

Toronto Railway for breach of a statutory duty imposed on it not to deposit the snow removed from their railway tracks, otherwise than out of the city, without the consent of the city's engineer. It was contended that such duties must be enforced through the Railway and Municipal Board which it was claimed had exclusive jurisdiction in such matters. The Judicial Committee (Lords Finlay, Cave, and Shaw) however, were of the opinion that the jurisdiction of the Railway and Municipal Board did not exclude the jurisdiction of the Courts—and they at the same time intimate that in their view there is nothing in the Act constituting the Board giving it jurisdiction to award damages for a tort or breach of contract. On the merits their Lordships were clear that the railway company had violated the Act and the appeal was therefore dismissed.

### Flotsam and Jetsam.

A concatenation of ideas brought to our mind multitudinous Bills introduced into the Legislature of one of the Provinces of this Dominion now in session; and then there arose the hope that we might be able to record the fact of there having been much prevented legislation in that Assembly. If one half of the proposed Acts should become law, it is a fair presumption that the statute law of that Province is in a sadly defective condition. But we had forgotten that every member from a rural constituency must make some effort to shew that he has done something to earn his salary by bringing in a Bill "To amend the Municipal Law," or such like. Happily most of these Bills die in infancy. All this however costs money, which brought another reflection, namely: Would it not be advisable, as well as economical, in the public interest, to return to the good old days when members of Parliament and aldermen thought the honor of being such was sufficient remuneration for their services? There is no doubt that the temptation of a salary brings to the front too many of those who become politicians for what there is in it, and not from any patriotic motive, and not because anybody wants them there except themselves.