

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.

COURTS OF GENERAL SESSIONS.—*Chairman*, the County Judge in each county, who, with one or more Justices of the Peace, holds a Court of General Sessions in his county twice 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 Vic., chap. 57, and 29 Vict., chap. 18, provision is made "for the settlement of the estates of insolvent debtors, for giving effect to arrangements between them and their creditors, and for the punishment of fraud." In Province of Quebec, this enactment applies to traders only. In Province of Ontario, to all persons whether traders or non-traders. In these Courts, the County Court Judge in each county presides—the only appointments made in pursuance of this statute being those of "official assignees" who are to be nominated "by the Board of Trade at any place, or the council thereof, within the county or district in which such Board of trade exists, or in any county or district adjacent thereto in which there is no Board of Trade."

TERMS OF THE COURTS.

APPEAL TERMS.—Commence on the second Thursday next after Hilary, Easter, and Michaelmas Terms.

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.

CHANCERY TERMS.—*Examination Terms.*—From first Tuesday of February to the Saturday after second Tuesday of April; and from first Tuesday of September to the Saturday after first Tuesday of November.

HEARING TERMS.—From fourth Monday in April until Saturday of the following week; and from third Monday in November until Saturday of the following week.

COUNTY COURT TERMS.—Commence on the first Monday in January and July, and end the following Saturday.

EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL.—Experiments made by Drs. Ringer and Richards on men and animals go to show that the temperature of the body falls nearly as fast after the use of alcohol in doses sufficient to produce intoxication, as after death itself. The facility with which drunkards freeze to death, is explained by this fact. Dr. Jolly declares that an increasing tendency towards mental disease has been generated by the increasing consumption of spirits. Official reports shows that the abuse of alcohol accounts for one-fifth of the insanity in France. — *Exchange*.