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DIARY FOR JUNE.

- 18. Fri.....Battle of Waterloo, 1815.
- 19. Sat.....C. C. York term ends.
- 20. Sun.....Trinity Sunday. Accession of Queen Victoria, 1837.
- 22. Tue.....Longest day. Slavery declared contrary to law of England, 1772.
- 24. Thur.....John and Sebastian Cabot discover Canada.
- 27. Sun.....First Sunday after Trinity.
- 28. Mon.....Coronation of Queen Victoria, 1838.
- 30. Wed.....Acquittal of the seven bishops, 1688.

TORONTO, JUNE 15, 1886.

WE have received a communication from a member of the profession, in which, after expressing regret at the sudden and radical changes which are being introduced into our law, and that important measures are hastened through our Legislature with so little care as to details, he goes on to advert to the new "Lands Title Act" of 1885, remarking that with its code of rules it is a measure with much of resemblance to the "Judicature Act" and likely to give fully as much trouble. He then quotes the passage with reference to dower and matrimony, referred to by us in our review of Mr. Jones' edition in a recent issue, and adds, "I need scarcely point out that this result could not have been contemplated by the framers of the Act. All the 'spooning' must henceforth be done by the ladies, and even then the wary fish will not often take. He is under the Torrens System, and feels himself, so to speak, estopped by law. At all events he knows that in endeavouring to steer clear of bachelorhood he will almost inevitably be swamped in the abyss of matrimony. Under our present law the only property which a man has in his wife is an imaginary property. I think the following amendment would not only obviate the absolute difficulty, but would be

the means of insuring the success and renown of the Act: 'A married woman shall, from the date of this Act, be deemed the *real* property of her husband.'" We consider this a very able suggestion. It would get rid of much embarrassment, and since, notwithstanding the best efforts of radical reformers, the great majority of faithful spouses would not object to the clause, why should it not be adopted by our enlightened Legislature? We think, however, that Mr. Jones and our correspondent somewhat exaggerate the effects of legislation on matrimony.

How small a part of all that men endure
The part that kings or laws can cause or cure.

We have not time to turn up the quotation, and are not sure that we have it correct, but Mr. Jones will appreciate its applicability. Disunionists may do their best or worst, but matrimony will continue in most cases to be a united kingdom, though woman may be queen.

SOME time since we expressed the hope that the grounds at Osgoode Hall might be made somewhat more attractive by the cultivation of flowers to a greater extent than has been previously attempted. We are glad to find that our suggestions have this year been adopted by the Benchers, that additional flower beds have been added, which bid fair to lend a newer charm to our already beautiful oasis on Queen Street. Still further we have to congratulate the juniors of the profession for having secured the permission of the Benchers to use the west lawn for tennis. This is a thing we also urged, and might very properly be allowed by the authorities, and we are glad to see that it has been.