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## DIARY FOR JUNE.

- 15. Mon.....Magna Charta signed 1215.
- 17. Wed.....Burton & Patterson, J.J.C., A., sworn in, 1874.
- 18. Thur.....Lord Dalhousie, Governor-General, 1820.
- 20. Sat.....Accession of Queen Victoria.
- 21. Sun.....3rd Sunday after Trinity. Galt, J., sworn in, 1869.
- 22. Mon.....Hudson's Bay Terr. transferred to Dominion, 1870.
- 28. Sun.....4th Sunday after Trinity. Queen Victoria crowned, 1837.
- 30. Tues.....John B. Robinson, Lieut.-Governor, Ont., 1880.

TORONTO, JUNE 15, 1885.

WE have not heard very much lately of abolishing the death penalty in cases of murder. In Minnesota it has recently been restored. A liberal use of the halter by Judge Lynch made life possible on the western frontier not many years ago, and the same view is being taken in the more civilized portions of the United States.

THE world keeps moving on. So far the lay press only, and until very recently only a very small part of that, has indulged in pictorial aids to add interest to its columns, to add subscribers to its subscription list, or to convey information. The last departure, for some one or more of the reasons aforesaid, is on the part of the *Central Law Journal*, which leads off with a portrait of the well-known legal author Joel Prentiss Bishop, and in a subsequent issue portrays the less comely lineaments of Mr. Broadhead, the first President of the American Bar Association. We confess that we received a

shock at the time, but Indian imperturbability becomes the man of the last half of the nineteenth century—expect anything, and be surprised at nothing.

THE defeat of Mr. Justice Cooley who was recently a candidate for the Supreme Bench of Michigan has again brought into prominence, not to say disrepute, the elective system. Judge Cooley is said, by an exchange, "as a constitutional lawyer, to take rank by the side of Story and Marshall; as a writer upon constitutional law he is superior to Story. His legal judgments surpass those of Story in brevity and diction; they equal those of Marshall in diction and massive reasoning, and greatly surpass them in learning," etc. Yet this eminent man and jurist of world-wide celebrity was defeated "by a political combination having at the head of their ticket a man unknown to the legal profession outside of Michigan."

FROM the case of the *Bank of British North America v. The Western Assurance Co.* recently heard by way of appeal from the taxation of the local taxing officer at Brantford, it appears that the Legislature have not succeeded in giving unlimited powers over counsel fees to the local taxing officers, as was possibly intended by 48 Vict. c. 13, s. 22. That section provides that "subject to any rules of Court which may hereafter be made in this behalf, the deputy clerks of the Crown, local