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## DIARY FOR DECEMBER.

15. Thurs.. Christmas vac. in Supreme Court and Exch. Ct. begin. Morrison, J., sworn in, Ct. of Appeal, 1877.  
17. Sat.. First Lower Canada Parliament met, 1792.  
18. Sun.. 4th Sunday in Advent.  
22. Thurs.. Shortest day.  
24. Sat.. Court of Appeal and Chancery vacation begin.  
25. Sun.. Christmas Day.  
26. Mon.. U. C. made a Province, 1791.  
27. Syragge, V. C., appointed Chancellor, 1879. Municipal nominations.  
31. Sat.. Rev. Stat. of Ont. came into force, 1877.

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WE understand that the Benchers have decided to take no action towards obtaining any protection to solicitors as against unlicensed conveyancers, at least in the direction of legislation; the reason being that it is said any action of that sort would provoke hostility, and result in harm rather than good to the complainants. We feel rather curious to know wherein the profession could be placed in a worse position than they are at present, unless indeed they were compelled to carry on lawsuits and do conveyancing for nothing, and pay something to clients for this privilege. As it is at present, the privilege they enjoy is to do such work as they would in any event do by reason of their legal education, or, in other words, the work which now exclusively comes to them to be done is only such work as cannot be done by outsiders by reason of their want of legal or technical knowledge. As to the country practitioners, their privilege is to pay \$20 per annum for certificates which are, to use a stage simile, a "screaming farce," and for several volumes of reports which are practically useless from lack of business, litigation—except in Division Courts—being almost *nil*, and conveyancing being in the

hands of outsiders for reasons often referred to. The only course that occurs to us in the premises is to abolish the Law Society, sell Osgoode Hall to a "collection bureau," and emigrate to Manitoba, leaving the library to the "invaders," in the Parthian hope that confusion to the public might thereby become worse confounded.

## OSGOODE HALL LIBRARY.

The opening of Osgoode Hall Library in the evening is no doubt a decided boon, and we trust we shall not be deemed ungrateful for small mercies if we still decline to rest and be thankful. Osgoode Hall contains a noble collection not only of strictly legal works, but of works on history, on abstract jurisprudence, on metaphysical and moral philosophy, and of *belles lettres*. It would, no doubt, be out of the question to permit those legal text books and reports which are in every day use by practitioners to be taken away from the library and, as regards them, we are content; but we would say a word as to those other works, pertaining rather to general literature than to mere professional literature, which have been doomed to a more hopeless obscurity than ever in "the Benchers' room." Now many would gladly avail themselves of the collection of works of this kind, if a scheme were devised by which they might take them away for a limited period. We submit that to say that those who are so anxious to improve their minds as all that, can come in the evening, is scarcely an answer to this suggestion. We should not be content to give the minimum of help and encouragement to those