

DIARY FOR AUGUST.

1. Wed... *Lammas.*
5. SUN... *10th Sunday after Trinity.*
10. Friday *St. Lawrence.*
11. Satur. Articles, &c., to be left with Secretary Law Soc.
12. SUN... *11th Sunday after Trinity.*
15. Wed... Last day for service for County Court.
19. SUN... *12th Sunday after Trinity.*
21. Tues... Long Vacation ends.
24. Friday *St. Bartholomew.*
25. Satur. Declare for County Court.
26. SUN... *13th Sunday after Trinity.*
27. Mon... Trinity Term commences.
31. Friday Paper Day Queen's Bench. New Trial Day C. P.

The Local Courts'

AND

MUNICIPAL GAZETTE.

AUGUST, 1866.

THE NEW MUNICIPAL ACT.

The public prints will ere this have told our readers that a new Act has been passed during the Session of Parliament that has just closed for the purpose of amending and consolidating the Municipal Laws of Upper Canada. The main features of the bill will, we think, tend to raise the tone of our municipal institutions in general, and in cities in particular; though we do not altogether see the reason for some of the distinctions that are made between cities and towns. Mayors are to be elected by the council and not by the people, as under the old law; there is to be a reduction in the number of representatives, and the qualification for both voters and candidates is increased. Besides these salient points there are others which we shall shortly endeavour to speak of.

Mr. Harrison has announced, we are glad to see, a new edition of his most valuable work, "The Municipal Manual," which will include not only the Act already spoken of but also the revised Assessment Act, with full notes and references to decided cases. This will be a great boon to all concerned, and which they will doubtless profit by.

A "VETERAN" BAILIFF.

The following sketch of the life of one of the oldest, if not the oldest, Division Court officer in Upper Canada, obtained from himself, will not be without interest to many of our readers. It is given in his own words:—

"I was born at sea on 9th August, 1783; my father was in the 26th Cameronian Regiment. I

served as footman with the first Bishop of Quebec, with Governor Mills, Rev. Dr. Mountain, and Sir John Johnson's lady. I married in 1805, and went with my wife to Lochiel where her friends resided. I went as raftsman twenty-two trips to Quebec, and returned home on foot. In 1812 I volunteered in the militia, and was made a sergeant. Was at the attack at Salmon River, where we took a block-house and fifty prisoners, and at the attack at Ogdensburgh, under Col. Lethbridge, where we were repulsed; was afterwards employed building the fort at Prescott, and was made quarter master sergeant. I was at the attack at Goose Creek, and also at the taking of Ogdensburgh, the battle at Chrysler's Farm, and at the breaking up of the enemy's camp at Malone. In the Fall of 1838 I volunteered in Col. Van-koughnet's Regiment, and in the rank of sergeant was at the taking of the brigands at Windmill Point. In 1836 I was appointed bailiff of the Commissioners' Court, and was afterwards appointed bailiff in the Division Court by Judge Jarvis, at its first formation. I have done all the duty on foot, and compute that I have travelled between sixty and seventy thousand miles on foot. My wife is still living, and we have had three sons, eight daughters, sixty-four grandchildren, and twenty great-grand children."

The signature of this octogenarian, by name William Wiseman, is written in a bold firm hand, that would do credit to many a man a quarter of his age. The truth of the above statement is certified by the judge under whom he serves, whose length of service and vigour nearly equal, by the way, those of his trusty officer.

"The old man still acts as bailiff," says the Judge, "and is the surest hand at serving a summons upon skulkers, even at his advanced age of 83 years. Perhaps his computation of mileage is too large, but he seems confident that upon an average he has travelled 60 miles a week. Ought not this man to have a pension?"

We think he ought.

MEETING OF BAILIFFS.

We have received the report of a meeting of Division Court Bailiffs' held at Guelph in June last with reference to subjects of considerable importance affecting the due administration of their office, and as to an increase of their fees in certain cases. We quite agree with these gentlemen in many things that were said on these subjects, which are however of too much importance to be treated in a summary manner; we shall therefore postpone the discussion of them to a future number