

DIARY—CONTENTS—EDITORIAL NOTES.

DIARY FOR JUNE.

- 5. Sat. ..Easter Term ends.
- 6. Sun. ..Second Sunday after Trinity.
- 8. Tues. ..County Court sittings (except York) begin.
- 13. Sun. ..Third Sunday after Trinity.
- 14. Mon. ...County Court Term for York begins.
- 15. Tues. ...Magna Charta signed, 1215.
- 17. Thur. ..Burton and Patterson, J. J. Ct. of Appeal, sworn in, 1874.
- 18. Fri. ...Earl Dalhousie, Governor-General, 1820. Battle of Waterloo, 1815.
- 19. Sat. ..County Court Term ends.
- 20. Sun. ..Fourth Sunday after Trinity. Accession of Queen Victoria, 1837.
- 21. Mon. ..Galt, J., sworn in C. P., 1869.
- 23. Wed. ..Hudson's Bay Company Territory transferred to Dominion, 1870.
- 27. Sun. ...Fifth Sunday after Trinity.
- 28. Mon. ..Queen Victoria crowned, 1837.

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A recent return to Parliament gives a number of figures as to the insolvencies in the various Provinces, in the years 1878 and 1879. In Ontario the number in 1878 was 752, with liabilities to the amount of \$10,929,622, whilst in 1879 the number increased to 788, but with liabilities reduced to \$8,612,907. The corresponding figures, as to Quebec, are 518, and \$11,081,035, for 1878, and 638 and \$13,650,911, for 1879. The average dividend per cent. was, for Ontario 38·3 in 1878, and 33·4 in 1879; and for Quebec, 21·9 in 1878, and 34·8 in 1879.

Is there any diversity of opinion regarding the following deliverance of the *Solicitor's Journal*? "The tendency of the day in all matters—and legal matters form no exception—seems to us to be towards over-elaboration. Essays such as Lord Bacon's could never be produced at the present day; where he would write an essay on a topic in a couple of pages, a thinker of the present day would occupy forty. The same kind of observation applies to many judgments of the present day." In this connection we would commend the singular succinctness—the comprehensive brevity of the opinions—of Chief Justice Waite of the Supreme Court of the United States. They are models of judicial directness for which the over-worked advocate is thankful in this age of voluminous judgments.

We had hoped before this to have furnished our readers with a review of Mr. Alpheus Todd's recent able work upon "Parliamentary Government in the Brit-