

In addition to the foregoing acts establishing the Sheriff's right to the serving of process, I refer the reader to the decisions of the courts on pages 3 and 4 of this book. The Sheriffs did the serving of Process from 1792 to 1853, a period of 61 years. In 1853 the act 16 Victoria, Chapter 175, was enacted. Section 14 practically gives the serving of Process to Lawyers. Mr. Winchester says in his report in April last, this act (or Section 14,) had been in force since 1853. He then corrects himself and says the section was carried into consolidated statutes of Upper Canada, 1859, where it lay in a state of composure until 1874, a period of 15 years, when Hon. O. Mowat, Hon. Adam Crooks, Hon. T. B. Pardee and Hon. C. F. Fraser became its pall bearers, and silently and reverently transferred it from its resting place and inserted it in 37th Victoria Chapter 7, Sections 83 and 84, to be seen on pages 4 and 5 of this book. A perusal of the book shows how the law works. Although I was a member of the Government in 1874, I was not one of the pall bearers.

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