

DIARY—CONTENTS—EDITORIAL NOTES.

DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER.

2. Mon. Last day for delivery of appeal books.
4. Wed. Napoleon III. deposed, 1870.
5. Thurs. Lord Metcalfe, Gov.-General, died 1846.
6. Fri. Law Society Convocation meets.
7. Sat. Trinity term ends.
10. Tues. Sittings of the County Court of the County of York begin.
12. Thurs. Frontenac, Governor of Canada.
13. Fri. Quebec taken by British under General Wolfe, 1759.
14. Sat. Jacques Cartier arrived at Quebec, 1535.
16. Mon. Atlantic cable opened 1858. Sittings of Court of Appeal.
17. Tues. Toronto Assizes.
19. Thurs. Lord Sydenham, Gov.-General, died 1841.
24. Tues. Guy Carleton, Lieut. Gov. and Com.-in-Chief, 1766.
30. Sir Isaac Brock, Pres. Can., 1811.

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We have delayed issuing this number so that we might include in it some notes of cases recently decided in the Court of Common Pleas.

The learned Chief Justice of Ontario has, we regret to learn, been compelled

to seek change and rest, owing to a severe attack of illness. The best wishes of the profession and the public attend him. A little relaxation from the duties which he has so well and industriously performed, will, we trust, enable him shortly to return in renewed health and vigour. Mr. Justice Wilson at once, we understand, offered to give up his leave of absence, to assist in the judicial work during the Chief's absence. This is just the self-denying conduct we should have expected from that learned and devoted judge, but we trust that some arrangement will be made which will not render this sacrifice necessary.

The *New Zealand Jurist* falls foul of the Court of Appeal in that Colony for taking no exception to some fictitious appeals that were gravely argued before it by some professional gentlemen who possibly wished for an adjudication on some doubtful point, or who desired to air their eloquence or angle for business which was slow in coming to them. The Editor, who does not lack either energy, pluck or brains, must be a thorn in the side of a judiciary which, judging from the contents of the *Jurist* is not the wisest or most prudent in Her Majesty's dominions. It certainly is a serious offence to turn a Court of Justice into a Debating Club.

The Report of the Inspector of Division Courts for 1877 is before us. The first part is taken up with a discussion as to the taxation of clerk's and bailiff's fees; examples being given of bills of costs overcharged by those officers. These overcharges must have been a great source of unlawful profit to the officers, and corresponding loss to the litigating public. Much odium has fallen upon these Courts from conduct of this sort. If the Inspector has to any ex-