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DIARY FOR JANUARY.

1. Mon.. New Year's Day. County Court Term and Heir and Dev. Sitt begin. Municipal Elections held.
3. Wed.. Assizes, Hamilton, and Civil Suits, Toronto.
6. Sat.. County Court Term ends. Christmas vacation ends.
7. Sun.. *1st Sunday after Epiphany.*
9. Tue.. Court of Appeal Sittings begin. Christmas Vacation in Supreme Court ends.
11. Thur.. Sir Charles Bagot, Governor-General, 1842.
14. Sun... *2nd Sunday after Epiphany.*

TORONTO, JAN. 1, 1883.

THE new Law Courts in London were duly opened by the Queen in person on the 4th December last. The ceremony was an interesting one, and we hope to find room for some account of the proceedings in our next number.

FOLLOWING the appointment of Mr. Wallbridge to the Chief-Justiceship of Manitoba, comes the resignation of Mr. Justice Miller. We are sorry for this, as these descents from the Bench are becoming all too common, and are far from edifying. We trust in this case it was not, as rumoured, because he had been promised the place rendered vacant by the death of the late Chief-Justice. There is now a befitting opportunity for the appointment of a puisne from the ranks of the Chancery Bar, in accordance with the wish expressed by the Winnipeg profession, and we should not be surprised if a new Master in Chancery in our own Province would be next in order. Our loss would be the gain of both lawyers and litigants in Manitoba.

A LARCENY case, recently tried at the Winnipeg Assizes, as reported in the local papers, presents some rather unusual, if not amusing features. For several months, the residents

of Portage La Prairie had been losing their cows. At first it was supposed that they might have strayed away into the prairies; but as wandering bovines not unfrequently return home another solution of the difficulty was thought desirable, and it was determined to make search for them, whether stolen or strayed, and a number of persons subscribed a sum of money to pay the necessary expenses. Amongst the subscribers to the fund was a man named Fant, who carried on, with other things, the business of a butcher. None of the missing cows were found, and the mystery became more mysterious. After some time circumstances arose which cast suspicion upon the said Fant, and a search warrant being issued, a number of hides were found in his possession, some of which bore marks which compelled the unhappy owners to believe that they had, unknown to themselves, been feasting on their own cattle, butchered by the enterprising Fant. Some time before this a horse had been stolen from the sheriff of the district, and the latter, whilst looking for his missing steed and before he had an opportunity of purchasing another one, frequently secured Fant's services to drive him into the country, either in search of the stolen animal or on other business. The sheriff, on one occasion, as he contemplated the animal in front of him, was much struck with its appearance, and remarked to Fant that it would make an excellent mate for his own lost one, should he be so fortunate as to find it, and he resolved in such case to try and make a "dicker" with Fant, and thus secure a well matched team. After the matter of the hides had been investigated, and Fant had been arrested and committed for trial a sudden inspiration seized the sheriff, and he paid a visit