

other salve for their wounded feelings than substantial damages. The ingenuity of lawyers will now be employed in showing that pecuniary loss has been inflicted upon their clients, and if any forecast may be made from past experience, they are tolerably certain to have the juries on their side.

MARRIAGE WITH DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER.—On the 6th May the Prince of Wales presented a petition in the House of Lords in favor of the bill for legalizing marriage with a deceased wife's sister. The petition was numerously signed by the Norfolk farmers. The Prince spoke a few words in support of the bill. A correspondent observes, with regard to this unusual occurrence:—"Something like a sensation was caused by the participation of the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh in the division in the House of Lords upon the bill for legalizing marriage with a deceased wife's sister. It is the popular idea that etiquette forbids the royal princes from availing themselves of their political privileges as peers; and a serious difficulty would be created if they were to take part in debates or divisions upon questions of high importance. Lord Houghton's speech was very able and well reasoned, but all the Bishops except one were on the other side, and the Bishop of London spoke against the measure with a degree of acrimony which was equalled only by Lord Cranbrook. However, the bill was lost by a majority of twenty, which considering the state of parties in the Upper House and the hostility of the sacerdotal element, is equivalent to a victory. In another year or two, the bill will take its proper place in the Statute Book, and it is perfectly incomprehensible why it has been so strenuously resisted since 1834, when Lord Lyndhurst passed an Act which legalized all marriages which had then been contracted. The opposition of the Established Church is, of course, the secret of the obstinate and hitherto successful resistance, but the influence and example of the Prince are quite sufficient to neutralise that. Many of the Peers who stand up for the majesty of royalty and the constitutional idea, are puzzled what to make of the Prince's unexpected *début* as a legislator, and various opinions are expressed in less lofty circles as to the expediency of such a step."

CANADA.

KNIGHTHOOD.—His Excellency the Governor-General held an investiture of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George at Montreal on the 24th May, when, by command of the Queen, the following Gentlemen were created Knights Commander of the Order:—

The Hon. Samuel Leonard Tilley, C.B.; The Hon. Alexander Campbell; The Hon. Charles Tupper, C.B.; The Hon. William Pearce Howland, C.B.; The Hon. Richard John Cartwright; The Hon. Sir Narcisse Fortunat Belleau.

GENERAL NOTES.

CHARLES O'CONNOR.—Charles O'Connor, whose illness some three years ago was expected to prove fatal, and whose recovery was one of the most remarkable on record, is now said to be in the enjoyment of good health. His illness was of such a nature as to prevent him taking nourishment except with the aid of surgical appliances. He is one of the most distinguished members of the New York bar, with which he has been connected for more than half a century. He is a native of the city of New York, and owes his high position to his own efforts. His struggle was a hard but a persevering one, which regarded no defeat, and he had reached middle age before he considered himself well enough established to assume the expenses of married life. When he did marry, the union proved unhappy, and a separation took place. But so quietly had this whole experience been passed through, that few persons were aware that Mr. O'Connor had ever swerved from the straight line of bachelorhood until his wife's death was published in the papers.

GOOD FRIDAY.—Lord Mansfield having expressed his intention of proceeding with certain business on the Friday following, was reminded by Sergeant Davy that it would be Good Friday. "Never mind," said the Judge, "the better day, the better deed." Your Lordship will do as you please," said Davy, "but, if you *do* sit on that day, I believe you will be the first judge who did business on Good Friday since Pontius Pilate."