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## DIARY FOR JUNE.

4. Sat...Easter Term ends.
5. Sun...*Whit Sunday*.
8. Wed...First meeting of Parliament at Ottawa.
12. Sun...*Trinity Sunday*.
13. Mon...County Court Term for York begins.
14. Tues...County Court sitt. (except York) begins.
15. Wed...Magna Charta signed, 1215.
17. Fri...Burton and Patterson, JJ. Ct. of Appeal, sworn in, 1874.
18. Sat...Earl Dalhousie, Gov.-General, 1820. Battle of Waterloo, 1815.
19. Sun...*1st Sunday after Trinity*. County Court Term ends.
20. Mon...Accession of Queen Victoria, 1837.
21. Tues...Galt, J., sworn in C. P., 1869.
23. Thurs. Hudson Bay Co. Territory transferred to Dom., 1870.
26. Sun...*2nd Sunday after Trinity*.
28. Tues...Queen Victoria crowned, 1837.
30. Thurs. Hon. J. B. Robinson, Lt. Gov. of Ontario. P. E. Irvine, Prest. of P. of Canada.

TORONTO, JUNE 15, 1881.

WE HAVE before us a letter from a valued correspondent on the subject of reporting; referring especially to the reporting of cases wherein no written judgment is given. We will return to the subject hereafter.

MECHANICS seem at length to be arriving (judging from remarks noticed in the secular press) at a conclusion which we prophesied long ago, viz.: that the Act passed for their protection is not all that they expected. It has been a nuisance to many, and of very little benefit to any one. Another measure passed for the relief of that fraud of the 19th century—the “working man”—has also received execration from a different class. The employer who hires a servant is now practically without redress when left in the lurch at a critical moment. Both measures are said to have resulted from a desire to influence the “free and independent” element, and neither have been found satisfactory.

A CORRESPONDENT takes to task some criticisms which have appeared in these columns extracted from advanced sheets of Messrs. Taylor & Ewart's work. Like, we fancy, most of our readers, we still remain in happy ignorance as to who is right. We feel like boys of a certain turn of mind, who like to keep their sugar-stick till the last moment. It would be a fatal mistake by anticipation to spoil the delights of a long vacation by beginning too soon the study of the Judicature Act. One cannot fancy a holiday more enjoyably spent. The Attorney-General is doubtless happy in that the legislature has been safely delivered. If the parents alone had the care of the infant the profession would be happy too.

AN article lately published in this journal (p. 74), on the right of Queen's Counsel to defend prisoners, has been copied into the London *Law Times* and the Irish *Law Journal*. A correspondent writes to the former paper as follows:

“For many years it has been, and it is still, the undoubted practice for those who desire to retain a Q. C., to appear for a defendant in a criminal case, to apply to the Treasury for a license to enable him to do so; and I remember the late Chief Justice Wilde declining to hear a Queen's Counsel for a defendant, on the ground that his license had not been received, although it had been duly applied for, and was on its way to Worcester, the assize town. The modern practice, however, is for judges to accept an official notification that a license has been applied for, and that it will be duly forwarded.”