein to "possess, exercise and enjoy all the powers and authorities of a judge of the said court." We transcribe this act for the benefit of our readers, merely referring to the remarks we have before now made with reference to this "slipshod" attempt to remedy the evil arising from the suicidal policy of overworking the judges.

4. An Act to amend an Act respecting the Superior Courts of Civil and Criminal Jurisdiction in Upper Canada. This is also given in full in another place, an important addition having been made to it subsequently to its first introduction. We conceive that the main features of it, namely, doing away with Trinity Term, and adding a week to both Easter and Michaelmas Term, and enabling the courts to hold sittings in Banc for the hearing of special cases and motions for new trials, &c., will be of great convenience. It has been a subject of remark, that more work is done during the last week of one term than in the first week of any other two terms put together; besides this, Trinity Term comes at an inconvenient season. The power which is given to the courts to hold sittings in vacation will do away with any inconvenience that might arise from there being only three terms in the year.

5. An Act to amend the law of Crown and criminal procedure and evidence at trial in Upper Canada. This act is not altered from