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ON the 12th of June Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie, Chief Justice of British Columbia, died at Victoria. He was born in England in 1819, and was educated at Cambridge, where he was a wrangler in 1841. In 1844 he was called to the Bar, and was raised to the Bench in British Columbia in 1858. In 1870 he was made Chief Justice, and was knighted in 1875.

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WE are requested to state that, by order of Convocation, an examination under the Law Society curriculum, for certificates of fitness and call to the Bar, will be held on the 4th and 5th days of September next, after which the old curriculum will be entirely discontinued. Students will remember that, over a year ago, it was decided to hold the last of these examinations last May, but it has been found necessary to extend the time as above mentioned.

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THE case of *Morse v. Phinney*, recently decided in the Supreme Court, as to the form of an affidavit of *bona fides* in a chattel mortgage, and noted *ante* p. 359, seems rather to go back to the technicalities of a bygone day. We understand that, in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, the judges are very tenacious of forms in such matters, and rightly so, within reasonable limits; but it seems difficult to understand why the words "as nearly as may be" should not be satisfied by all the information required appearing on the face of the affidavit, though not in the usual position.