

In Court of Chancery, 1,291 @ \$2.25	\$2,904 75
In Superior Court, 3,511 @ 2.70.....	9,479 70
In County Court, 4,512 @ 1.80.....	8,121 60

The Process-serving Attorneys deprived the
 Sheriffs of their fees.....\$20,506 05

We have shown by the receipted and
 taxed Bills of Costs of the Process-serving
 Attorneys that they charge and collect from
 the litigant a sum rather more than two
 Sheriffs' fees in addition to their own, there-
 fore we must add as taken from the litigants.. 20,506 05

Process-serving Attorneys pocketed this
 amount belonging to Sheriffs and litigants... \$41,012 10

Of the \$43,744.94 to which the Sheriffs were entitled
 they only received \$23,238.90; the Process-serving Attorneys
 pocketed the balance of \$20,506.05, with, as their own
 receipted and taxed Bills of Cost prove, \$20,506.05 more
 from the litigants; a new and novel method, truly, of
 "keeping down the disbursements of the suit and saving costs
 to the litigants"!!!

Another Return was obtained last December, showing
 that from the 1st day of August, 1881, to the 1st of Decem-
 ber, 1884, the number of Writs of Summons issued out of
 the three branches of the Superior Court, viz., Q. B., C. P.
 and Chancery, was 23,151, and also a Return from the 39
 Sheriffs of Ontario, showing that of the 23,151 Writs of
 Summons issued within the time specified they only served
 8,655, being only 938 more than *one-third* served by the
 Sheriffs, showing that the Process-serving Attorneys were
 rather increasing than decreasing the practice. Had only
 one copy of each of the 23,151 been served by the Sheriffs,
 their fees would have been, exclusive of mileage, as follows :—

Issued from the Superior Court 23,151 Writs @ \$2.70,
 \$62,507.70, which would have given each of the 39 Sheriffs
 in Ontario an average of \$1,602.76, but instead of getting
 that amount they only averaged \$606.11 each; having served
 only 8,655 of the 23,151, the Process-serving Attorneys
 having served 14,396.