

the jury in his characteristic way. After two hours they returned and asked if there was any evidence of intention to defraud. The judge explained the law, clearly and forcibly and in a short time, to the surprise of everybody, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. The Chief Justice said: "Mr. Crown Attorney you have another indictment on another note have you not? and if you have, for Heaven's sake don't bring it before such jurors as these." The only reason for the acquittal of the prisoner that I could imagine was that his father was a leading and influential "Grit," and his father-in-law an equally strong "Tory." Politics were very many to the square acre in Ontario county in those days, and the acquittal of the prisoner was the only matter these jurymen had been able to agree upon for some time and they agreed to acquit the prisoner accordingly.

No bail was offered, and the trial upon the other note came on at the following Assizes before Mr. Justice Gwynne. In addition to the former evidence, the clerk and bailiff of the Division Court at Orangeville produced a large number of judgments and executions on which nothing could be made at the time the man applied for the loan. The Judge took great pains to instruct the jury, but, to the surprise of every person, including the prisoner, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. I asked the jury, after they were discharged, whether the prisoner forged the note or not. They said "he did," and said they did not find him guilty because they did not want the poor woman to lose her money, and if they found him guilty the woman could not have sued the father and brother. They thought it was strange that neither the Judge or myself had sense enough to see this.

Many years ago at Whitby Assizes, during a day and a half, there was a continuous battle as to the reception of evidence, proving documents, and secondary evidence before the plaintiff was nonsuited. The last witness as to the execution of the conveyance, under which the plaintiff claimed title, was under examination. He swore to being present when the deed pro-