

fanats, idiots, lunatics, and their estates, waste, specific performance, discovery, and to prevent multiplicity of suits, staying proceedings at law prosecuted against equity and good conscience, and may decree the issue, repeal or avoidance of letters patent, and generally the like powers which the Court of Chancery in England possesses to administer justice in all cases in which there is no adequate remedy at law. *Chancellor*—Hon. P. M. Vankoughnet. *Vice-Chancellors*—Hon. James Christie Palmer Esten and John Godfrey Spragge. *Master*—Andrew Norton Buell.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.—This Court has the same powers and jurisdiction as a Court of Record, as the Court of Queen's Bench. *Chief Justice*—Hon. W. B. Richards. *Puimé Judges*—Hons. A. Wilson, J. Wilson.

HEIR AND DEVISEE COURT.—Commissioners, the Judges of the Superior Courts, and such other person as may be appointed by commission under the Great Seal. Their duties are to determine claims to lands, in Upper Canada, for which no patent has issued from the Crown in favor of the proper claimants, whether as heirs, devisees or assignees. *Sittings* at Toronto, first Monday in January and July in each year. *Clerk of Commissions*—W. B. Heward.

COUNTY COURTS.—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. 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.

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 Upper Canada. The County Judges are also Judges of the Surrogate Courts.

RECORDER'S COURT.—In the cities of Toronto, Hamilton, London, Kingston and Ottawa, the Recorder's Court takes the place of the County Sessions, the Justices for Counties having no jurisdiction in the Cities—the care of which is confined to the Recorder, Mayor, Aldermen, and Police Magistrate of each. Sessions held 2nd Monday in January, 1st Monday in April and July, and 3rd Monday in November. *Recorders*—George Duggan, Toronto; Archd. J. McDonell, Kingston, John E. Start, Hamilton; William Horton, London; J. B. Lewis, Ottawa.

INSOLVENT DEBTOR'S COURT.—The County Judge in each County presides.

DIVISION COURTS.—For the summary disposal of cases by a Judge; but a jury of five persons may be demanded in certain cases. Their jurisdiction extends to actions of debt or contracts amounting to £25; injuries or torts to personal chattels amounting to £10. Courts are held once in two months in each division, or oftener, at the discretion of the Judge.