

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

COURTS.

COURT OF ERROR AND APPEAL.—*Judges*, Hon. W. H. Draper, C.B., Chief Justice of Ontario; Hon. P. M. Vankoughnet, Chancellor of Ontario; combined with the Judges of the Chancery, Queen's Bench, and Common Pleas Courts.

COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH.—The Jurisdiction of this Court extends to all manner of actions, causes, and suits, criminal and civil, real, personal, and mixed, within Ontario. *Chief Justice*, Hon. W. H. Draper, C.B. *Puisné Judges*, Hon. John Hawkins Hagarty, D.C.L., and Hon. J. Morrison.

COURT OF CHANCERY.—This Court has the like jurisdiction as the Court of Chancery in England, in cases of fraud, accident, trusts, executors, administrators, co-partnerships, accounts, mortgages, awards, dower, infants, idiots, lunatics, and their estates, waste, specific performances, discovery, and to prevent multiplicity of suits, staying proceedings at law prosecuted against equity and good conscience, and may decree the issue, repeal, or avoidance of letters patent, and generally the like powers which the Court of Chancery in England possesses, to administer justice in all cases in which there is no adequate remedy at law. *Chancellor*, Hon. P. M. Vankoughnet, D.C.L. *Vice-Chancellors*, Hon. Oliver Mowat, and Hon. John Godfrey Spragge. *Master*, Andrew Norton Buell.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.—This Court has the same power and jurisdiction as a Court of Record, as the Court of Queen's Bench. *Chief Justice*, Hon. W. B. Richards. *Puisné Judges*, Hon. A. Wilson, and Hon. J. Wilson.

HEIR AND DEVISEE COURT.—*Commissioners*, the Judges of the Superior Courts, and such other persons as may be appointed by commission under the Great Seal. These duties are to determine claims to lands in Ontario, for which no patent has issued from the Crown in favor of the proper claimants, whether as heirs, devisees or assignees. *Sittings* at Toronto, first Monday in January and July in each year. *Clerk of Commissioners*, W. B. Heward.

COUNTY COURTS.—Presided over by a resident Judge in each county. Their jurisdiction extends to all personal actions where the debt or damages claimed do not exceed \$200; and to all suits relating to debt, covenant or contract, where the amount is ascertained by the acts of the parties or signature of the defendant to \$400; 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, criminal conduct, or seduction. An appeal lies to either of the Superior Courts of Law. These Courts also possess equity powers to the amount of \$200, subject to an appeal to Chancery.

COURTS OF QUARTER SESSIONS.—*Chairman*, the County Judge in each county, who, with one or more Justices of the Peace, holds a Court of Quarter Sessions in his county four times a year for trials by jury in cases of felony and misdemeanor, but treason and capital felonies are exempted from their jurisdiction.

INSOLVENT DEBTOR'S COURTS.—By the "Insolvent Acts of 1864 and 1865," 27 and 28 Vict., chap. 57, and 29 Vict., chap. 18, provision is made "for the settlement of the estates of insolvent debtors, for giving

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