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DIARY FOR MARCH.

1. Tues....Co. Ct. sitt. for York begin. Ct. of Appeal sitt. begin.
5. Sat.....Osler J. appointed.
6. Sun....Quadragesima Sunday. Name of York changed to Toronto, 1834.
11. Fri.....First London daily paper, 1702.
13. Sun.....2nd Sunday in Lent.
17. Thurs...St. Patrick's Day.
18. Fri.....Princess Louise born, 1848.
20. Sun.....3rd Sunday in Lent.
23. Wed....Sir George Arthur, Lieut.-Governor U. C., 1838.
27. Sun.....4th Sunday in Lent.
28. Mon....Canada ceded to France, 1632.
30. Wed....B. N. A. Act assented to, 1867.
31. Thurs..Lord Metcalfe, Governor-General, 1843.

TORONTO, MARCH 1st, 1881.

THE judicial and administrative officers for the new County of Dufferin are as follows :— County Judge, T. A. M. McCarthy ; Sheriff, Thomas Bowles ; Registrar, James McKim. Orangeville is the county town.

WHAT we have to expect after next August may be guessed from the opening sentence of an editorial in the *Solicitors' Journal* of Jan. 29 :—"The law as to costs under the Judicature Act appears to be, with respect to certain questions, in a most lamentable state of doubt and confusion."

SIR RICHARD COUCH, formerly Chief Justice of Bombay, and lately Chief Justice of Calcutta, has been appointed a member of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in succession to the Right Hon. Montague Bernard, who has resigned. We also note that Lord Gifford, one of the judges of the Scotch Court of Sessions, has resigned on account of ill-health.

WHEN the bill to abolish the Supreme Court came up for discussion, an effort was made to postpone it until Mr. Girouard's bill to limit the appellate jurisdiction of that court should come before the House.

The attempted postponement, however, proved a failure ; whereupon Mr. Mills moved the six months' hoist, which was after a rather lengthy debate carried by a vote of 88 to 39, the leaders on both sides of the house voting for the amendment.

Mr. Girouard's bill is as follows :

1. The Appellate Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Canada is abolished in all cases where the matter in dispute relates to property and civil rights in any of the Provinces, and generally as to matters of a merely local or private nature, and coming within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Legislature of any of the said Provinces, according to the meaning of the British North America Act of 1867 and acts amending the same.

2. This Act shall not apply to cases decided by the Exchequer Court of Canada, nor to cases where the matter in dispute affects the constitutionality or validity of any Act or Statute of any of the said Provincial Legislatures, which cases shall continue to be subject to appeal to the said Supreme Court, as now is, or hereafter shall be provided for.

The subjects prescribed by the Law Society for the primary examinations furnish food for melancholy reflection to our esteemed contemporary, the *Albany Law Journal*. We quote its comments, even at the risk that the spirit of some budding Eldon may be "sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought" by their perusal. If our national patriotism should rebel at the idea of using Mr. Evarts' speeches in the way suggested by our contemporary, a "select sentence" of equal length