

DIARY—CONTENTS—EDITORIAL ITEMS.

DIARY FOR OCTOBER.

- 1. SUN..16th Sunday after Trinity. Univ. Coll. and Trin. Coll. Mich. Term begins.
- 2. Mon.:County Court Term begins. County Court sittings for trials without jury.
- 3. Tues..Univ. of Toronto session of Senate begins.
- 7. Sat....County Court Term ends. Last day for notice for Primary Examinations.
- 8. SUN..17th Sunday after Trinity. Judges of Supreme Court and Chief Justice Harrison and Mr. Justice Moss, gazetted, 1875.
- 13. Fri....Battle of Queenston, 1812.
- 15. SUN..18th Sunday after Trinity. Law of England introduced into Upper Canada, 1792.
- 22. SUN..19th Sunday after Trinity.
- 29. SUN..20th Sunday after Trinity.

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THE interest of the profession in the recent election of Benchers was not very widely extended, for although the ranks of the profession have been increased by several hundreds during the past five years, the number of voters at the last election of Benchers was much less than in 1871. At the first election 461 votes were cast, whilst in 1876 there were only 387. This shows either a growing dislike to the new system, or an indifference which is not encouraging. This falling off was in the face, too, of some correspondence in the public press, which, though not edifying, at least called attention to the fact of the election being at hand. Some may have been disgusted with what seems to be the inevitable result of the elective system wherever applied, and so did not vote at all. At the same time it is pleasant to be able to record that a very creditable election has again been made by the Bar.

Of the 387 ballot papers put in, nineteen were rejected because the names of the voters were not on the register, and two were received too late. The members of one legal firm voted for one dead man, for one who was disqualified, and for two who are ex-officio Benchers, which is an instance of the proverbial ignorance of lawyers of law and fact when they are personally concerned. Hon. M. C. Cameron had the honour of heading the list with 351 votes, followed closely by Messrs. McCarthy, Meredith, S. Richards, D. B. Read, J. D. Armour, Bell, Osler, Becher, etc. Of those who had been appointed by the Benchers to fill vacancies in the past five years all, except two, were re-elected by the Bar.