

BLUE BOOK FOR 1866.

or Consolidated Revenue Fund; (2) F. F. or Fee Fund; (3) L. S. or Law Society.

The stamps of the first and third kind (C. F. and L. S.) being used for payment of fees on business done in the Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, and Court of Chancery. The

stamps of the second kind (F. F.) being for payment of fees on business done in the County Courts, Surrogate and other local Courts, and on proceedings under various statutes before the local judges.

| Counties. | Con. Rev. F. | Fee Fund. | Law Society. | Total. |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Brant | \$466 93 | \$1,370 85 | \$419 90 | = \$2,257 68 |
| Carleton | 703 00 | 1,890 50 | 886 66 | = 2,980 16 |
| Elgin | 173 37 | 471 68 | 143 45 | = 788 50 |
| Essex | 116 85 | 54 63 | 121 12 | = 292 60 |
| Frontenac | 495 51 | 1,233 61 | 446 33 | = 2,175 45 |
| Grey | 121 41 | 1,464 62 | 83 13 | = 1,669 16 |
| Haldimand | 114 48 | 652 47 | 74 09 | = 841 04 |
| Hastings | 553 39 | 1,306 17 | 366 24 | = 2,225 84 |
| Huron and Bruce | 430 35 | 1,827 52 | 242 47 | = 2,600 40 |
| Kent | 171 00 | 707 84 | 167 68 | = 1,046 52 |
| Lambton | 207 10 | 503 50 | 311 22 | = 1,021 32 |
| Lanark and Renfrew | 223 11 | 1,988 56 | 146 29 | = 2,357 96 |
| Lennox and Addington | 218 50 | 1,404 58 | 137 75 | = 1,760 83 |
| Leeds and Grenville | 398 52 | 918 18 | 242 25 | = 1,558 96 |
| Lincoln | 278 35 | 1,298 65 | 231 25 | = 1,838 25 |
| Middlesex | 812 25 | 1,755 13 | 909 03 | = 3,477 01 |
| Norfolk | 114 95 | 720 76 | 147 73 | = 983 44 |
| Northumberland and Durham .. | 579 98 | 1,679 79 | 495 23 | = 2,754 90 |
| Ontario | 181 91 | 1,279 18 | 191 91 | = 1,653 00 |
| Oxford | 237 51 | 1,247 35 | 249 37 | = 1,734 23 |
| Perth | 279 68 | 1,196 05 | 308 75 | = 1,784 48 |
| Peterboro' | 310 17 | 769 51 | 264 58 | = 1,344 26 |
| Prescott and Russell | 40 85 | 418 82 | 30 21 | = 489 78 |
| Prince Edward | 187 15 | 686 37 | 133 46 | = 1,006 98 |
| Simcoe | 275 50 | 2,682 99 | 192 85 | = 3,151 54 |
| Stormont, Dundas and Glengary | 409 00 | 1,555 16 | 368 11 | = 2,332 27 |
| Victoria | 220 40 | 872 29 | 194 75 | = 1,287 44 |
| Waterloo | 101 66 | 1,049 74 | 83 60 | = 1,235 00 |
| Welland | 173 37 | 525 83 | 96 90 | = 796 10 |
| Wellington | 329 65 | 1,854 40 | 304 95 | = 2,489 00 |
| Wentworth | 828 40 | 1,989 11 | 847 41 | = 3,664 92 |
| York & Peel, including Toronto | 19,125 21 | 6,603 03 | 6,957 99 | = 32,686 25 |
| | \$28,879 52 | \$43,378 79 | \$15,427 26 | = \$87,685 57 |

The figures in the above table show that the stamps sold, to be used in proceedings in the Superior Courts, amount to \$44,306 78, and in the County Courts and other Local Courts to \$43,378 79, or in other words that the income derived from business in the Superior Courts exceeds that from the Local and Inferior Courts by \$927 99. But in reasoning upon these figures it must be borne in mind that the general revenue is not chargeable with the expense of court accommodations for the County and Inferior Local Courts;—that comes from local sources, whereas the fact is otherwise in respect to the Superior Courts of Common Law and Equity, the L. S. (Law Society) stamp collection being applicable to interest upon and redemption of debentures issued by the Law Society to cover the outlay for extension of buildings, &c., necessary to make the accommodation required for the Superior Courts at Toronto; and consequently the sum of \$15,427 26,

being wholly applicable to the purpose mentioned, and there being a counter outlay in the Local Courts which is not represented in this table, the sum named should be deducted from the aggregate of \$44,306 77, leaving \$28,879 52 against \$43,378 75, and showing a contribution to the General Revenue Fund by the County and other Local Courts of \$14,499 27 more than contributed by the Superior Courts. And the disparity is much greater even than these figures exhibit. For the clerks of County, Surrogate and Division Courts (nearly 300 officers) are all remunerated by fees payable by suitors of these courts in money, while the whole staff of officers in the Superior Courts of law and equity in Toronto, and the several deputy clerks of the Crown, are paid by salary from the general revenue. But this opens a large question, one too extensive for a single article, and we leave it for the present.