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DIARY FOR FEBRUARY.

1. Tues...Solicitors' exam. Sir Edw. Coke born 1552.
2. Wed...Barristers' examination.
3. Sat....W. H. Draper, and C. J. of C. P., 1856.
6. Sun....Septuagesima Sunday.
7. Mon....Hilary sittings begin.
10. Thur....Canada ceded to G. B. 1763. Union of U. & L. C. 1841.
13. Sun....Sexagesima Sunday.

TORONTO, FEBRUARY 1, 1887.

WE publish in another place a communication from an old friend of this journal on the subject of the article which appeared in our last number on the Limitation of Actions, which will be read with interest. The subject is an important one, and the law is not as clear as it ought to be. We may take occasion to refer to it again, and would in the meantime be pleased to hear from any of our readers who have considered the subject.

WE are indebted to a correspondent for a copy of a judgment by His Honor Judge Jones, of Brantford, on the subject of "Tax Exemptions" which, however, want of space compels us to hold over for the present. It discusses the right of a superannuated minister to exemption from taxation, and is an interesting addition to the decisions on this subject already reported in this journal. The learned judge agrees with the view of the law taken by Judge McDonald in a judgment reported in our last volume at page 341.

A most extraordinary, and we are inclined to think, unprecedented occurrence has taken place recently in regard to the Chief Justiceship of New South Wales. On the death of Sir James Martin, the late Chief Justice, the appoint-

ment was offered to Mr. Julian Solomons in a letter from the Premier of the colony, couched in the most flattering and complimentary terms. Mr. Solomons accepted the position, but three days afterwards withdrew his acceptance on the ground that he had learnt that his appointment was distasteful to the two senior members of the bench, viz.: Mr. Justice Fawcett and Mr. Justice Manning, and that to the third, Mr. Justice Windeyer, it appeared to be not only distasteful, but so wholly unjustifiable as to have led to the utterance by him of such expressions and opinions respecting his fitness as to make it quite impossible to hold any intercourse with him in the future either as a Judge or otherwise. The reasons for his withdrawal were stated in his letter to the Premier, which has been made public, and has occasioned quite a hubbub in the colony. The Judges, whose hostility is alleged as the reason of Mr. Solomon's resignation of the office of Chief Justice, have disclaimed any such feeling. Mr. Justice Windeyer, however, frankly admits that he did express himself to Mr. Solomons that he was of the opinion that he was not fit for the office, and that he thought his appointment was a grave mistake; but he says, notwithstanding that, he was prepared to give him his loyal support, and there the matter rests. Altogether the affair is a painful and unpleasant one, and we are glad to think, altogether unique.