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DIARY FOR MARCH.

16. Sun... *3rd Sunday in Lent.*
17. Mon... St. Patrick's Day.
18. Tue... Princess Louise born, 1834.
23. Sun... *4th Sunday in Lent.* Sir George Arthur Lieut.-Gov.
U. C., 1838.
28. Fri... Canada ceded to France, 1632.
29. Sat... The Wills Act assented to, 1873.
30. Sun... *5th Sunday in Lent.* B. N. A. Act assented to, 1867.
31. Mon... Lord Metcalfe, Governor-General, 1854.

TORONTO, MAR. 15, 1884.

WE have received Vol. 1, of Mr. G. S. Holmsted's General Rules, and Orders of the Courts of Law and Equity, of the Province of Ontario, passed prior to the Ontario Judicature Act, 1881, and now remaining in force, comprising the Chancery Orders, and without presuming to write anything approaching a review of the work at this early stage, the perusal of some fifty pages is sufficient to justify us in speaking in the highest terms of the industry, ability and learning comprised in this work. To call it a compilation would be to display our own inability to appreciate what was involved in its composition. It involved in the first place a very thorough knowledge of the practice before the Judicature Act, and of the practice since the Judicature Act, and then the power of detecting how much of the former was left unaffected by the latter; and it requires very little reflection to comprehend the mental effort which must in very many cases have been gone through by the learned writer, before he could record an opinion that this rule or that rule is still in force, with this or that modification. In our opinion the book is a credit not only to Mr. Holmsted, but to the legal profession in Ontario generally, and, at all events, the gratitude of the

latter is certainly due to the author for so valuable an addition to works on Practice. We look forward with, perhaps, greater interest to the publication of the second volume than we have to this one, and we venture to think its composition must be even a more difficult task than this has been. Be that as it may, it may perhaps be said that no legal work, at all events since Harrison's Common Law Procedure Act, has been published in this Province approaching these volumes of Mr. Holmsted in difficulty or in importance.

DIFFERENCES OF PRACTICE UNDER THE JUDICATURE ACT.

WE have on former occasions adverted to the fact that, notwithstanding the obvious intention of the Judicature Act was to bring about an uniformity of practice in the various Divisions of the High Court, the traditions of the past have been too strong to be overcome even by an Act of Parliament. Hence it is that we find in the Queen's Bench and Common Pleas Divisions, the new procedure is construed and worked as nearly as may be in accordance with the former practice at law, while in the Chancery Division the same rules are construed and worked in accordance with the former practice in Chancery.

To take a very common point of practice namely, the entry of judgments: under the former common law practice it was a well recognized rule that their could only be one final judgment in the action against the same defendant. In certain cases a judgment might be entered against one defendant at one time, and