

The following suggestions were made some time ago by His Honour Judge Dean, and referred to an address by him to the grand jury at Lindsay as to changes in the administration of justice in Ontario:—

1. Let the County Courts be merged in the High Courts. All actions will then be brought and writs issued in the one Court.

2. Let the Judges of the now County Courts be known as 'Local Judges of the High Court,' or as 'County Judges of the High Court.' (In this memo: I speak of them as County Judges, and the present Judges of the High Court as High Judges.)

3. Let the County Judge have exclusive jurisdiction in his County in all actions up to \$ (say in such actions and for such amounts as are fixed by the Bill respecting County Courts, which was before the Legislature last session), and also in any action up to any amount in which neither of the parties proposes that it shall be tried before a High Judge.

4. Let there be a Spring and Fall Sittings of the Court for the trial of causes by a jury to which the usual panels would be summoned.

5. Let the actions, Civil and Criminal, required to be tried at such sittings by a High Judge, be first tried and disposed of by him, and let the remaining causes be immediately thereafter disposed of by the County Judge.

6. Notwithstanding anything in paragraph 3, any cause above the present jurisdiction of the County Court may, by consent of the parties thereto, or, upon an order made on notice by a High or County Judge, be tried by a High Judge.

7. Let all civil causes for trial with a jury be set down not less than days before the day fixed for the Sittings of the Court, and let the Local Registrar, or Deputy Clerk of the Crown, not later than the next day thereafter, by registered letter, notify the High Judge assigned to take said Sittings, as to what causes have been set down for trial by a High Judge.

If no cause is set down for trial by a High Judge, he need not attend such Sittings, unless required to attend for the trial of a criminal matter.

13. Let all criminal matters to be heard at such Sittings, not within the jurisdiction of the General Sessions of the Peace (or such other limits as may be fixed) be tried and disposed of by the High Judge, and all other criminal matters be tried by the County Judge. Nevertheless, any criminal case may be tried by a High Judge upon the order of the Attorney-General; and any criminal case may be tried by a County Judge upon the consent of the Crown and of the accused."