

COUNTY AND GENERAL INFORMATION.

JUDICIARY OF THE COUNTY OF KENT.

COUNTY COURT.—Presided over by a resident Judge in each county. Their jurisdiction extends to all personal actions where the debt or damages claimed do not exceed £50; and to all suits relating to debt, covenant, or contract, where the amount is ascertained by the acts of the parties, or signature of the defendant to £100; and 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 either of the Superior Courts of Law. These Courts also possess equity powers, to the amount of £50, subject to an appeal to the Court of Chancery. Officers of Court. Judge, Wm. Benjamin Wells, Clerk, Thos. A. Ireland.

COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS.—For the trial of issues of fact, and the assessment of damages, on the second Tuesday in March, June, September and December, in each year. W. B. Wells, Chairman.

SURROGATE COURT.—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 Upper Canada, and all matters arising out of or connected with the grant or revocation of probate or administration, subject to an appeal to the Court of Chancery. The County Judges are also Judges of the Surrogate Courts. George Williams, Registrar.

LAW CIRCUITS.—The Courts of the western Circuits are held in St. Thomas, Sandwich, Sarnia, Chatham, London and Goderich. Clerk of Assizes, Deputy Clerk of the Crown, ex-officio.

DIVISION COURTS.—For the summary disposal of cases by the Judge; but a jury of five persons may be demanded in certain cases. Their jurisdiction extends to actions of debt or contract amounting to £25; injuries or torts to personal chattels amounting to £10; but actions for gambling debts, liquors drunk in a tavern, or notes of hand given therefor, ejectment, title to land, etc., 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. 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 Quarter Sessions. William B. Wells, Judge.

SUPERINTENDENTS.

County of Kent—David Mills. Town of Chatham—Rev. Angus McColl.

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS.

MUNICIPALITIES.

Chatham Town,
Raleigh,
Romney,
Harwich,
Howard,
Orford,
Zone,
Camden,
Chatham Township,
Dover, east and west,
Tilbury, east,

REEVES.

Thomas Holmes,
Stephen White,
Caleb Coatsworth,
John McMichael,
John Duck,
E. H. Ridley,
Peter McAnally,
James Smith,
L. H. Johnston,
George W. Foote,
Alexander Coutts

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J. L. Dolsen.
A. Hughson.
Geo. Gonoy.
Francis Ogletree.
L. Gosnell.
Arthur Anderson.
— Everitt.