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DIARY FOR MAY.

1. Sat.....Last day for filing papers with Sec. Law Society before call or admission.
2. Sun.....1st Sunday after Easter.
3. Mon.....Sir J. Leach appointed M. R., 1827. J. A. Boyd, 4th Chancellor, 1882.
4. Tues.....First intermediate examination.
5. Thur.....Second intermediate examination.
6. Fri.....Lord Chancellor Brougham died 1868, æt. 90.
7. Sun.....and Sunday after Easter, Clergy Reserves secularized 1853.
11. Tues.....Sitting of Ct. of Appeal, and Sitting of Co. Ct. of York for trials begin. Solicitors' Examination.
12. Wed.....Barristers' examination.

TORONTO, MAY 1, 1886.

OUR English namesake makes fun of an advertisement:—"To young Barristers—Wanted, one satisfied with fees at conclusion of cases; good start for beginner.—X"; and thinks the main result would be only the consciousness of having degraded the cloth. Young Barristers here would, we presume, be utterly beneath the contempt of their English brethren, for in Canada they are not only glad to get fees after the conclusion of a case, but to get them at all.

THE third year of the Dalhousie Law School at Halifax ended successfully on the 28th April. During the year the school has lost the services of Hon. Mr. Thompson, the present Minister of Justice; but two new lecturers have been added, namely, Mr. Harrington, Q.C., and Mr. Henry, Q.C., making in all a staff of two professors and eight lecturers. The attendance has been about fifty, of whom the following have received the degree of LL.B.:—W. A. Henry, Jr., Halifax; W. D. Carter, Kent, N.B.; Joseph A. Chisholm, Antigonish; Walter Crowe, Truro;

J. A. Macdonald, Halifax; H. V. Jennison, Hants; W. W. Wells, Dorchester, N.B.; W. W. Walsh, Halifax; A. G. Troop, Dartmouth; A. E. Milliken, Moncton, N.B.; H. M. Robertson, Shelburne; and S. R. Thompson, of British Columbia. Mr. Chisholm made the highest general average in the senior year.

It is a matter of surprise to us that no member of the numerous and diligent tribe of legal authors and compilers has ever, so far as we are aware, provided the profession with anything like a complete volume of precedents of mercantile forms; that is to say, of forms of various documents in use among banks, insurance companies, railway companies and business men generally. No doubt, in the appendices of various text-books relating to particular departments, will be found scattered precedents of such forms as we refer to, but we should have thought that a compilation containing within the covers of a single volume good and reliable forms of every kind, especially if there was a reference in the foot notes to any cases in which any of the forms given have passed through the fire of judicial trial, would have a ready sale. To give a concrete example of what we refer to, we were unable to find at Osgoode Hall a form of guarantee to be given by a party wishing to have transferred certain shares standing in the name of another party into his own name, providing that the bank should retain the same lien upon the shares after being so transferred as they would have had if the shares had not been so transferred, in respect to certain bills and notes held by the bank, and which had been discounted