

Administration of Justice.

The Bill, which was read a second time on Monday, making better provision for the administration of justice, is designed to accelerate the ends of the law by the appointment of additional Judges. The appointment of Judges rests with the Dominion Government, but it is left to the Local Government to say how many Judges should be appointed, and how they should be distributed. The arrears of cases on the hands of our Judges, and the great increase of work put upon them in trying the controverted elections, render an increase in the number of Judges a necessity which cannot be longer delayed. The Attorney-General, in moving the second reading of the bill, remarked that since 1837 only one Judge had been added to the number then acting, and this notwithstanding the immense increase in the wealth, business, and consequent litigation of the country. Mr Mowat gave facts and figures to show the very great increase in the amount of business done in the Courts. He stated that in the Common Law Courts it had been notorious that for several years back there was a very great deal of difficulty in getting on with the business as rapidly as was required, and a large number of cases were left over from one Court to another. At the last Toronto Assizes they were unable to try even the whole of the cases that remained over from the previous assizes, and this difficulty seemed constantly to be increasing. The number of writs issued from the Process Office in 1870 was 670; in 1871, 753; in 1872, 828; and in 1873, 950. In 1871 the number of cases brought down for trial at the Spring Assizes was 373; in 1872, the number was increased to 543; and in 1873, it had still further increased to 628. In regard to the Autumn Assizes the same conclusion was inevitable. In 1871, the number of cases brought down for trial was 473; in 1872, 481; and in 1873, 608. There had also been a corresponding increase in the number of County Court cases. On the whole, the increase of business, steady and growing as it has been, showed that there must also be a corresponding increase in the staff, if anything like efficiency and despatch were to be insured.

The bill proposes to re-constitute the Court of Appeal by making it consist of the Chief Justice, and three new Judges, who will be appointed under this Act. None of these Judges shall sit in judgment upon cases in which they had been previously interested as exercising original powers, and they shall thus come to the matter to be disposed of with fresh minds. There being four of them to cope before any reversal of judgment could be made. The business of the Court of Appeal, however, would not be sufficient to occupy the whole time, and he proposed to utilize them by requiring them to aid in the circuit work of the various Courts. There would be a great advantage to themselves in this, as it would give them fresh and enlarged experience of the character of the cases they would have to deal with in appeal. He did not propose to deprive the nine Judges who were presently connected with the Court of Appeal of that connection, but they should occupy any places vacant in consequence of the absence of any of the regular judges, either through illness or his having had an interest in the case originally, or any other cause. The Judge could sit in appeal even if the case was tried in the Court to which he was attached, unless he had himself taken any part in the proceedings. He proposed to make some changes in the administration of justice in the Superior Courts, and to give one of the three Judges the power of hearing an appeal from the decision of one Judge at Common Law, with the authority to bring it before the full Court in certain cases; and also that there should be no appeal until after a rehearing. He further proposed, also, that all the judges in Appeal should arrange the circuits, so that the Chancery circuits should not interfere with the others, as was the case sometimes at present. The bill also made provision for having a Court to try a case not requiring a jury at any time; and it is provided that the Courts of Assize and *Not Plus* in any County may, in the discretion of the Judge who presides thereat, be held separate and apart from the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, either on the same day or on a different day. The bill provides for the abolishing of stamps in Division and County Courts, which will be a great relief to the poorer class of litigants. The bill will have the effect of placing our Courts on a better footing and the ends of justice will be served by expediting the business which may come up before them, and thus better answering the ends of justice.

More Aid to Railway.

Hon. Mr. Crooks will to-day bring up for the sanction of the Assembly the resolutions granting aid to different railways in the Province. We have already stated that the terms on which aid is to be given to that portion of the Southern Extension of the W. G. & B. Railway from Palmerston to Wingham. The resolutions respecting aid to the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway are of similar import to those respecting the W. G. & B. R. The Government recommends a yearly grant—extending over twenty years—of \$97.20 per mile, for that portion of the line between Orangeville and Owen Sound; or instead of the annual mileage, if the Government see fit, a grant of \$1,000 per mile for this portion of the road. The Government recommends a grant of \$2,000 per mile for that portion of the road extending

between Harriston and Teeswater, on condition that the line is finished and in running order on or before the 1st of September next. Still another grant is recommended of \$2,000 per mile to that portion of the road between Weston and Toronto, on condition that the line be finished by the 1st of September next. Our readers are aware that the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Company at present use the Grand Trunk line between Weston and Toronto. This often subjects their trains to serious delays, and have given rise to grievous complaints on the part of travellers. It would seem that the Company have now an intention to build a separate line, by which they can get into Toronto independent of the Grand Trunk, and the above grant is to aid them in constructing that part of the road. A resolution is also to be brought down extending the time for the construction of the Credit Valley Railway (exclusive of track-laying) between Toronto and St. Thomas via Galt and Woodstock, to the 1st of December next.

Harriston Correspondence.

Prof. Ritchie, of Elora, gave one of his excellent lectures here on Thursday, the 13th inst., in Collison's Hall. He lectured on the Friday evening previous, but as the notice was short not many were present; those who were there, however, were so pleased that they advised him to repeat the lecture, which he did on Thursday. On this occasion the house was crowded. To add to the evening's attractions, he had the well-known vocalist, John McWhirter, of Elora. Scarcely had the lecture begun when the crowd began to applaud him. He related many instances of female heroism and female benevolence, such as the stories of Grace Darling, and the negro woman and Mungo Parke. He also sang several songs, and wound up by singing his original love song.

The original Swiss Bell Ringers' variety and sensation troupe will exhibit at Collison's Hall here on Monday and Tuesday, the 23rd and 24th of March. The entire troupe in their new and magnificent four-horse band chariot will march through the principal streets, should weather permit, otherwise they will play in front of Collison's Hotel, about 11 o'clock a.m., and give a street concert by Beedie's cornet band. This entertainment is highly spoken of by every one who has seen it, so that a rare treat may be expected.

The contract for the carpenter's work of the Wesleyan Methodist Church has been formally settled at last. The contract has been awarded to Gray & Watt. Work will be commenced soon and pushed with vigour.

A social took place in the Christian Church, on the 14th con. of Minto, on Friday evening the 13th inst., for the purpose of raising money for a Sabbath School library. Speeches were given by Messrs. John Robertson and Marshall Drayton, Elder King, and others, which, together with singing, made it a pleasant time. The sum realized was \$80.

RAILWAY SMASH UP.—A smash took place on the W. G. & B. R., just a short distance below the Harriston station, on Sunday morning about one o'clock, by which seven flat cars were badly damaged. It seems they were going up north to Clifford and Mildmay with a train of cars for timber, and were running at a high rate of speed. When turning the bend just below Harriston, the cars, owing to a defective rail, or some other cause, got off the track and at the same time became detached from the engine. The mishap was not noticed by the engine driver till he got to Clifford. This accident nearly led to another which might have been more serious. Another train was coming along just a short distance behind, at a good speed, unconscious of what was ahead. Fortunately, however, there were brakemen on the cars that were left behind, who went down the track with their lanterns and got the second train stopped before doing any damage. They immediately returned to Palmerston, brought up the screw jacks and new trucks, and got the broken cars off the track and loaded up by about four o'clock on Sunday. No one was hurt.

BUSINESS.—E. J. Pitt, harness-maker, has removed to his new shop nearly opposite the Penitentiary boot and shoe store on Elora street. Seiligh is gone, consequently business is not so good. Farmers are preparing for sugar making.

Hesper Correspondence. The evening classes in connection with the Mechanics' Institute were closed on Friday evening by a competitive examination for the Government prizes, resulting in Master John Hammett's carrying off the first prize, \$10; Master Peter Jardine the 2nd, \$6; and Master J. Kaffer the 3rd, \$4.

Randall, Farr & Co. are removing their worsted machinery. Tea car loads left the station on Saturday for Holyoak, and the remainder will follow as fast as they can get it loaded.

The members of the Right in the French Assembly propose to disfranchise the colonies of France. Charles Carpenter, a noted forger, has escaped from the gaol at Doylestown, Penn.

MARRIED. Simpson—Hewson—On the 18th inst., at the residence of Mr. Wm. Simpson, baker, Guelph, by the Rev. James Howie, Mr. David Simpson to Miss Jemima Hewer, both of Guelph.

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