

Ch. 23, alters the mode of issuing Shop and Tavern Licenses in the Cities of Upper Canada, repealing the provisions heretofore existing in regard to such in the first five subsections of s. 246 and s. 259, of ch. 54, Con. Stats U. C., and the 23 Vic., c. 53, by giving (from the 1st January, 1863) the power heretofore exercised by City Councils to the Boards of Police Commissioners.

Ch. 24 amends the Act of last Session 24 Vic. c. 53, separating the City of Toronto from the United Counties of York and Peel, by enacting that the said Act shall not be read or construed as establishing a County Court of the County of the City of Toronto; but shall be received as establishing for the said City separate sittings for the trial of cases sued in the then existing Courts, and as providing for payment to the said City of jury fees paid on cases entered for trial at sittings of Courts holden therefor. The second section confirms all proceedings heretofore taken in the County Court of the County of the City of Toronto, and provides that all such shall be amended, renewed or continued in the County Court of the United Counties of York and Peel.

The remaining Acts are Local and Private Acts.

NEW CROWN LAW OFFICERS.

The late change of Government has given us new Law Officers of the Crown for Upper Canada. The Hon. John Sandfield Macdonald, Q. C., of Cornwall, is Premier, and has received the appointment of Attorney-General West, *vice* the Hon. John Alex. Macdonald, Q. C., of Kingston, resigned; and the Hon. Adam Wilson, Q. C., of Toronto, is the new Solicitor-General, *vice* the Hon. James Patton, LL.D., Q. C., resigned. The new Attorney-General has been for a long period in public life, being now the senior member of the House of Assembly. He received his legal education under the supervision of Chief Justices McLean and Draper, and was called to the bar in Trinity Term, 1840. In 1849, he received the honor of a silk gown, and was appointed Solicitor-General on the elevation of Mr. Solicitor-General Blake to the Chancellorship. He resigned that office in 1851, and the following year was elected Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. He also held his present office of Attorney-General for a short period in 1858. The present Solicitor-General is comparatively new to political life. He was called to the bar in Trinity Term, 1839, and was for many years the law partner of the late Hon. Robert Baldwin. In 1850, during the administration of that distinguished politician, he, together with the present Chancellor, and Justices Richards and Hagarty and others, received the patent of Queen's Counsel. He has held the office of Mayor of the City of

Toronto for some years, and has the reputation of being a careful, learned and pains-taking lawyer.

The Law Officers for Lower Canada are the Hon. Louis Victor Sicotte, Q. C., Attorney General, and the Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, D.C.L., Q.C., Solicitor General.

THE YELVERTON MARRIAGE CASE.

This celebrated case is now going through the preliminary stages preparatory to its reaching the House of Lords. The Irish and Scotch Courts have given judgments directly antagonistic to each other. In Ireland, the verdict declaring Maria Theresa Longworth to be the wife of Major Yelverton, has undergone the test of an investigation in the Court of Common Pleas there, and has been sustained owing to the Judges being equally divided in opinion. In Scotland, however, Lord Ardmillan has given judgment the other way. It will be curious to watch the future proceedings in the case.

THE LAW OF REGISTERED JUDGMENTS.

At last we are likely to have some authoritative decision upon the conflicting cases relating to registered judgments. The case of *Fraser v. Anderson*, which will be found among the Queen's Bench cases in this number, is to be appealed. The questions involved are, as Mr. Justice Burns remarks, of great importance to the landed interests in this Province.

CHANCERY FALL CIRCUITS, 1862.

HOME CIRCUIT.

Toronto Tuesday, 2nd September.

WESTERN CIRCUIT.

Sandwich Tuesday, 16th September.
Chatham " 23rd "
London " 7th October.
Brantford " 14th "
Hamilton " 21st "
Barrie " 28th "
Goderich " 4th November.

EASTERN CIRCUIT.

Whitby Tuesday, 16th September.
Cobourg " 23rd "
Belleville " 7th October.
Kingston " 14th "
Brockville " 21st "
Ottawa " 28th "
Cornwall " 4th November.

HEARING TERM.

Toronto, from Monday, 17th November, to Saturday, 29th November.