

DIARY FOR JULY.

1. Tuesday Long Vacation commences. Last day for County Councils to equalize Rolls of Local Municipality.
 6. SUNDAY 3rd Sunday after Trinity.
 7. Monday County Court and Surrogate Court Term begins. Recorder's Court sits. Heir and Devisee Sittings commence.
 12. Saturday County Court and Surrogate Court Term ends.
 13. SUNDAY 4th Sunday after Trinity.
 14. Monday Last day for Judges of Co. Courts to make Return of Appeals from Assessments.
 20. SUNDAY 6th Sunday after Trinity.
 22. Tuesday Heir and Devisee Sittings ends.
 27. SUNDAY 6th Sunday after Trinity.
 31. Thursday Last day for County Clerk to certify Co. Rate to Municipalities in County.

IMPORTANT BUSINESS NOTICE.

Persons indebted to the Proprietors of this Journal are requested to remember that all our past due accounts have been placed in the hands of Messrs. Pulton & Ardagh, Attorneys, Barris, for collection; and that only a prompt remittance to them will save costs.

It is with great reluctance that the Proprietors have adopted this course; but they have been compelled to do so in order to enable them to meet their current expenses which are very heavy.

Now that the usefulness of the Journal is so generally admitted, it would not be unreasonable to expect that the Profession and Officers of the Courts would accord it a liberal support, instead of allowing themselves to be sued for their subscriptions.

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SIR J. B. ROBINSON, BART.

In other columns will be found an address, which on Thursday, 12th June last, was presented to Sir J. B. Robinson, Bart., by the Members of the Bar of Upper Canada, and his reply to the same.

The occasion was one of no ordinary interest—that of the retirement from the Court of Queen's Bench of the distinguished Judge who had so long and so faithfully presided in that Court.

Never was a more sincere tribute paid to man than the address which on that occasion was presented to the Chief Justice. It was prompted by a spontaneous and universal feeling of respect for the man, mingled with regret at the occasion which had called it forth. During its delivery the strong feeling of emotion which pervaded both Bench and Bar was manifested by the faltering voice of the gentleman who read it and the moistened eyes of those who heard it read.

On Thursday, 19th June last, the Bar of Upper Canada entertained Sir John at a banquet of great splendour in Osgoode Hall. The tribute was alike worthy of those who gave it, and of him to whom it was given.

Sir J. B. Robinson is no ordinary man; he is one of the few great men of whom Canada can honestly boast. His career has been a long and a brilliant one. His life has been one of ceaseless activity.

He was born on the 26th July, 1791, at Berthier, in Lower Canada. His father and family came to Toronto, then town of York, in 1798. The father, within three

weeks after his arrival in the town of York, died. The son, John Beverley, was educated under the Rev. Dr. Strachan, now Protestant Bishop of Toronto, first at the Grammar School in Kingston, and afterwards in Cornwall. When seventeen years old he was admitted a student of the Laws by the Law Society of Upper Canada. He was enrolled a member of the Law Society in Hilary Term, 1808. He studied successively with the late Judge Boulton and Colonel Macdonald, who afterwards, when Aide-de-Camp to General Brock, was killed at Queenston. While a Law Student he was during one session of the Parliament of Upper Canada employed as a clerk in the House of Assembly. Shortly afterwards, when the war of 1812 broke out, he followed Sir Isaac Brock in the expedition which led to the capture of Detroit.

When the war ceased he was called to the bar of Upper Canada at the age of twenty-four. His call was in Hilary Term, 1815. In the same year Mr. Boulton, Attorney General of the Province, was taken prisoner by the French, and during his detention the subject of this sketch was appointed acting Attorney General. During the same year Mr. Boulton was released, and Sir John became Solicitor General. This post he held till 1818, when he became Attorney General in the place of Mr. Boulton, who was raised to a seat on the Bench. At this time Sir John was married. He in the previous year married the estimable lady who is still the partner of his life. For a long time he was Attorney General, and the leading man of his day. He, while Attorney General, prosecuted several newspaper publishers for libel. Collins, one of these, the publisher of the *Freeman*, was condemned to two years imprisonment. The libel was one upon the Attorney General himself. It charged him with having uttered a falsehood in conducting a prosecution, and was otherwise of a very defamatory nature.

In 1829 Mr. Robinson was elevated from the office of Attorney General to that of a seat on the Bench,—Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench, the only Superior Court of common law jurisdiction at that time in Upper Canada. He, notwithstanding, continued to hold his seat in the Legislature till the Union of the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada in 1840.

He held this exalted position till the present year, when, in consequence of the desire of his family that in the evening of his days he should have some repose, he resigned it and accepted the less arduous office of President of the Court of Error and Appeal, an office which before he filled by virtue of his office of Chief Justice of Upper Canada.

Sir J. B. Robinson, by his dignified and yet affable conduct in the discharge of his judicial duties, by his great