

Counties.	Gen. Rev. F.	Fee Fund.	Law Society.	Total.
Brant	\$466 93	\$1,370 85	\$419 90 —	\$2,257 68
Carleton	703 00	1,890 50	386 66 —	2,980 16
Elgin	173 87	471 68	143 45 —	788 50
Essex	116 85	54 63	121 12 —	292 60
Frontenac	495 51	1,233 61	446 33 —	2,175 45
Grey	121 41	1,464 62	83 13 —	1,669 16
Haldimand	114 48	652 47	74 09 —	841 04
Hastings	553 39	1,306 17	366 24 —	2,225 80
Huron and Bruce	430 35	1,827 52	342 47 —	2,600 44
Kent	171 00	707 84	167 68 —	1,046 52
Lambton	207 10	503 50	311 22 —	1,021 82
Lanark and Renfrew	223 11	1,988 56	146 29 —	2,357 96
Lennox and Addington	218 50	1,404 58	137 75 —	1,760 83
Leeds and Grenville	398 53	918 18	242 25 —	1,558 96
Lincoln	278 35	1,298 65	261 25 —	1,838 25
Middlesex	812 25	1,755 13	909 63 —	3,477 01
Norfolk	114 95	720 76	147 73 —	983 44
Northumberland and Durham ..	579 98	1,679 79	495 23 —	2,754 90
Ontario	181 91	1,279 18	191 91 —	1,653 00
Oxford	237 51	1,247 35	249 37 —	1,734 23
Perth	279 68	1,196 05	308 75 —	1,784 48
Peterboro'	310 17	769 51	264 58 —	1,344 26
Prescott and Russell	40 85	418 72	30 21 —	489 78
Prince Edward	187 15	686 37	133 46 —	1,006 98
Simcoe	275 50	2,682 99	192 85 —	3,151 54
Stormont, Dundas and Glengary ..	409 00	1,555 16	368 11 —	2,332 27
Victoria	220 40	872 29	194 75 —	1,287 44
Waterloo	101 66	1,049 74	83 60 —	1,235 00
Welland	173 87	525 83	96 90 —	796 10
Wellington	329 65	1,854 40	304 95 —	2,489 00
Wentworth	828 40	1,989 11	847 41 —	3,664 92
York & Peel, including Toronto ..	19,125 21	6,003 05	6,957 99 —	32,086 25
	\$28,879 52	\$43,378 79	\$15,427 26 —	\$87,685 57

The figures in the above table show the amount of stamps sold, to be used in proceedings in the Superior Courts, \$44,306 78, and in the County courts and other local courts \$43,378 79, or in other words that the income derived from business in the Superior Courts exceeds that from the Local and Inferior Courts by \$927 99. But in reasoning upon these figures it must be borne in mind that the general revenue is not chargeable with the expense of court accommodations for the County and Inferior Local Courts, that comes from local sources. Whereas the fact is otherwise in respect to the Superior Courts of Common Law and Equity, the L. S. (Law Society) stamp collection being applicable to interest upon and redemption of debentures issued by the Law Society to cover the outlay for extension of buildings, &c., necessary to make the accommodation required for the Superior Courts at Toronto; and consequently the sum of \$15,427 26, being wholly applicable to the purpose mentioned, and there being a counter outlay in the Local Courts which is not represented in this table, the sum named should be deducted from the aggregate of \$44,306 77, leaving \$28,879 52 against \$43,378 75, and showing a contribution to the General Revenue Fund by the County and other Local Courts of

\$14,499 27 more than contributed by the Superior Courts. And the disparity is much greater even than these figures exhibit. For the clerks of County, Surrogate and Division Courts (nearly 300 officers) are all remunerated by fees payable by suitors of these courts in money, while the whole staff of officers in the Superior Courts of law and equity in Toronto, and the several deputy clerks of the Crown, are paid by salary from the general revenue. But this opens a large question, one too extensive for a single article, and we leave it for the present.

A great disparity will be observed in the amount of collections from the different counties; a disparity it is not easy to account for. This is especially noticeable in respect to the Fee Fund stamps for the Local and Inferior Courts. Not to speak of York and Peel, which gives a sum of \$6,004 05, there is the County of Simcoe giving \$2,682 99, the County of Wentworth, \$1,989 11, the County of Waterloo, \$1,854 40, or a total for these three counties of \$6,526 50, as compared to a total of \$976 85 (or one-seventh nearly) for the following three counties, viz.: Essex, \$54 63, Prescott and Russell, \$418 72, Lambton, \$503 50. There has been a great falling off in the business of the courts this last year.