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DIARY FOR MARCH.

1. Mon. . . St. David's Day.
2. Tues. . . Co. Ct. sitt. for York begin. Court of Appeal sitt. begin.
3. Wed. . . Treaty of St. Stephano.
6. Sat. . . Name of York changed to Toronto, 1834.
7. Sun. . . Fourth Sunday in Lent.
14. Sun. . . Fifth Sunday in Lent.
17. Wed. . . St. Patrick's Day.
18. Thur. . . Princess Louise born, 1848.
21. Sun. . . Sixth Sunday in Lent. Palm Sunday.
23. Tues. . . Sir George Arthur, Lieut.-Governor of U. C., 1838.
28. Sun. . . Easter Sunday. Canada ceded to France, 1832.
30. Tues. . . B. N. A. assented to, 1867.
31. Wed. . . Lord Metcalfe, Governor-General, 1843.

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We advise our correspondent "A. B." who writes on the legal bills before the Local House (see p. 92), to possess his soul in patience. Things *might* be worse, and a free country must suffer some inconvenience for its freedom. One would however have thought that a Commission, composed of the best of our judges, to enquire into the subject, and to report to, and consult with the Attorney General, would have been a safe course. We have not thought it worth while to review the proposed bills, but shall refer to them after they have become law.

The influence of Bret Harte and Mark Twain is beginning to make itself felt on the English Bench, and to modify the judicial utterances of the Lords of Appeal. The other day in *Ralph v. Carrick*, 28 W.R. 71, the Lords Justices were trying to discover the intention of a foolish, thoughtless and inaccurate testator. Among other cases cited was *Sibley v. Perry*, 7 Ves. 522, whereupon Brett, L. J., took occasion to observe, "I should have no objection to be present at the funeral of *Sibley v. Perry* as soon as that can take place."

The Attorney-General has introduced a bill for an Act to abolish priority of, and amongst execution creditors. This was, we presume, suggested by the expected repeal of the Insolvent Act this Session, though its coming into force is not made contingent upon that event. But, as the repeal may be looked upon as a foregone conclusion, it will not probably be necessary to consider wherein the provisions of this bill might clash