

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

COURT OF ERROR AND APPEAL.—Constituted for the hearing of appeals of civil cases from the Courts of Queen's Bench, Chancery and Common Pleas, and appeals in criminal cases from the Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas. From the judgment of this Court an appeal lies to the Supreme Court of Canada, in cases over \$5,000, or where annual rent, fee or future pleas and appeals in Criminal cases from the Court of Queen's Bench and rights of any amount are affected.

COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH.—The jurisdiction of this Court extends to all manner of actions, causes and suits, criminal and civil, real, personal and mixed, within Ontario, and it may proceed in such, by such process and courses as are provided by law.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.—This Court has the same powers and jurisdiction as a Court of Record, as the Court of Queen's Bench. Writs of summons and capias issue alternately from either Court.

COURT OF CHANCERY.—This Court has the like jurisdiction as the Court of Chancery in England in cases of fraud, accident, trust, executors, administrators, co-partnerships, account mortgages, awards, dower, infants, idiots, lunatics and their estates, waste, specific performance, discovery, and to prevent multiplicity of suits, staying proceedings at law prosecuted against equity and good conscience, and may decree the issue, repeal or avoidance of letters patent, and generally the like powers which the Court of Chancery in England possesses.

COUNTY COURTS.—Presided over by a resident Judge in each County. Their jurisdiction extends to all personal actions where the debt or damages claimed do not exceed \$200; and to all suits relating to debt, covenant or contract where the amount is ascertained by the acts of the parties or signature of the defendant to be \$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, crim, con, or seduction.

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 Ontario, and all matters arising out of or connected with the grant or revocation of probate or administration, subject to an appeal to the Court of Chancery.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.—The County Judge in each county holds a Court of General Sessions in this county semi-annually on the second Tuesday in June and December, except in the County of York, in which county said Court is held four times, commencing on the first Tuesday in March and December, and second Tuesday in May and September, for the trial of cases of felony and misdemeanor, but treason and capital felonies are exempt from their jurisdiction.

"WHAT brought you to prison, my colored friend?" "Two constables, sah."

"Yes, but I mean, had intemperance anything to do with it?" Yes, sah, dey was bofe of 'em drunk."

"Now, my little boys and girls," said a teacher, "I want you to be very quiet—so quiet that you can hear a pin drop." In a minute all was silent, when a little boy shrieked, "Let her drop."

NOVEMBER.—There are many fine pieces of land in Quebec and Ontario that remain useless because of acidity in the soil, produced by stagnant water, which must be got rid of as the only cure. It is not possible to apply lime enough to sweeten the soil where water and decaying vegetable matter are constantly creating fresh acidity. With good cultivation lime or potash may make sour soil productive for a single season, through opening the earth to admit air. Thus dried it will do much more to sweeten the land than any alkaline fertilizer that may be applied. Sour, wet land may dry out by midsummer, and may then be made productive of certain late crops. This sort of fertility however is not satisfactory. It is much better thoroughly to drain the land at a suitable time, so that it could be worked early in the season. Drainage is the surest cure for acid soils.