

loss of \$539.43 during the same five years is \$2,697.15, occasioned by Mr. Mowat's Sec. 83, 37th Vic., Chap. 7.

In 1879, 35 of the 37 Sheriffs then in Ontario signed a petition to the Ontario Legislature entering a protest against 37th Vic., Chap. 7, Sec. 83, but nothing was done for us.

In 1881 the members of the Ontario Government were:

HON. O. MOWAT, Attorney-General.

" ADAM CROOKS, Minister Education.

" T. B. PARDEE, Com. Crown Lands.

" C. F. FRASER, Com. Public Works.

" S. C. WOODS, Prov. Treasurer.

" A. S. HARDY, Prov. Secretary.

Five lawyers and one layman.

Judging from the legislation that follows, it was evidently decreed by a majority of the members of the Government that for my temerity in exposing the plundering (or I should say robbery) practised by a large number of the members of the legal profession on Sheriffs and litigants and the overcharges on Writs of Execution, I must be punished, or what would be better still—ruined.

The intention of the Government was carried out by others, they would not venture to do it themselves. It was done in the following fashion: On 19th January, 1881, Mr. Mowat introduced an act entitled "An Act to consolidate the Superior Courts; establish a uniform system of pleadings and practice; and make further provision for the due administration of justice. Who would believe that Sheriffs had anything to do with the pleadings and practice, but they had. The act is also called "The Ontario Judicature Act" and in it all the Sheriffs are dumped into the hands of the Judges of the High Court of Justice,

Here is the order or law regulating the serving of Writs of Summons:

ORDER VI.

SERVICE OF WRIT OF SUMMONS.

(First mode of Service.)

"1st. No service of Writ shall be required where Defendant by his Solicitor accepts service, and undertakes to enter an appearance."

Under section 1 all Lawyers are made Sheriffs.

"2nd. Where Service is required, the Writ of Summons may be served in any County in Ontario, and service thereof, whenever practicable, shall be personal; but if it be made to appear to the Court or Judge on affidavit that