

some and intelligent woman, but becoming enamored and intimate with the hired man, she determined to get rid of her husband, and while he was asleep in bed she got up and murdered him, and was tried and convicted.

Sir Thomas, although in his eightieth year, is still very active in mind and body, and can be seen any bright day walking up to Osgoode Hall to have a chat with his old associates on the Bench, or, in the afternoon, walking down to the Toronto Club to have a quiet game of whist, a form of recreation he dearly loves. He and his brother, the late Sir Alexander, had

the reputation of being the two best whist players in Toronto. Sir Thomas is one of those kind-hearted men who make the world better by living in it. He never enters a room but that his cheerful smile and cheery manner cast a ray of sunshine around. You can notice the effect perceptibly on the countenances of every one present. The success of such a man's life can never be measured by his public acts; he has probably made a thousand hearts happier than he does not know of himself, and so it has been with Sir Thomas Galt.

## LAW REFORM LEGISLATION.

58 Vic., C. 13.

An Act for diminishing Appeals and otherwise improving the Procedure of the courts.

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows —

1. This Act may be cited as *The Law Courts Act, 1895* and sections 4 to 7 inclusive, section 9, sections 17 to 39 inclusive, and sections 41, 42 and 52 shall go into effect immediately upon the passing of this Act, but the remaining sections of this Act shall not go into effect until such day, not before the first day of September, 1895, as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may by order in council appoint.

### ONE APPEAL ONLY.

2. After this Act goes into force there shall not be more than one Appeal in this Province from any judgment or order made in any action or matter; save only at the instance of the Crown in a case in which the Crown is concerned; and save in certain other cases hereinafter specified.

### SECURITY FOR COSTS OF APPEAL.

3. On an appeal to the Court of Appeal, from any court or judge, or on an appeal from a single judge or from a county court or county court judge to a divisional court of the High Court, no security shall be required for costs or damages, unless such security is specially ordered by the court to which the appeal is made or a judge thereof. (*Vide Judicature Act, sec. 71; Consol. Rules No. 804 to 811; R.S.O. c. 51, s. 108; R.S.O. c. 91, s. 31, 56; R.S.O. c. 194, s. 119; R.S. (C.) c. 119, s. 115.*)

### HIGH COURT JUDGES SITTING IN APPEAL.

4. In case of judges not having been chosen by the judges of the Supreme Court, as mentioned in section 11 of *The Judicature Act*, or in case the judge or judges chosen not being available, the senior President of one of the Divisions of the High Court shall sit in the Court of Appeal where one judge only is needed for the High Court, the two senior Presidents where two are needed, and the three Presidents where three judges are needed.