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DIARY FOR DECEMBER.

1. Sat... Last day for delivering appeal books.
2. SUN... *Advent Sunday*.
6. Thur... Rehearing term in Chancery.
7. Fri... Law Society Convocation meets. Rebels defeated at Toronto, 1837.
8. Sat... Michaelmas Term ends.
9. SUN... *2nd Sunday in Advent*.
11. Tues... General Sessions and County Court Sittings.
15. Sat... Court of Appeal sits. Prince Albert died, 1871.
16. SUN... *3d Sunday in Advent*.
17. Mon... First Lower Canada Parliament met, 1792.
21. Fri... St. Thomas. Shortest day.
23. SUN... *4th Sunday in Advent*.
24. Mon... Christmas vacation in Chancery, and vacation for Judges Q.B. and C.P. sitting singly.
25. Tues... CHRISTMAS DAY.
26. Wed... Upper Canada made a Province, 1791.
27. Thur St. John's Day, (the Evangelist.)
30. SUN... *1st Sunday after Christmas*.

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"LEX," in the last number, drew our attention to the real decision of the Court in *Hutchinson v. Beatty*, 40 U.C.R., 135. Upon further consideration of the case, we admit that our correspondent is right, and that we misconstrued the observations of the Court upon an argument advanced by the counsel, that a limitation of time for the removal of timber sold must be implied from the language of the statutes.

SUPREME COURT REPORTS.

We have just received the first two numbers of the reports of the Supreme Court of Canada. The first number contains the cases of *Kelly v. Sullivan*, and *The Queen v. Taylor*, heard in June, 1876, and judgment given on January 15th, 1877. The second number contains four cases, in the last of which judgment was delivered on 27th February, 1877. There is no explanation given as to the delay in producing these reports. The reporter has not therefore the merit of promptitude; in other respects his work, we regret to say, cannot be commended.

It was hoped that the large remuneration given would have secured the services of some professional man, of general information and experience, and, if possible, not only familiar with the laws of the Province of Quebec, but also with those of the other provinces, who could well and intelligently report the decisions of the Court of final resort in this Dominion. Mr. Duval may be a good French Lawyer, but of the laws of the English speaking Provinces, of vastly more importance in wealth and population, he is profoundly ignorant. An earnest study for a few days of the excellent reports published in England would at least have enabled him to present the result of his labours to the profession in a style somewhat resembling those excellent models. It is manifest, however, that he has made no effort to fit himself for his sufficiently easy, but, as far as it goes, somewhat important position. We must hope that in time, when he has gained experience, and has seen the necessity for improvement, he will be found more equal to the occasion.

Let us now examine these reports and see whether our introductory observations are not fully warranted. The first case is *Kelly v. Sullivan*. We