

THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF ERROR AND APPEAL.

DIARY FOR FEBRUARY.

1. Mon.. Hilary Term begins.
2. Tues.. Purification Blessed Virgin Mary.
3. Wed.. Meeting of Grammar School Board. Intermediate Examination of Law Students and Articled Clerks.
5. Frid.. Paper Day, Queen's Bench. New Trial Day, Common Pleas.
6. Sat.. Paper Day, Common Pleas. New Trial Day, Queen's Bench.
7. SUN.. *Quinquagesima.*
8. Mon.. Paper Day, Queen's Bench. New Trial Day, Common Pleas.
9. Tues.. *Srove Tuesday.* Paper Day, Common Pleas. New Term Day, Queen's Bench.
10. Wed.. *Ash Wednesday.* Paper Day, Queen's Bench. New Term Day, Common Pleas. Last day for setting down and giving notice for re-hearing. Last day for service for County Court, York.
11. Thur.. Paper Day, Common Pleas.
12. Frid.. New Term Day, Queen's Bench.
14. SUN.. *1st Sunday in Lent. St. Valentine.*
15. Mon.. Last day for County Treasurer to furnish to Clerks of Municipalities in Counties lists of lands liable to be sold for taxes.
18. Thur.. Re-hearing Term in Chancery commences.
20. Sat.. Declare for County Court York.
21. SUN.. *2nd Sunday in Lent.*
24. Wed.. *St. Matthias.*
28. SUN.. *3rd Sunday in Lent.*

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The last day of the old year was the silent witness of an event which, though not attended with any display, was a noticeable one in the judicial annals of the province. It was the occasion of the ex-Chief Justice of Ontario taking his seat as President (or, as he is now to be called, the Chief Justice) of the Court of Error and Appeal, and of the official presentation to him of an address by the Law Society, commemorative of the event and expressive of the feelings of the profession on his retirement from the more active duties devolving on him as a Judge of one of the Superior Courts.

The address, which was presented by Hon. John Hillyard Cameron, on behalf of the Society, was as follows:

"TO THE HONOURABLE WILLIAM HENRY DRAPER, C.B., PRESIDENT OF THE COURT OF ERROR AND APPEAL.

Her Majesty having been graciously pleased to accept your resignation as Chief Justice of Upper Canada, and subsequently to appoint you as President of the Court of Error and Appeal, we, the Law Society of Upper Canada, beg leave respectfully to address you, and to convey to you our

sincere thanks for the unvaried courtesy and kindness which, in the exercise of your judicial office, the members of the legal profession have received at your hands, for a period extending over more than twenty years.

It is to us a subject of unfeigned satisfaction that your talents and learning are not to be lost to the country, but that you will hereafter preside in the Court of ultimate resort in this Province.

We trust that on an occasion like the present you will excuse our calling attention to the course of your professional life as an example and encouragement to those who devote themselves to the study of the law, as showing that, without any adventitious aid, but solely by the exercise of your own ability and industry, you have successfully with satisfaction and applause discharged the duties of Solicitor-General, Attorney-General, Puisne Judge, and Chief Justice.

That you may long continue to fill the dignified position which you now hold, is the sincere prayer of the members of the Law Society.

J. HILLYARD CAMERON,
Treasurer.

Osgoode Hall, Dec. 31, 1868."

It would be an easy and a pleasing task to enlarge upon the sentiments of the Address, and to speak of the feelings of admiration so universally entertained for one so eminent; but all we could say would be but a mere repetition of what has so often been said before in these pages, in acknowledgment of the distinguished services and ability of the learned Judge, whose sphere of usefulness has now been transferred from the Court of Queen's Bench to the less active but more honorable position of presiding over the Court of ultimate resort in this Province.

His Lordship, in answer to the address, made the following reply:

"MR. TREASURER AND GENTLEMEN,

I thank you very sincerely for this address. Since my first appointment to the bench, it has been my constant effort to cultivate the most friendly relations with the bar, and I feel no slight gratification at my success, as testified by this mark of your approval, in which you mingle the expression of your satisfaction at my past career with a kind wish that I may yet a while continue to discharge judicial duties.

I have, in my turn, to express my warm acknowledgments to the bar, generally, for their universal attention and respect to me in my intercourse with them as a judge, as well as for unnumbered marks of kindness and regard to me