

trates should not exercise their office in peril of actions against them at every step, nor be feeble as ministers of justice because imperfectly informed as to the nature and limits of their powers, and the mode in which their judgments are to be rendered effective.

It may be mentioned, without any reflection upon the magistracy as a body, that the present fee system is not without serious objections, and that even the *suspicion* that a Magistrate may act with too keen an eye to his profits from a case, is not calculated to strengthen the respect due to the administration of this branch of the criminal law.

DAYS FOR DELIVERY OF JUDGMENTS.

QUEEN'S BENCH.

Monday, 14th December,.....10 o'clock.

Saturday, 19th December..... 2 o'clock.

COMMON PLEAS.

Monday, 14th December 2 o'clock.

Saturday, 19th December.....10 o'clock.

LAW SCHOLARSHIPS.

The examination during last term for the scholarship of the third year, resulted in the award of the scholarship to Mr. J J. Stephens. The maximum number of marks was 380, and of these Mr. Stephens obtained 342. The examination for the scholarship of the fourth year resulted in the award of the scholarship to Mr. Geo. H. Holmstead. The maximum number of marks was 350, and of these Mr. Holmstead obtained 294. Mr. Richard Walkem obtained 293 marks; and it is said that a second scholarship was awarded to him.

AMENDMENTS OF MUNICIPAL LAW.

Two Acts of last session of Parliament deserve immediate attention on the part of those concerned. The one, cap. 16, entitled, "An Act to extend the provisions of the 275th section of the Act respecting the Municipal Institutions of Upper Canada, and to provide for the election of Councillors in the several townships of Upper Canada, whenever the same may be divided into Electoral Divisions under the authority of the said section." The other, cap. 19, entitled, "An Act to amend the Consolidated Assessment Act of Upper Canada, in respect to arrears of taxes due on non-resident lands, and for other purposes respecting Assessment." The former was treated by some of the lay press as abolishing the division of townships into wards. There can be no greater mistake. Townships divided into wards are not intended to be affected by it. Its only application is to townships not divided into wards, but for convenience of electoral purposes divided into Electoral Divisions.

The latter Act has for its chief object the prevention of the sale for taxes of occupied or improved lands, and throws upon county treasurers, township clerks and assessors additional duties to those hitherto performed by them. It also removes all doubt as to the liability to assessment of unpatented lots of land sold or agreed to be sold by the Crown. Both Acts are subjoined :—

CAP. XVI.

An Act to extend the provisions of the two hundred and seventy-fifth section of the Act "respecting the Municipal Institutions of Upper Canada," and to provide for the Election of Councillors in the several Townships of Upper Canada, whenever the same may be divided into Electoral Divisions under the authority of the said section.

[Assented to 15th October, 1863]

Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, enacts as follows :

1. Whenever a township in Upper Canada is divided into Electoral Divisions, and polling places established therein, and Returning Officers appointed therefor, under and by the provisions of the two hundred and seventy-fifth section of chapter fifty-four of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada, a meeting of the Electors for such township shall take place on the last Monday but one in the month of December, before the Annual Election, as provided by the said Act, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, for the nomination of candidates, for the Councillors to be elected for the said township, at the Township Hall, if there be one in the said township, but if there be no Township Hall, then at the place where the first meeting of the Council of the said township was held for the then current year; and the Township Clerk shall give the notice required by section ninety-seven, of chapter fifty-four, of the Consolidated Statutes for Upper Canada.

2. The Township Clerk shall preside at such meeting, or in case of his absence, through sickness or otherwise, the Council shall appoint a person to preside in his place; and if the clerk or the person so appointed does not attend, the electors present shall choose a chairman, being an elector, to officiate from among themselves.

3. Such clerk or person so appointed, or chairman so chosen, shall have all the powers of a Returning Officer.

4. If only five candidates have been within one hour proposed by any of the electors present at such meeting, the clerk or person so appointed to preside, or chairman so chosen, as the case may be, shall declare such candidates duly elected Councillors to serve for the then next following year.

5. If more than five candidates shall be proposed at such meeting, and any candidate proposed after the first five, or any elector on his behalf shall demand a poll, the said clerk or person so appointed, or chairman so chosen shall, on the following day, post up in the office of the clerk the names of the candidates so proposed, and give notice of the names to the Returning Officer appointed for each and all the said Electoral Divisions.

6. In case of the nomination of more than five candidates, and no candidate nominated after the first five, or no elector on his or their behalf then demanding a poll as aforesaid, the clerk or person so appointed, or chairman so chosen, shall declare such five candidates first nominated, duly elected Councillors to serve as aforesaid.

7. In case of a poll being so demanded, the Returning Officer for each Electoral Division, in such township, shall cause a poll to be opened at the polling place appointed in such division, on the first Monday in January following, and shall take the votes in the same way and keep the poll open for the full time required by law for taking the votes, in cases where no Electoral Division shall be established.

8. Every Returning Officer shall, on the day after the close of the poll, return the poll-book to the Township Clerk, verified under oath before the said clerk, or any Justice of the Peace, for the