

served as Grand or Petit Jurors within two years next preceding, and those then serving as Grand Jurors, prepares list of names first drawn, obtains signature of Presiding Judge thereto, issues *venire* to Sheriff at least twenty days before term; and Sheriff summons at least four days before opening of Court.

Grand Juries must be composed of thirteen members, and a majority of two-thirds of those present may make presentments.

The panel of Petit Jurors is twenty-four; and two panels may be summoned in Counties, if requisite, when the term extends beyond one week, excepting Queen's and Antigonish.

In Halifax the panel is thirty-six, and special provision is made for two panels.

Grand Jurors, duly summoned, not attending, liable to penalty each day from \$2 to \$8.

Petit Jurors to \$2, and forfeiture of day's pay.

Petit Jury for trial of civil causes to consist of nine, of whom, after four hours' deliberation, seven may return verdict.

In criminal cases, twelve; and verdict unanimous.

The practice of starving Jury abolished.

The Nova Scotia Law has been further amended by chap. 19, A.D. 1870, entitled an Act to amend chap. 136 of the Revised Statutes "of Juries," which enacts that, "From and after the passing of this Act, the Court of General Sessions in every County where the Supreme Court sits only in the Shire Town, and which is divided into districts, and has a Court of Sessions for each district, shall, at its first sitting, proceed to divide each of such districts into four sections, instead of eight sections as at present, such four sections to contain, as nearly as possible, an equal amount of population."

The Committee appointed by the Sessions, shall return separate lists, alphabetically arranged, of the persons qualified to serve as Grand Jurors, one list to be returned to the Prothonotary, and one to the Clerk of the Peace; and the Clerk of the Peace for each district shall place the names of the Grand Jurors to be drawn for Sessions duty for such district in a Grand Jury Box, divided into four compartments, each compartment to contain all the names of Grand Jurors for one of such sections.

The Prothonotary shall place the names of the Grand Jurors for the whole County, in the Grand Jury Box, in eight compartments, each compartment to contain the names of the Jurors for one of such sections, and shall draw the names of three Grand Jurors from each of such compartments in the usual manner.

In drawing the Grand Jurors for Session's duties, the Clerks of the Peace shall draw the names of six Grand Jurors from each compartment in the usual manner.

Eight of such Jurors shall always continue in office for two years, and shall consist of the two first names drawn from each of such four compartments in each year.

After the drawing of the first of Grand Jurors, under this Act, sixteen names only, being four for each section, shall be annually drawn. This section to be applicable to Jurors for Sessions only.

The Panels of Grand Jurors for the years 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, and 1870, are hereby legalized and confirmed, notwithstanding any omissions, errors, or irregularities in the preparations thereof, or in the proceedings connected therewith.

So much of chap. 136 of the Revised Statutes, and of chapter 8 of the Acts of 1865, as is consistent with this Act is hereby repealed.

Thus, with reference to the original formation of the selection, and the ultimate mode of the verdict, all the three Provinces differ.

In the mode of striking a Special Jury, they equally differ.

In Ontario and New Brunswick any party to a cause may have the issue tried by a Special Jury, as a matter of right, subject to the ultimate decision of the Court, as to the party who is to bear the expense thereof.

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