
REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE

APPOINTED TO ENQUIRE INTO THE PROCEDURE GOVERNING THE
OFFICE OF SHERIFF.

Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee appointed to enquire into the procedure which governs the office of Sheriff, and the remuneration of that office, and to suggest any legislation in respect of this office which may be deemed to be of advantage to the Province, have the honour to report as follows:—

That the Province is at present divided into seven bailiwicks, or Sheriff's districts, and that the present division is not a convenient one.

That the present system of paying Sheriffs, partly by fees and partly by salary, is very unsatisfactory, and we recommend to the favourable consideration of the Government that a different system be adopted, whereby the Sheriffs shall be paid fixed salaries and give adequate securities to the Treasury for all fees collected by them.

Your Committee are of opinion that the bailiwicks should be made coterminous with the County Court Districts, as the same are defined in the "County Court Act, 1883," and that it would be less confusing if the bailiwicks were called counties.

Your Committee also recommend to the consideration of the Government the appointment of Bailiffs, for the purpose of lessening the cost of the service of legal documents.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. B. MARTIN,
Chairman.