

parties, or signature of the defendant, to £100. An appeal lies to either or the Superior Courts of law. These Courts also possess equity powers to the amount of £50, subject to an appeal to the Court of Chancery.

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. The County Judges are also Judges of the Surrogate Courts.

RECORDERS' COURT.—In the cities of Toronto, Hamilton, London, Kingston, and Ottawa, the Recorders Court takes the place of the County Sessions, the Justices for Counties having no jurisdiction in the Cities—the care of which is confined to the Recorder, Mayor, Aldermen, and Police Magistrate of each. Sessions held 2nd Monday in January, 1st Monday in April and July, 3rd Monday in November. *Recorders*—George Duggan, Toronto; John E. Start, Hamilton; William Horton, London; J. B. Lewis, Ottawa.

INSOLVENT DEBTOR'S COURTS.—The County Judge in each County presides.

DIVISION COURT.—For the summary disposal of cases by a Judge; but a jury of five persons may be demanded in certain cases. Their jurisdiction extends to actions of debt or contracts amounting to £25; injuries or torts to personal chattels amounting to £10. Courts are held once in two months in each division, or oftener at the direction of the Judge.

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 3rd Monday in May, and ends Saturday of the ensuing week; Trinity begins Monday next after 21st August, and ends on Saturday of the ensuing week. Michaelmas begins 3rd Monday in November, and ends Saturday of the ensuing week. Long vacation from 1st July to 21st August.

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

CIRCUITS OF THE COURTS.

LAW CIRCUITS.—The Circuits are held twice a year in each county, between Hilary and Easter Terms, and between Trinity and Michaelmas Terms, except in the County of York, where there are three in each year, commencing on the Thursday next after municipal elections in January, the second Monday in April, and the second Monday in October, in each year.

LEGAL HOLIDAYS.

Sunday; New Year's Day; Epiphany; Annunciation; Good Friday; Ascension; Corpus Christi; St. Peter; St. Paul; All Saints; Christmas Day, and any day appointed by proclamation for a general fast or thanksgiving.