

The court in each District shall be presided over by one of the chief justices or judges of the superior courts, or in their absence, by some one judge, including Judges of the Court of Appeals of the 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 autumn of each year, as follows:—

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

The courts in each circuit are presided over by the chancellor or one of the vice-chancellors, or by any 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.

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#### HEIR AND DEVISEE COMMISSION.

Commissioners—The Chief Justice of Appeal, and the Judges of the Courts of Queen's Bench, Chancery and Common Pleas. Their duties are to determine claims to lands in the Province of Ontario, for which no patent has issued from the Crown, in favor of the proper claimants, whether as heirs, devisees, or assignees. Clerk—William B. Heward.

#### COUNTY COURTS.

Their jurisdiction is similar to the Court of Queen's Bench but is limited in amount, and does not include cases involving the title to lands (with the exception of actions of ejectment in specified cases, validity of wills, or action for libel, crim. con. or seduction. An appeal lies in certain cases to either of the superior courts of law.

#### INSOLVENCY COURTS.

These Courts regulate proceedings respecting assignments for the benefit of creditors, the winding up of the estates of insolvent debtors, &c. They are established in each county, and are presided over by the County Judges.

#### SURROGATE COURTS.

There is a Surrogate court in each county which grants probate or administration, and has testamentary jurisdiction subject to an appeal to the Court of Chancery. The county Judge presides. There is a Registrar to each court, besides the Surrogate Clerk (Sir James Lukin Robinson), who is an officer of the Court of Chancery.

#### COURTS OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Chairman—The county Judge in each county, who, with one or more Justices of the Peace holds a Court or General Session in his county twice a year (except in the county of York, where three courts will be held in the year) for trials by jury in cases of felony and misdemeanor, and for the decision of appeals from summary convictions of Magistrates.

#### COUNTY JUDGES' CRIMINAL COURTS.

All persons charged with an offence for which he might be tried at a Court of General Sessions of the Peace may, with consent, obtain a speedy trial out of Session before the Judge alone.