

to all bail bonds and recognizances of bail given in the County Court, to any amount; but not to cases involving the title to lands, validity of wills, or actions for libel, slander, crim. con., or seduction. An appeal lies to the Court of Appeal of Ontario.

COUNTY COURT SITTINGS AND COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.—The County Judge in each county holds a sitting of his Court and a Court of General Sessions in his county semi-annually on the second Tuesday in June and December, except in the county of York, in which county said Court is held four times, commencing on the first Tuesday in December and March, and the second Tuesday in May and September, the latter Courts for the trial of cases of felony and misdemeanor, but treason and capital felonies are exempted from their jurisdiction. The Judge may also, in his discretion, hold additional sittings at such times as may be deemed expedient to expedite business, but only for the trial of issues of fact without a jury.

COUNTY JUDGES' CRIMINAL COURT.—Persons committed to jail for trial, on charge of being guilty of any offence for which they may be tried at a Court of General Sessions may, with their own consent, and subject to the provisions of the Act in that behalf, be forthwith tried by the Judge of the County Court and General Sessions without a jury, and if convicted, be sentenced by the said Judge, and the Judge sitting on any such trial for all the purposes thereof, is constituted a Court of Record, and the record in any such case shall be filed among the records of the Court of General Sessions last mentioned.

COURTS OF REVISION.—The County Judges hold annually Courts of final revision of the Assessment Rolls of each Municipality, being in the light of Courts of Appeal from the first Court of Revision held by the Municipality; and also Courts for the Revision of the Voters' Lists, being equivalent to the Courts held by Revising Barristers in England.

INSOLVENT DEBTORS' COURTS.—These Courts, which had reference to traders only, were regulated by the Act known as the "Insolvent Act of 1875," which consolidated and assimilated the practice in Bankruptcy and Insolvency in the several Provinces of the Dominion. The County Judges in the several Counties presided, and official assignees were nominated by the Governor in Council, and were officers of the Court, having jurisdiction in the County or District for which they were appointed, and appeals lay to the Court of Appeal of Ontario. This Statute has now been repealed, and the Courts and Assignees are only continuing to wind up pending cases.

SURROGATE COURTS.—The jurisdiction of these Courts relates to all testamentary matters and causes, and to the granting and revoking of probate of wills, and letters of administration of the effects of deceased persons having estate or effect in Ontario, and all matters arising out of or connected with the grant or revocation of probate or administration, subject to an appeal to the Chancery Division. The County Judges are also Judges of the Surrogate Courts. *Chief Surrogate Clerk at Toronto*—Sir J. L. Robinson, Bart.

DIVISION COURTS, for the summary disposal of cases by the presiding Judge, being the County

Judge or his Deputy, or any Barrister appointed to hold the same; but a jury of five persons may be demanded in certain cases. Their jurisdiction extends to actions of debt or contract where the balance claimed is over \$100 and under \$200 when the amount is ascertained by the signature of the defendant, subject to an appeal to the Court of Appeal, and to \$100 in other cases; but the sums of the account to be gone into cannot exceed \$400; injuries or torts to personal chattels amounting to \$60, and personal actions to that amount, if not excepted from their jurisdiction; but not to actions for gambling debts, liquors drunk in a tavern, or notes of hand given therefor, ejectment, title to land, &c., or any toll, custom or franchise, will or settlement, malicious prosecution, libel, slander, crim. con., seduction or breach of promise, or actions against a J. P. for anything done by him in the execution of his office, if he objects to it. Each Judicial District is divided into Court Divisions, and Courts are held once in two months in each Division, or oftener at the discretion of the Judge. The Divisions are established by the Courts of General Sessions, and in certain cases by the Judges.

BOARD OF COUNTY JUDGES.—*Chairman*—J. R. Gowan, late sen. Judge County Simcoe. *Members*—S. J. Jones, County Brant; D. J. Hughes, County Elgin; James Daniell, Counties Prescott and Russell; and J. S. Sinclair, County Wentworth.

CROWN LAW OFFICERS.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY-GENERAL FOR THE DOMINION OF CANADA.—Hon. Sir A. Campbell, K.C.M.G., Q.C.

Officers of the Court.

OFFICIAL GUARDIAN.—John Hoskin, Q.C.

SENIOR JUDGMENT CLERK.—G. S. Holmsted.

JUNIOR JUDGMENT CLERK.—A. F. McLean.

INSPECTOR OF TITLES AND REFEREE OF TITLES AT TORONTO.—G. S. Holmsted.

INSPECTOR OF LEGAL OFFICES.—John Winchester.

OFFICIAL REFEREES (EX OFFICIO).—The Master in Ordinary of the Superior Court, the Registrar of the Queen's Bench Division, the Registrar of the Common Pleas Division, the Referee in Chambers (vacant), the Accountant, the Inspector of Titles, and the Referee of Titles.

CLERK OF RECORDS AND WRITS.—George M. Lee. *Clerks*—J. E. Hardinge and A. L. Elliott.

CLERKS OF ASSIZE.—County of York, G. B. Nicol; otherwise the Deputy Clerks of the Crown are *ex officio* Clerks of Assize and Marshals in their respective Counties.

DEPUTY CLERKS OF THE CROWN.—The Clerks of the County Courts will be *ex officio* Deputy Clerks of the Crown and Pleas of their several Counties as the present incumbents vacates by death or otherwise.

CLERK OF THE PROCESS.—For sealing and issuing Writs of Summons and other Writs in the Queen's Bench and Common Pleas (alternately), W. B. Heward.

OFFICIAL REFEREE.—John Winchester.

Sittings of the Courts.

COURT OF APPEAL.—This Court holds its sittings at such time and for such periods as the

Judges shall, from or convenient for the times now fixed March and September in January, May a holding of such sittings the usual practice.

SITTINGS OF THE MON PLEAS DIVISION day in February, and week; Easter begins ends Saturday of Michaelmas begins and ends Saturday of Trinity Term begins 21st August, and following week, but may of Court. The Quarter Pleas Divisions have, to hold sittings (except long vacation) order of the Court, out of term, for the or rules for new trial to be attached to any giving of judgments and for disposing of Court in its discretion the Judges of either open Court on Tuesday, as well in as on vacation, for the purpose business which may Judge.

CHANCERY SITTINGS of causes, including ex held twice in each year, the places and arranged by the Judge hearing of causes on day in February, the and the first Thursday sits every week, except despatch of business Monday, chamber business Wednesday, motions, objections, petitions, and appeals from Master's.

LONG VACATION extends to the 1st of September also a vacation from the January.

COUNTY COURT TERMS Courts in Ontario hold commencing respectively the months of January except the County of on the first Monday in the second Monday in ending on the Saturday.

Circuits of

LAW CIRCUITS.—Sittings—Courts of Oyer and Delivery are held twice union of Counties, in the and Easter Terms, and the vacation after the Michaelmas Term, except and Wentworth, in each