

DIARY FOR OCTOBER.

- 1. Wed... Clerk and Deputy Clerks of Crown and Master and Registrar in Chancery to make quarterly returns.
- 4. SUN... 19th Sunday after Trinity.
- 7. Mon... County Court Term begins.
- 12. Sat... County Court Term ends.
- 13. SUN... 20th Sunday after Trinity.
- 15. Tues... Law of England introduced into Upper Canada 1792.
- 18. Fri... St. Luke the Evangelist.
- 20. SUN... 21st Sunday after Trinity.
- 22. Fri... Crispin.
- 27. SUN... 23rd Sunday after Trinity.
- 28. Mon... St. Simon and St. Jude.
- 31. Thurs. All Hallow Eve.

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Our advertising columns announce the publication of a new work by Mr. S. R. Clarke, of Toronto, Barrister-at-Law, on the Criminal Law of Canada, which we have reason to think will be not only a success in itself, but also of immense service to the Profession and Magistracy in the Dominion at large. We have not yet had an opportunity of examining it, but a cursory glance would seem to show that it will prove a most valuable treatise on the criminal law as it applies to this country.

A pretty fair test of the confidence of the public and profession in their Judges is the number of appeals from their decisions. A return to an address of the House of Commons of Canada gives a statement of the number of cases taken before the Privy Council in 1869, 1870 and 1871, from Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and the information given is highly suggestive. There have been only two cases actually appealed from Ontario; and though appeal bonds were filed in two other cases, no further action will probably be taken in them. Quebec has sent no less than twenty-one cases to the Privy Council, six in 1869, five in 1870, and ten in 1871. This points to a pleasant state of uncertainty in the minds of the profession in the Province of Quebec, as to what the law is in a variety of cases, and shews a laudable desire on the part of the litigants "to get to the bottom of it." The Supreme Court of New Brunswick has, during the same period, granted leave to appeal in six cases; but the courage of those concerned has partly failed them, for only three have been transmitted to England, and no action appears to have been taken in these. Only one case has been appealed during the same three years from Nova Scotia; and the further information is given in the return, that only three cases in all have been taken to England from that Province since 1860, when Sir Wm. Young was appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. It will thus be seen that,