

nant or contract, where the amount is ascertained by the acts of the parties or signature of the defendant, to £100; and to all bail bonds and recognizances of bail given in the County Court, to any amount; but not to cases involving the title to lands, validity of wills, or actions for libel, slander, crim. con., or seduction. An appeal lies to either of the Superior Court of Law.

SURROGATE COURTS.—The jurisdiction of these Courts relates to all testamentary matters and causes, and to the granting or revoking of probate of wills, and letters of administration of the effects of deceased persons having estate or effects in Upper Canada, and all matters arising out of or connected with the grant or revocation of probate or administration, subject to an appeal to the Court of Chancery. The County Judges are also Judges of the Surrogate Courts. Chief Surrogate Clerk at Toronto Sir J. L. Robinson, Bart.

COURTS OF GENERAL SESSIONS.—The County Judge in each county, holds a Court of General Sessions in his county semi-annually on the second Tuesday in June and December, except in the County of York, in which county said Court is held three times, commencing on the second Tuesday in March, July and December, for the trial of cases of felony and misdemeanor, but treason and capital felonies are exempt from their jurisdiction.

Terms of the Courts.

COURT OF ERROR AND APPEAL.—This Court holds its sittings twice a year at Toronto, in the months of January and June, upon such days as it may by rule or order from time to time appoint, and may adjourn such sitting from day to day, or for any such longer period as it may deem expedient, and may also appoint days for giving judgment or for disposing of business as in its discretion it shall see fit.

LAW TERMS.—Hilary begins first Monday in February, and ends Saturday of the ensuing week; Easter begins third Monday in May, and ends Saturday of the second week thereafter; Michaelmas begins third Monday in November and ends Saturday of the second week thereafter. By the Act 29 and 30 Vic. cap. 40, Trinity Term, hitherto commencing on the Monday after the 21st August, is abolished; but the same statute gives power to the Court of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas, at their discretion, to hold sittings in banc in time of vacation (except long vacation), by virtue of a rule or order of the Court, respectively to be made in or out of term, for the hearing of such special cases or rules for new trials as shall be named in a list to be attached to any such rule or order, and for giving of judgments in cases previously argued, and for disposing of such other business as the Court in its discretion shall see fit. Notice of such rules to be given in form and manner prescribed by the Act, six clear days before the day appointed.

CHANCERY TERMS.—*Examination Terms.*—From 1st Tuesday of February to the Saturday after the 2nd Tuesday of April; and from 1st Tuesday of September to the Saturday after 1st Tuesday of November. *Hearing Terms.*—From 4th Monday in April until Saturday of the following week and from 3rd Monday in November until Saturday of the following week. The Court also sits every Tuesday (except during the regular vacations) throughout the year, for hearing motions for Decrees, motions for or to dissolve special injunctions, and appeals from the reports of the Master or Deputy Masters.

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