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DIARY FOR MAY.

1. Thur...Prince Arthur born, 1850.
2. Fri...J. A. Boyd appointed Chancellor, 1881.
4. Sun...3rd Sunday after Easter. Napoleon died, 1821.
6. Tues...Sittings of Supreme Court of Canada—First Intermediate Examinations.
8. Thur...Second Intermediate Examinations.
11. Sun...4th Sunday after Easter.
13. Court Appeal Sittings begin County Court Sittings (York) Solicitors' Examination.
14. Wed...Barristers' Examination.

TORONTO, MAY 1, 1884.

THE new regulations of March 29th, 1884, making certain amendments in the tariff, will be found in another column.

By way of experiment, to see if it will be of sufficient interest to our readers, or be by them appreciated, we publish the letter of a correspondent in England, under the heading "Our English Letter." Whether it is to become a permanency remains to be seen.

THE Statutes of New Zealand for three or four years past have been recently placed in the library at Osgoode Hall; they are handsome volumes, remarkable for the excellence of the typography, paper and binding, and certainly in all these respects cast in the shade the statutes of either the Dominion or this Province.

THE annual dinner of the Osgoode Literary and Legal Society will, this year, be held at the Walker House on the evening of May 14th. We would remind our readers that this is the only occasion which affords to all the members of the profession an opportunity of meeting one another in a social manner; and, in this connection, it would not be amiss if members of

both the senior and junior Bars would be present with the students. Tickets, we understand, may be procured up to the 16th instant from Messrs. W. J. Wallace, W. E. Raney, W. B. Lawson, and Alex. Monro Grier, members of the dinner committee.

THERE is a tradition amongst Custom House officers that an article of wearing apparel which has been worn is not subject to duty, but that one which has not been worn, though *bona fide* the property of the traveller, and intended for his own personal use, is dutiable. Mr. Astor, of New York, who deserves to be reckoned amongst the benefactors of his race, thought otherwise, and having "plenty of money and nothing to do," has been amusing himself by laying rude and sacrilegious hands on this time-honoured theory, as we learn from the *New York World*:—

When Mr. Astor returned home his baggage was seized for duties because it contained wearing apparel which had not been worn. Mr. Astor very commendably resisted the demand for payment of the alleged dues, and determined to test a construction of the law, which common sense told him was absurd, and which was a great annoyance and oppression to many persons who were not in a position to resist the exaction.

The United States Supreme Court has just rendered an interesting decision in this case. It is held that no duties can be levied on wearing apparel wholly manufactured, intended for the immediate use of a passenger or of his family accompanying him, or suitable for the season of the year approaching at the time of arrival, even though it has never been actually worn, provided that such wearing apparel does not exceed in quantity, quality and value what the passenger is in the habit of providing and keeping on hand for use.

This decision will put a stop to an inquisition