

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 have reference to traders only, are regulated by the Act known as "the Insolvent Act of 1875," and amending Acts, which consolidated and assimilated the practice in Bankruptcy and Insolvency in the several Provinces of the Dominion. The County Judges in the several counties preside, and official assignees are nominated by the Governor in Council, and are officers of the Court, having jurisdiction in the county or district for which they are appointed. An appeal lies to the Court of Appeal of Ontario.

SURROGATE COURTS.—The jurisdiction of these Courts relates to all testamentary matters and causes, and to the granting or revoking of probate of wills, and letters of administration of the effects of deceased persons having estate or effects in Ontario, and all matters arising out of or connected with the grant or revocation of probate or administration. The County Judges are also Judges of the Surrogate Courts. Chief Surrogate Clerk at Osgoode Hall, Toronto—Sir J. L. Robinson, Bart.; Surrogate Clerk, Court House, Toronto, Hon. Wm. Cayley.

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 amounting to \$100; injuries or torts to personal chattels amounting to \$40; and personal actions to that amount, if not excepted from their jurisdiction; but not to actions for gambling debts, liquors drank 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, criminal, 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, County Simcoe. Members—S. J. Jones, County Brant; D. J. Hughes, County Elgin; James Daniell, Counties Prescott and Russell; and James Smith, County Victoria.

Crown Law Officers.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA.—Hon. J. Macdonald.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL FOR ONTARIO.—Hon. Oliver Mowat, C. C.

Officers of the Courts.

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 P. As of their several Counties as the present incumbents vacate by death or otherwise.

CLERKS OF THE PROCESS.—For serving or issuing Writs of Summons and other Writs in the Queen's Bench and Common Pleas (alternately)—W. M. Ross, *Assistant Clerk*—C. A. Stewart. The Deputy Clerks of the Crown in the several counties are supplied with writs from Toronto, and re-issue same in their respective counties.

Terms of Courts.

COURT OF APPEAL.—This Court holds its sittings at such times and for such periods as the Judges shall from time to time deem necessary or convenient for the speedy despatch of business, the times now fixed being the 15th of March, June, September, and December, notice of the holding of such sittings being given according to the usual practice.

CHANCERY TERMS.—Terms for the hearing of causes, including examination of witnesses, are held twice in each year, at Toronto and on Circuit, the places and dates being previously arranged by the Judges (see Circuits). Terms for the rehearing of causes are held on the third Thursday in February, the last Thursday in August, and the first Thursday in December. The Court sits every week, except during vacation, for the despatch of business, in the following order: Monday, chamber business; Tuesday, motions; Wednesday, hearing pro confesso and on bills and answer, motions for decree, further directions, petitions and demurrer; Thursday, appeals from Masters' reports.

LONG VACATION extends from the 1st July to the 21st of August. In Chancery, there is also a vacation from the 25th December to the 8th of January.

COUNTY COURT TERMS.—The several County Courts in Ontario hold four terms in each year, commencing respectively on the first Monday in the months of January and April, and the second Monday in July and October, and ending on the Saturday of the same week.

Circuits of the Courts.

LAW CIRCUITS.—Courts of Assize and Nisi Prius and of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery are held twice a year in each County or union of Counties in the vacation between Hilary and Easter Terms, and between that period of the vacation after the 21st of August and Michaelmas Term, except the Counties of York and Wentworth, in each of which Counties there is held a third such Court in every year, in the vacation between Michaelmas and Hilary Terms; and in the County of York there is held a fourth such Court, between Easter Term and the first day of July. The Courts of Assize and Nisi Prius may, in the discretion of the Judges, be held separate and apart from the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, and the Assizes for any County are not put an end to by the commencement of Term, but may continue and be holden during Term, subject to special rules in such case for moving against the verdict or for new trials. There are eight Circuits, as follows, viz:—

Eastern:—Cornwall, L'Orignal, Ottawa, Pembroke, Perth. **Midland:**—Belleville, Brockville, Kingston, Napanee, Picton. **Victoria:**—Brampton, Coburg, Lindsay, Peterboro', Whitby. **Brock:**—Goderich, Owen Sound, Stratford, Walkerton, Woodstock. **Niagara:**—Cayuga, Hamilton, Milton, St. Catharines, Welland. **Waterloo:**—Barrie, Berlin, Brantford, Guelph, Simcoe. **Western:**—Chatham, London, Sandwich, Sarnia, St. Thomas. **Home:**—Toronto.

The Courts in each Circuit shall be presided over by one of the Chief Justices or Judges of the Superior Courts, or of the Courts of Appeal or Chancery, or, in their absence, by a Judge of a County Court, or some one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the law, requested by any one of the Chief Justices or Judges of the Superior Courts to act in that behalf.

CHANCERY CIRCUITS, for the Examination of Witnesses and Hearing Causes, are held in the Spring and Fall of each year as follows:—

Toronto: Toronto. **Eastern:** Belleville, Brockville, Cobourg, Cornwall, Kingston, Lindsay, Ottawa, Peterboro'. **Western:** Chatham, Goderich, London, Sandwich, Sarnia, Stratford, Walkerton, Woodstock. **Home:** Barrie, Brantford, Guelph, Hamilton, Owen Sound, Simcoe, St. Catharines, Whitby.

The Courts in each Circuit are presided over by the Chancellor, or one of the Vice-Chancellors, or by a retired or present Judge of the Superior Courts of Law or of the Court of Appeal, or by a Judge of a County Court, or by some one of Her Majesty's Counsel learned in the law, requested by the Chancellor or one of the Vice-Chancellors to act in that behalf.

COMMISSIONERS FOR TAKING AFFIDAVITS.—These Com-

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