

DIARY—CONTENTS—EDITORIAL ITEMS.

DIARY FOR OCTOBER.

1. Wed... Master and Reg in Chancery. Clerks and Deputy Clerks Crown to make return of fees.
5. SUN.. 17th Sunday after Trinity.
6. Mon... County Court Term begins.
10. Fri. . . Quebec Conference, 1864. Last day for Master and Reg. in Chancery, and Clerk and Deputy Clerk Crown to pay over fees to Provincial Treasurer.
11. Sat. . . County Court Term ends.
12. SUN.. 18th Sunday after Trinity.
15. Wed... Law of England introduced into Upper Canada, 1792.
18. Sat. . . St. Luke.
19. SUN.. 19th Sunday after Trinity.
21. Tues.. Battle of Trafalgar, 1805.
25. Sat. . . Charge of Balaklava, 1854.
26. SUN.. 20th Sunday after Trinity.
28. Tues.. SS. Simon and Jude.
31. Fri. . . All Hallow Eve.

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We publish in another place the judgment of Judge Boswell, of Cobourg, as to the legality of the assessment of Bank Stock; and, in a note to that case, we also refer to the decisions of other County Judges. So far as adjudicated cases go at present, they stand two to two. The majority of the County Judges at their recent meeting came to the conclusion that the assessments were illegal. We cannot say that as yet the matter has been so thoroughly discussed or so fully considered as to warrant any definite conclusion. It is possible that the subject may be adjudicated upon by one of the Superior Courts, should no preliminary objection bar the way.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council has been taking effectual steps to expedite the disposal of appeals depending before them. At present it is expected that all arrears will be cleared off before the end of the year, although some 195 cases are on the list to be heard, of which 19 are from different Provinces of the Dominion. With a view to the despatch of business an order has been promulgated providing that appeals are to be set down for hearing within a period not exceeding twelve months from the date of the arrival and registration of the transcript of appeal in England. Failing this, the Lords are to be at liberty to call upon the appellant to show cause why the appeal should not be dismissed for non-prosecution, and, if they shall so think fit, to recommend to Her Majesty the dismissal of any such appeal. No doubt, in case of a dismissal for non-prosecution, the appellant would be ordered to pay costs.