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DIARY FOR MARCH.

17. Sat. . . . St. Patrick's Day.
18. Sun. . . . *Palm Sunday*.
23. Fri. . . . Good Friday. Sir George Arthur, Lieut.-Gov.
U. C., 1838.
25. Sun. . . . *Easter Sunday*.
26. Mon. . . . Easter Monday.
28. Wed. . . . Canada ceded to France, 1632.
29. Thurs. . . . The Wills Act assented to, 1873.
30. Fri. . . . B. N. A. Act assented to, 1867.
31. Sat. . . . Lord Metcalfe, Gov.-Gen., 1834.

TORONTO, MARCH 15, 1883.

THE weekly notes for Feb. 10th, 1883, contain the new English Lunacy Orders. The previous General Orders in Lunacy are discharged, and the Lunacy Orders, 1883, substituted therefor.

THE rumour that Mr. Benjamin, Q.C., is about to accept a judgeship is an interesting one. The bar in England would no doubt cordially welcome so brilliant an addition to the bench, and the selection of one who had been an American citizen for so distinguished a position would be another illustration of the cordial feeling that now exists between the two great branches of our race.

WE notice in *Weekly Notes*, 1883, p. 6, that the case of *Sutton v. Sutton*, on which we commented in our number of Feb. 15th ult. last, has since been followed in the case of *Fearnsider v. Flint*. There a mortgage debt was secured by a collateral bond of the same date as the mortgage. No interest on the debt had been paid since 1847, and the last acknowledgement of the debt was given in 1862. Proceedings to enforce the bond were taken more than twelve years after the acknowledgment. Fry, J., held that the remedy

upon the bond was barred, as well as the remedy against the land.

WE have by accidental good fortune caught a glimpse of the first volume of decisions under the British North America Act, apparently compiled by Mr. John Cartwright, under the direction and solely for the use of the local government. It seems a pity if the profession in general are not to be allowed an opportunity of purchasing this compilation. At present, however, it appears to be inaccessible to the general public. It is an excellent idea collecting the cases from the various reports, and especially so as regards the cases in the various Provincial Courts, and many would be glad to have the authorities for our constitutional law in such a convenient form. The first volume which is already "out" for those who can get it, contains the reports of decisions in the Privy Council, the Supreme Court, and the Superior Courts of Ontario.

THE liability of trade protection societies for representations made by them to their customers, with reference to the commercial standing of persons, concerning whom information is sought, was recently considered in England by the Divisional Court of the Queen's Bench Division, in the case of *Tarling v. Cooper*, (*Law Times* for 30th Dec., 1882, p. 161), W. N. 1882, 187. The action was brought to recover damages against a mercantile agency for negligence in supplying information as to the status, respectability, and solvency of a trader. The information was furnished on a report which stated, "the information is obtained from the best sources available, and is given in confidence, but no