

Wilson, K.C., for plaintiffs. MacNeill, K.C., Macdonald, K.C., and A. M. Whiteside, for various parties.

Morrison, J.] PLOWMAN v. PLOWMAN. [Feb. 15.

Divorce—Petition for, signed by solicitor for petitioner—Petitioner domiciled within jurisdiction.

In an action for dissolution of marriage, the petition must be signed by the petitioner himself, and not by his solicitor for him, unless leave be given by the court in special circumstances.

Walkem, for petitioner. Spinks, for respondent.

Morrison, J.] MACKENZIE v. CHILLIWHACK. [Feb. 22.

Municipal corporations—Suicide of prisoner in jail—Negligence of caretaker while discharging duties imposed by legislature.

Action against a municipality by widow of prisoner who, while confined in municipal lock-up set fire to cell and was burned to death, owing to negligence of caretaker.

Held, that the municipality was not liable for the negligence of the caretaker while acting in discharge of his duties, said duties being of a public nature and prescribed by the legislature, and in the performance of which the municipality had no private interest and from which it in no way derives any benefit in its corporate capacity.

Martin, K.C., for plaintiff. Reid, K.C., for defendant.

Book Reviews.

Butterworth's Yearly Digest of Reported Cases for the Year 1908. Edited by G. R. HILL, Barrister-at-law, and HARRY CLOVER, Barrister-at-law. London: Butterworth & Co., 11 and 12 Bell Yard, Temple Bar, law publishers. 1909.

This volume is the first annual supplement to Butterworth's Ten Year Digest, and contains the cases decided in the English Supreme and other courts, including a copious selection of reported cases decided in the Irish and Scotch courts, with a list of cases digested, overruled and considered, and of statutes, orders, rules, etc., referred to.