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## DIARY FOR FEBRUARY.

- 16. Sat.....Hilary sittings of Com. Law Divisions, H. C. J. ends.
- 17. Sun.....*Sexagesima Sunday*. William Osgoode, first C. J. of U. C., died 1824.
- 18. Mon.....Maritime Court Act came into force, 1878.
- 19. Tue.....Supreme Court Session begins.
- 21. Thur.....Divisional Court sittings, Chan. Div. H. C. J. begin.
- 24. Sun.....*Quinquagesima Sunday*.
- 26. Tue.....Sir John Colborne, administrator, 1838.
- 27. Wed.....Ash Wednesday.
- 28. Thur.....Indian Mutiny began, 1837.

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"JOHN BULL ET SON ÎLE" is probably as brilliant, and at the same time good-natured a satire, as has ever been written about the "right little, tight little island," and the inhabitants thereof. Amongst other things, solicitor's bills of costs come under the notice of Mossoo, who instances the following:—

- 1. To receiving a letter from you s. d. and reading it ..... 3 6
- 2. To writing the answer..... 3 6
- 3. To hiring a cab..... 5 0
- 4. To thinking of your affair in the cab ..... 3 6
- 5. To listening to your remarks .... 3 6
- 6. To answering them ..... 3 6
- 7. To meeting your father-in-law and speaking to him of your affair.. 3 6

But after all it is hard to beat the old story of the client who was bathing at the seaside, and suddenly saw the head of his solicitor emerge from the water. "Oh, I say, Mr. Gammon," he exclaimed, "how's my case getting on?" "Excellently, excellently," was the reply, and down dived Mr. Gammon again, and among the crowd of bathers eluded any further attempts of his client to question him. Later on, however, the unfortunate client found duly set out in his bill of costs:—

- To conferring with you at the sea- s. d. side on your case ..... 5 0

WE find in Osgoode Hall Library a bright little infant in the shape of the *Manitoba Law Journal*, vol. 1, no. 1, of which Mr. John S. Ewart is the editor.

Cælum non animum mutant qui trans mare currunt,

says Horace, and the sentiment would appear to be equally true of those who cross the prairie as of those who cross the sea. At all events, our indefatigable friend, Mr. Ewart, is "at it again," and the latest evidence of his literary industry is a most creditable production, and deserves success. "Married Women," who engross so much of every lawyer's time, are the first attendants at the birth of this little stranger. "Professional Morality" naturally follows in the wake of these virtuous matrons, while "Important Decisions" must necessarily be expected at an early period in every baby's life, and are not absent in this case. On the whole, we feel quite justified in prophesying a useful maturity and a happy old age to the *Manitoba Law Journal*.

THE judges of the land will bear us witness that we have never let an opportunity pass of entering our protest against the penny-wise and pound-foolish policy of the Government (here speaking of both sides in politics) in paying inadequate salaries to those holding judicial positions. It is just as well, however, that the judges should understand that the profession have not that intense sympathy with them that they possibly suppose, and this for a very good reason. As a rule, when a member of the Bar becomes a member of the Bench he entirely forgets that he