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DIARY FOR JUNE.

1. Mon.....Fenian attack, 1866.
2. Tues.....Maritime Court Sittings.
6. Sat.....Easter Sittings of Common Law Division, H. C. J., end.
7. Sun.....1st Sunday after Trinity.
8. Mon.....County Court and Surrogate Court Term (York). Parliament first met at Ottawa, 1866.
9. Tues.....General Sessions and County Court (ex. York).
13. Sat.....County Court and Surrogate Terms (York) end.
14. Sun.....2nd Sunday after Trinity.

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THE *Central Law Journal* which ought to know and is not in the habit of using strong language, speaks of American life insurance companies in the following fashion: "Life Insurance is the great American fraud; and the only difference between the two systems—the regular and the co-operative—is the difference between two frauds. In both of them a fool trusts his cash to a man of whom he knows nothing, without security."

THE *English Law Times* in referring to the Torrens System of land transfer lately, although doubting the feasibility of its successful application to England, nevertheless gives the following commendation of the system:—"The fundamental principle of the Torrens System is the grant of certificates of title by a land registry office. Once granted, the certificate is for all purposes the conclusive document of title to the land. In a country where titles are more or less uniform in origin, and all date from within a period of fifty

years or so, nothing could be neater or more effective."

What the *Times* considers the best field for its introduction is the very kind of one which the Province of Ontario presents. Mr. Mowat has made a beginning by the Act of last session—but this Act applies only to the County of York. It is, however, safe to say that if the system is found to work satisfactorily in one of the oldest settled counties, and one that includes properties held by such difficult titles as are to be found in the city of Toronto, it will work anywhere else within the Province, and its general extension may be looked for if its success in York is demonstrated by a fair trial.

The Act as finally passed has not yet been published. It would, therefore, be premature at present to attempt to discuss its details. We hope to return to the subject when the statutes have been issued.

TREASON-FELONY IN THE NORTH-WEST.

THIS Dominion has just passed through an ordeal that has so far reflected the highest credit upon all those who have had in charge the maintenance of law and order. The administrative action has been excellent, and our citizen soldiers have fought and suffered with a courage and patient endurance which adds new lustre to the military renown of the Canadian militia.