

DIARY—CONTENTS—EDITORIAL ITEMS—BLUNDERS IN THE STATUTES.

DIARY FOR DECEMBER.

1. Tues. N.T.D., Q.B., P.D., C.P. Last d. for not trial Co. Ct. Clks. (exc. Co. Clks.) ret.res't rat'p'rs (Mun. Act. s. 189.)
2. Wed. Open Day, Q.B. New Trial Day, C.P.
3. Thurs. Re-h. T. in Chy. begius. Open Day, Q.B. and C.P., Con. Stat. came into force, 1859.
4. Fri. N.T.D., Q.B. Open D., C.P. Last Day but one for cert.
5. Sat. Michaelmas Term ends. Last day to give notice for Call.
6. SUN. 2nd Sunday in Advent.
8. Tues. Gen. Sess. and Co. Ct. sittings in each Co. begin. Last day for J.P.'s to ret. convictions to Clk. of Peace (32 V. Ont. c. 6. s. 9 (4): 32-33 V. c. 31, s. 76; 33 V. c. 27, s. 3.
13. SUN. 3rd Sunday in Advent.
14. Mon. Prince Albert died, 1861. Collectors to return rolls, unless time extended. Councils may disfranchise for Municipal elections if taxes not paid by this date.
19. Sat. Last day to give notice of primary examination.
20. SUN. 4th Sunday in Advent.
21. Mon. St. Thomas. Shortest day.
24. Thurs. Christmas Vacation in Chancery begins.
25. Fri. Christmas Day. First observed, 98.
26. Sat. Upper Canada erected into a Province, 1791.
27. SUN. Sunday after Christmas. Innocents.
28. Mon. Nomination of Mayor, Ald. Reeves, Dep. Reeves and Councillors (Mun. Act. ss. 102-105.)
31. Tues. Last day for Clerk of Peace to deposit Jurors' book in Crown office (C.S.U.C. c. 31, s. 29.)

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We are glad to see that the Government of Ontario seems favorably disposed to the appointment of short-hand reporters to take down evidence at trials before the judges. There is no reason why we should be behind the age in this matter. The example has already been set in the west wing of Osgoode Hall, and it is said to be a great convenience to the Bench and Bar.

We publish reports of two equity cases as to staying proceedings pending rehearing, as these cases often referred to, but have not hitherto been reported, we have been at some pains to give them to our readers. *Stovel v. Coles*, decided some two years ago by Mr. Taylor, will not be found elsewhere, *Campbell v. Edwards*, decided by the Chancellor in June last, will appear, we presume, in due course, in the "orthodox" reports.

BLUNDERS IN THE STATUTES.

The gentlemen engaged in consolidating the laws of Ontario will have plenty of opportunities for improving upon the performances of the Local Legislature of Ontario, which maintains the long-established reputation of parliaments for making extraordinary blunders. It was Lord Coke who said that all things were possible for parliament, except to turn a man into a woman, and *vice versa*. The last Ontario House have been occupying themselves in stamping out acts which had been extinguished some time before—wasting their strength—in slaying the dead. For instance they propose to re-