

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, three times, commencing on the second Tuesday in March, June and December for the trial of cases of felony and misdemeanor, but treason and capital felonies are exempt from their jurisdiction.

Terms of the Courts.

COURT OF ERROR AND APPEAL.—This Court holds its sittings twice a year at Toronto in the months of January and June, upon such days as it may by rule or order from time to time appoint.

LAW TERMS.—Hilary begins first Monday in February, and ends Saturday of the ensuing week; Easter begins third Monday in May, and ends Saturday of the second week thereafter; Michaelmas begins third Monday in November, and ends Saturday of the second week thereafter.

Chancery Terms.—*Examination Terms.*—From 1st Tuesday of February to the Saturday after the 2nd Tuesday of April, and from 1st Tuesday of September to the Saturday after 1st Tuesday of November. *Hearing Terms.*—from 4th Monday in April until Saturday of the following week, and from 3rd Monday in November until Saturday of the following week. The Court also sits every Tuesday (except during the regular vacations).

COUNTY COURT TERMS.—The several County Courts in Ontario hold four terms in each year, to commence on the first Monday in January, April, July and October.

A TOUGH KIND OF WITNESS.

During a recent trial before a Western Justice it was thought important by counsel to determine the length of time that certain "two quarters of beef and one sheep remained in at express waggon in front of the plaintiff's store before they were taken away by the defendant." The witness under examination was a German, whose knowledge of the English language was limited, but he testified in a very plain, straightforward way to having weighed the meat and to having afterward carried it out and put it into the aforesaid waggon. Then the following ensued:

Counsellor—"State to the jury how long it was after you took the meat from the store and put it into the waggon before it was taken away."

Witness—"Now, I shoost cand dell dat. I dinks about dwelve feet. I say not nearer as dat."

"You don't understand me. How long was it from the time the meat left the store, and was put into the waggon, before it was taken away by the defendant?"

"Now I know not what you ax dot for. Der waggon he vas back up mit der sidewalk, and dat's shoost so long as it vas. You dell me how long der sidewalk was. Den feet? Dwelve feet? Den I tells you how long it vas."

"I don't want to find out how wide the sidewalk was, but I want to know," speaking very slowly "how long—this—meat—was—in—the—waggon—before—it—was—taken—away?"

"Oh, dat! Vell, now I not sold my meat so. I all time weigh him; never measured meat, not yet. But I dinks bout dree feet." (Here the spectators and his Honor and the jury smiled audibly.) "I know not, shentlemen, how is dis. I dell you all I can so good as I know."

"Look here, I want to know how long it was before the meat was taken away after it was put into the waggon?"

Witness (looking very knowingly at counsel):

"Now you try and get me in a scrape. Dat meat was shoost so long in der waggon as he vas in der shop. Dat's all I told you. Dat meat vas dead meat. He don't grow no longer in den dousen year not mooch."

Counsel—"That will do."