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DIARY FOR JUNE.

- 17. Tues...Burton and Patterson, J. J., C., A., sworn in.
- 18. Wed...Earl Dalhousie, Governor-General, 1820.
- 20. Fri...Accession of Queen Victoria.
- 21. Sat....Galt, J., sworn in C. P., 1869.
- 22. Sun....2nd Sunday after Trinity.
- 23. Mon....Hudson's Bay Territory transferred to Dominion, 1870.
- 28. Sat....Queen Victoria crowned, 1837.
- 29. Sun....3rd Sunday after Trinity.
- 30. Mon....John B. Robinson, Lieut.-Governor, Ont., 1880.

TORONTO, JUNE 16, 1884.

MR. W. C. UPPER, Barrister-at-Law, has been appointed Judge of the County Court of the county of Haldimand, and local Judge of the High Court of Justice in the place of His Honour Judge Stevenson resigned.

THE *Canada Gazette* announces the appointment of Mr. Robert Smith, Q.C., of Stratford, as Deputy Judge of the County of Perth. It was stated that he was to be a puisne judge of the Queen's Bench of Manitoba. This appointment would have reflected credit on the Government. He is probably one of the best lawyers west of Toronto, and his character stands very high both in his public and private relations.

MR. J. A. MACDONELL, having, as he supposed, a grievance against Mr. Mullock, M.P., and Mr. Edward Blake, M.P., in that they drew the attention of Parliament to the apparent extravagance of certain bills of costs rendered by him for services as agent of the Minister of Justice, with a curious want of logic and thoughtless haste rushed into print and assailed *not* either of these members of Parliament, but the

brother of one of them, making a charge against him of unprofessional conduct. This charge seemed, to most men, to bear absurdity on the face of it, but was immediately seized upon by malicious persons to hold up to contempt the supposed delinquent, who, however, took no notice of this unprovoked attack, but, when the proper time came, met it with a simple explanation, which showed the charge to be "utterly groundless."

Without, so far as appears, asking for one word of explanation, and without making reasonable efforts to ascertain the truth of the charge, Mr. Macdonell published this charge against a brother professional man in a public newspaper, and sent a copy of his letter to the Treasurer of the Law Society, and also applied to the Court of Chancery for a rule to show cause why Mr. S. H. Blake should not be struck off the rolls. The material for this motion was, we understand, very inadequate, but was not discussed, as the Chancellor suggested that as an application had been made to the Law Society the matter should stand over. To this tribunal Mr. Macdonell should, of course, have gone in the first instance.

The complaint was taken before Convocation in the same incomplete manner. The following proceedings there took place:

AT A meeting of Convocation of the Law Society, held 19th May, 1884, it was

Moved by Hector Cameron, Q.C., seconded by Mr. MacLennan, Q.C., and carried

That while Convocation condemns as highly improper the publication in the newspapers by Mr. J. A. Macdonell of the charge he has made against Mr. S. H. Blake, which he intended to bring before Convocation, yet as a grave charge is made