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DIARY FOR APRIL.

1. Sun.... *Low Sunday.*
2. Mon... Co. Ct. Term and Sitt. without jury begin.
5. Thurs.. Canada discovered, 1499.
7. Sat.... Co. Ct. term ends.
8. Sun.... *Second Sunday after Easter.* Sup. Ct. Act as-
sented to, 1875.

TORONTO, APRIL 1, 1883.

WE have always had a high opinion of the intelligence of the officials of the Toronto Post Office, but were never really alive to their merits until now. A letter from England reached the Post Office a few days ago addressed merely, "The Editor of the leading legal publication, Toronto, Canada." It was at once forwarded to us. Incompetency might have sent it to the editor of the *Canadian Law Times*, or the editor-in-chief of the Ontario Reports, or of some other obscure publication. To the Toronto Post Office staff the address was of course amply sufficient to prevent any such blunder. We are not as yet informed whether the celebrated coloured postman had any share in this remarkable display of acuteness.

THE *Legal News*, after the lapse of three weeks, has plucked up courage to refer to our observations on the offensive article it published over the signature "R." criticising the judgment of the Supreme Court in *Grant v. Beaudry*. As our contemporary comes to hand just as we go to press we are unable to refer at any length to the writer's laborious effort made. We cannot at present do more than remark that silence on one of these points warrants us in supposing that "R." is simply

the first letter in the name of one of those judges whose judgment was upset by the Supreme Court, and who, in such bad taste, uses the columns of a legal journal to speak of one of the most eminent of our judges, who felt it his duty to over-rule him, in such words as these:—"Mr. Justice Gwynne blundered in his law, as is his wont." The learned judge of the Court of Queen's Bench in Quebec (if we are right in assuming that he is the writer) has blundered very considerably (whether according to his wont or not we do not care to discuss) in not letting his impropriety be forgotten, instead of again rushing into print "*rabido ore*" to his own personal identification and further discredit.

CONSOLIDATION OF MORTGAGES.

The equitable right which a mortgagee, holding two or more mortgages on different estates, is entitled to exercise under the name of "consolidation," is sometimes improperly confused with another right which it resembles, but from which it is entirely distinct, which is called "tacking."

Tacking is the union of two or more debts upon *one* estate, so as that the owner of the equity of redemption may not redeem that estate except on the terms of paying all the debts; while consolidation is the union of two or more debts respectively charged on different estates, so as that the owner of the equity of redemption in any of those estates shall not be permitted to redeem any one of the estates without redeeming all. In other words, the right of tacking is a right to charge on a mortgaged estate not only the specific debt for which the mortgage was