

An Act to provide for Annual Statistical Returns of Judicial Matters.

**H**ER Majesty. &c., enacts as follows :

1. Each year, within the fifteen days next after the last day of December of the preceding year, there shall be made for such preceding year :

Certain statements to be annually by

1. By each Clerk of the Commissioners' Courts for the summary decision of Small Causes in Lower Canada, a statement or return, shewing:—

Each Clerk of Commissioners' Court.

1st. The total number of actions instituted before such Court, during such year ; 2nd. The total number of actions settled before return ; 3rd. The number of actions contested ; 4th. The number of actions in which Judgment has been given ; 5th. The number of Writs of Execution issued ; 6th. The number of Oppositions made.

2. By each Clerk of the Circuit Court in Lower Canada, a Statement or Return, shewing:—

Each Clerk of the Circuit Court.

1st. The total number of Actions of £6 5s., and under ; of £15, and under, but over £6 5s. ; of £25, and under, but over £15 ; of £50, and under, but over £25, instituted in such Circuit Court ; 2nd. The total number of Actions settled before Return ; 3rd. The number of Actions by default, or *ex parte* ; 4th. The number of Actions contested *au fonds*, or on the merits ; 5th. The number of Judgments given *instant*, or on the day of hearing of the case ; 6th. The number of Judgments given after *délibéré* not exceeding fifteen days ; 7th. The number of Judgments given after *délibéré* not exceeding one month ; 8th. The number of Judgments given after *délibéré* not exceeding three months ; 9th. The number of Judgments given after *délibéré* not exceeding six months ; 10th. The number of Judgments given after *délibéré* not exceeding a year ; 11th. The number Judgments given after *délibéré* exceeding a year ; 12th. The number of Judgments given, or registered on confession ; 13th. The number of Judgments registered in vacation by default, or *ex parte* ; 14th. The total number of Executions issued against moveables ; 15th. The total number of Executions issued against real property ; 16th. The number of Oppositions *afin d'annuler* ; 17th. The number of Oppositions *afin de distraire* ; 18th. The number of Oppositions *afin de charger* ; 19th. The number of Oppositions *afin de conserver* ; 20th. The total number of Writs of *saisie-arrêt*, issued before judgment ; 21st. The number of Writs of *saisie-revendication* issued ; 22nd. The number of Writs of *saisie-gagerie* issued ; 23rd. The number of applications to such Court for Writs of *certiorari*.