

It will be observed that for every \$2.70 taken from the Sheriff for services in the H. C. J., \$3.67 is taken from the person served; and for every \$1.55 taken from the Sheriff for services in the County Court, \$2.64 is taken from the person served. The loss to the Sheriffs from the serving of 9,314 Bills and Writs by Lawyers was as follows:—

Lawyers served	3,511 S. C. Writs at \$2.70.....	\$9,479 70
“ “	1,291 Bills in Chancery at \$2.70..	3,485 70
“ “	4,512 County Court Writs at \$1.55	6,993 60

9,314 Amt. taken from Sheriffs, \$19,959 00

The Lawyers charge the persons served the following rates for serving the same 9,314 Bills and Writs, viz., rates shown in column 4 of the table:—

Serving	3,511 Superior Court Writs at \$3.67.....	\$12,885 37
“	1,291 Bills in Chancery at \$3.67.....	4,737 97
“	4,512 County Court Writs at \$2.64.....	11,911 60

9,314	\$29,535 02
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Add amount taken from Sheriff... 19,959 00

Total taken by Lawyers from Sheriffs and persons served, for serving 9,314 Writs..... \$49,494 02

I have shown that the cost of serving 20,380 Writs by Sheriffs would be \$42,094.25, therefore the Lawyers, at their tariff of fees, received \$7,399.77 more for serving 9,314 Writs than the Sheriffs would have received for serving the whole 20,380 Writs.

When I laid such astounding figures before the public, was it not reasonable to look to the Government to make a searching enquiry into the truth or falseness of my statements, and if found false to punish me, or if found correct to repeal the law.

The loss of the \$19,959 was an average loss of \$539.43 to each one of the 37 Sheriffs then in Ontario. In 1876, the first whole year I was Sheriff, my office was worth \$4,157.62, but the loss of \$539.43—my share of the \$19,959 lost to the Sheriffs in that year—reduced my income to \$3,618.19. It was the same in '77, '78, '79 and '80—five years. The yearly