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DIARY FOR JANUARY.

1. Tues.....*New Year's Day.*
4. Sun.....*2nd Sunday after Christmas.*
5. Mon.....Co. Ct. and Sur. Ct. Terms commence. Christmas vacation in Exchequer Court ends.
6. Tues.....Christmas vacation H. C. J. ends.
8. Thur.....Christmas vacation in Supreme Court ends.
- 10 Sat.....Co. Ct. and Sur. Ct. Terms end. Vacation Sup. Ct. ends.
11. Sun.....*1st Sunday after Epiphany.*
12. Mon.....Sir Charles Bagot Gov.-Gen., 1842.
13. Tues.....Prim. Ex. for Students and Articled Clerks begin. Court of Appeal sittings begin.

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THAT the English judges, much to their honour, do not hesitate to use very plain language towards practitioners when occasion calls for it, is illustrated by the remarks of Fry, L.J., in the newest *Lyell v. Kennedy* case, in the November number of the *Law Reports* for the Chancery Division. He says:—"I have rarely come across a case in which greater folly has been shown than that which has been manifested in the way in which this case has been conducted. There has been a competition of demerits on both sides; each has striven to use the practice and forms of the Court to the utmost for the purpose of aggravating and annoying the other, and they have each been successful to a considerable extent, and the result has been a most incredible waste of money, which will have ultimately to be borne by one or other, or both of the parties."

THE *American Law Review* has recommenced its periodical ravings about Canada and its connection with England, with its usual remarks upon our "knee crooking," "dependence," "inferiority," etc. It is quite unnecessary to be perpetually saying

how much the Eagle wants to clasp the Beaver to its bosom. We know that already. The difficulty is that we do not want to be clasped. In truth, should that bubbling, fermenting and rapidly disintegrating conglomeration of discordant elements lying to the south of this great Dominion offer to annex themselves to Canada we should politely decline the honour. We, however, quite agree that Sir J. A. Macdonald is "one of the ablest of living statesmen," and it is quite evident that they want a man of his capacity to try and put things in order for them. They find it difficult to do it for themselves. We are told that "the highest offices within the gift of the Republic would be opened to Canadians. Americans would delight to honour themselves by making such a statesman as Sir John A. Macdonald their President; and the conservative influence of Canada in American politics would be very salutary." It would indeed. One cannot, however, touch pitch without being defiled, and so we think that after the political exhibition of our cousins during the late Presidential contest the less attention they draw to the subject the better.

THERE is overmuch truth in the following remarks clipped from the *Manitoba Law Journal* on the subject of Queen's Counsel, apropos of some recent appointments in that Province; and some of these appointments are relatively not quite so absurd as the last batch in Ontario:

"The practice of singling out, from time to time, certain barristers for invidious distinction, should have been abolished together with patents of monopoly—that is some centuries ago.