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DIARY FOR OCTOBER.

- 21. Sat. . . Battle of Trafalgar, 1805.
- 22. Sun. . . 20th Sunday after Trinity.
- 23. Mon. . . Lord Monck, Governor-General, 1861.
- 24. Tue. . . Supreme Court Session begins. Sir J. H. Craig,
Governor-General, 1807.
- 25. Wed. . . Battle of Balaclava, 1854.
- 29. Sun. . . 21st Sunday after Trinity.
- 31. Tue. . . All Hallow Eve. Second Intermediate Examination.

TORONTO, OCT. 15, 1882.

SIR CHARLES HALL has resigned his position as one of the Vice-Chancellors of England.

At the conclusion of a case at Sandwich recently, Chief Justice Hagarty remarked upon the promptness with which the United States authorities surrendered, without any legal quibbling, criminals who flee from Canada, and added that he hoped to live to see the day when the Canadian authorities would act with the same promptness in returning criminals wanted in the United States, and not permit this country to be made a haven for bad characters from over the border.

WE regret that Mr. R. P. Stephens has been compelled through ill health to resign his position as Registrar of the Court of Queen's Bench. He is succeeded by Mr. John Winchester, who will doubtless make an efficient officer.

Whilst we have not one word to say against the fitness of this gentleman for the position to which he has been appointed, we are old-fashioned enough to think that offices, such as that which became vacant by the retirement of Mr. Stephens, instead of being filled by young men well able to battle for

themselves and their clients, ought rather to be given to some one of the many older members of the Bar who might be glad to accept them as a relief, from what may, from various circumstances, be a hard struggle for existence. What is wanted for such a position is not energy and push so much as the steadiness and experience of riper years.

THE death is announced of Hon. E. B. Wood, Chief-Justice of Manitoba. He died suddenly at Winnipeg, in the sixty-third year of his age. We are compelled to hold over an obituary notice until next issue.

The name of Hon. John O'Connor has been mentioned in connection with the vacant seat, but, as we write, no appointment has been made. Mr. O'Connor is a self-made man of solid ability, and a sound lawyer, and has many qualifications for the position. The Winnipeg Bar, thinking that it had some interest in the appointment, as in truth it has, met and passed a resolution naming Mr. T. W. Taylor, Q.C., as the person of their choice. However desirable it might be that the voice of the Bar should be heard on these occasions, and quite agreeing that Mr. Taylor would make an excellent judge, it is not likely that any ministry would give up the patronage thus naturally falling to it, or endeavour to escape one of the difficulties of their position by throwing on others their responsibility to the country in so important a matter.

WE do not intend to express an opinion, one way or the other, on the course which Convocation recently thought fit to pursue with reference to stopping the reporters' salaries, but we cannot but deplore the tone in which the subject has been discussed in some