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THE VILLAGE OF HINTONBURG V. THE OTTAWA STREET RAILWAY.—Judgment was given in this case on the 18th inst. On the finding of an arbitration, the village of Hintonburg had to pay some \$6,000 damages to the George Matthews Company, of Ottawa, for damage sustained by the raising of the grade of one of the streets of the suburb. The action against the Street Railway was for an indemnity for that amount, for the grading was done by the company in laying their tracks. Judge McMahon, however, dismisses the suit with costs. He holds that the Railway Company were empowered to grade the streets by the municipality, and by that authorization the building of its lines and the consequences became the act of the corporation, which alone is liable.

TORONTO BOARD OF TRADE.

The annual meeting of this body was held on Tuesday, 24th January, the retiring president, Mr. Elias Rogers, in the chair. There was a good attendance of members. After some routine business the treasurer's report was submitted, showing a decided improvement in the financial condition of the Board, over that of the twelve months previously. It was adopted. The out-going president then delivered his address, reviewing the work of the Board, and giving his views on some features of the commercial situation. Following him, the newly-elected president, Mr. A. E. Kemp, read a carefully-prepared paper, containing suggestions on a number of trade points. To both these addresses we refer elsewhere.

On the preceding Tuesday, as our readers already know, Mr. A. E. Ames was elected 1st vice-president of the Board, Mr. W. F. H. Massey, 2nd vice-president, and Mr. John L. Spink, treasurer. A ballot was taken at the annual meeting for members of the Council and the Arbitration Board. The following were elected:

Council (fifteen members).—William Christie, D. R. Wilkie, Ed. Gurney, W. D. Matthews, Hugh N. Baird, Elias Rogers, W. G. Gooderham, F. W. Cockshutt, Wm. Ince, Jr.; Barlow Cumberland, Peleg Howland, Jas. D. Allan, John F. Ellis, Wm. Stone, C. W. Band.

Board of Arbitration (twelve members).—John I. Davidson, Andrew Darling, John Carrick, J. H. G. Hagarty, Thos. Flynn, Samuel Rogers, Thomas Walmsley, Wm. Gibrath, D. O. Ellis, W. M. Stark, R. J. Score, J. H. Sproule. Representatives on Harbor Commission.—W. A. Geddes, J. T. Matthews.

At the annual meeting of the St. John Bridge and Railway Extension Company, the following directors were elected: Judge Barker, John H. Parks, Hon. T. R. Jones, W. H. Thorne, Thomas Williams (Moncton), H. H. McLean and Payson Tucker. Mr. Tucker succeeds Simeon Jones on the directorate.

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