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DIARY FOR APRIL.

2. Sun... *Palm Sunday.*
3. Mon... Co. Ct. term begins. Co. Ct. sitt. without Jury (ex-York) begin.
4. Tue... Census commenced, 1881.
5. Wed... Canada discovered, 1499.
7. Fri... *Good Friday.*
8. Sat... Sup. Ct. Act assented to, 1875. Co. Ct. Term ends.
9. Sun... *Easter Sunday.*

TORONTO, APRIL 1, 1882.

Nasmith v. Manning, 5 S. C. R. 417, can hardly be said to be a satisfactory decision. Mere numbers are not, of course, a test of the value of a judgment, but when it is found that a decision is adverse to the opinions of no less than three Chief Justices and Mr. Justice Gwynne, one's confidence in its soundness cannot but be somewhat shaken. The Judges in favour of the appellant were, Haggarty, C. J., Gwynne, J. (when in the C. P. and afterwards as a Judge of the Supreme Court), Moss, C. J., and Ritchie, C. J. Against this array of legal luminaries are found, Burton, Morrison and Patterson, JJ. A., and Fournier, Henry and Taschereau, JJ. S. C. It is not surprising to learn, without intending any disrespect to the majority Judges, that a contemplated appeal to the Privy Council was arrested by a compromise.

WHEN speaking recently of the legislation of last Session, a few words were inadvertently dropped out of a sentence, changing the sense. Chapter 20 of the statutes referred to extends the operation of the Fire Insurance Policy Act to interim receipts and verbal contracts for insurance. It was chapter 20 of 44 Vict. that made the Insurance Policy Act applicable to Mutual Companies.

In addition to the Acts referred to in that

article, attention may be called to chapter 7, which applies certain sections of the Division Court Act of 1880 to the Districts of Nipissing, Muskoka, Parry Sound and Thunder Bay. The statute also makes provision for the appointment of deputies in the absence of clerks and bailiffs, and directs clerks to give notice to plaintiffs of the return of *nulla bona* on any execution issued on a transcript of judgment.

A novel publication reaches us from the publishers of the *Albany Law Journal*, called the Index-Reporter. It is to be published monthly, and is a cross between a digest and an index, and is intended to contain a note of all cases reported during the month preceding publication, in the various courts of England, Ireland, and America. It purposes to collect and arrange all these decisions as fast as they appear. The reference to the contents of each case is of course very short, but, so far as we can see is sufficiently full to give a good idea of the points decided. It does not pretend to be a rival of the digests, being intended rather as auxiliary to them, and to give "a comprehensive glance at the whole field of adjudication for the preceding month." The idea is a good one, and if well carried out cannot fail to be very useful in these busy days. It should have a ready sale at the small annual charge of \$5.00.

We are indebted to the veteran Law Clerk of the House of Commons, G. W. Wicksteed, Esq., Q. C., an old and valued friend of this journal, for a copy of his classified table of public general statutes of Canada, wholly or partly in force at the end of the session of 1881, with notices of those repealed,