

its intention to declare certain acts affecting property and civil rights crimes.

It has been held that whenever the imposition of punishment may be by imprisonment for enforcing any law, that such is to be regarded as criminal law; but we apprehend that that could be scarcely held to apply to our Constitutional Act of 1867, because, as observed by "Union," the power to impose such punishment is expressly conferred upon the Provincial Legislatures for enforcing any law of the Province made in relation to any matter coming within any of the subjects concerning which exclusive jurisdiction is conferred upon them; whilst jurisdiction as to the criminal law and procedure in criminal matters is expressly withheld.

There is another question which may arise out of the peculiar provisions of the B. N. A. Act, 1867, that is not touched by "Union," which it may interesting to consider; and it is this:—Although the Dominion Parliament may declare the criminal law, and prescribe the procedure in criminal cases, what right has that body to pass any enactment constituting a jurisdiction for the trial of criminal offences when the Provincial Legislatures have exclusively the jurisdiction conferred upon them by the 14th sub-section of the 92nd section of organizing Provincial Courts of both civil and criminal jurisdiction?—unless the enactment of the 101st section, which gives the Dominion the power of establishing any additional courts for the better administration of the laws of Canada, means that, notwithstanding the power so conferred on the Provincial Legislatures, the same jurisdiction exists in the Dominion Parliament—Eds. L. J.]

THE COURT IN A FOG—Last week Mr. Justice Blackburn reprimanded the usher of the Court for opening or not opening the windows on foggy mornings, and subsequently told persons with coughs to leave the Court. Likely enough clergymen would be glad to order coughers to leave the church if they had the authority to do so. The learned judge ordered the gas to be put out, which resulted in partial poisoning, as the gas could not be turned off as soon as it was put out. Upon candles being called for, the usher informed the Court that there were only two candlesticks, which the judge shared with counsel. It did not occur to the usher to invest twopence in potatoes and extemporise candlesticks. When the new Law Courts are built there will be no more discomfort for lawyers or suitors. And when will the new Law Courts be built? Perhaps our great-grandchildren may see them commenced.—*English Paper.*

SPRING CIRCUITS, 1871.

EASTERN CIRCUIT.—*Mr. Justice Wilson.*

Brockville	Tuesday	March 21
Perth	Tuesday	" 28
Ottawa	Monday	April 3
Kingston	Wednesday	" 12
Cornwall	Tuesday	" 25
J'Original	Monday	May 1
Pembroke	Monday	" 8

MIDLAND CIRCUIT.—*Mr. Justice Morrison.*

Whitby	Monday	March 20
Napanee	Monday	" 27
Cobourg	Monday	April 10
Lindsay	Monday	" 17
Peterborough	Friday	" 21
Pictou	Tuesday	May 2
Belleville	Friday	" 5

NIAGARA CIRCUIT.—*Mr. Justice Galt.*

Hamilton	Monday	March 20
Milton	Wednesday	April 12
St. Catharines	Monday	" 17
Welland	Monday	" 24
Barrie	Monday	May 1
Owen Sound	Tuesday	" 9

OXFORD CIRCUIT.—*The Chief Justice of the Common Pleas.*

Guelph	Monday	March 20
Woodstock	Monday	" 27
Berlin	Monday	April 3
Brantford	Monday	" 10
Stratford	Monday	" 17
Cayuga	Tuesday	" 25
Simcoe	Tuesday	May 2

WESTERN CIRCUIT.—*The Chief Justice of Ontario.*

Sandwich	Tuesday	March 21
Chatham	Tuesday	" 28
Sarnia	Tuesday	April 4
St. Thomas	Tuesday	" 11
London	Monday	" 17
Goderich	Tuesday	May 2
Walkerton	Tuesday	" 9

HOME CIRCUIT.—*Mr. Justice Gwynne.*

Brampton	Tuesday	March 21
Toronto	Tuesday	" 28

Examining a woman in court, Dunning asked of a certain man, "Was he a tall man?"

Witness: "Not very tall, your honor; much about the size of your worship's honor?"

Dunning: "Was he good looking?"

Witness: "Quite the contrary; much like your worship's honor; but with a handsome nose."

Dunning: "Did he squint?"

Witness: "A little, your honor; but not so much as your worship by a good deal."

Whereupon Dunning declared himself satisfied, and sent the witty old woman down. He was very coarse; which led "honest Jack Leo" to give him the following severe rub; Dunning was telling one day, in court, that "he had just bought some good manors in Devonshire."

"I wish, then," said Jack, "that you had brought some of your good manners here with you."