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AT OSBOURNE HALL.

The Case of *Reese v. McFarlane* Comes Up

Before Justice Ross—A Central Bank

Matter—To-day's Lists.

The most interesting case yesterday

was undoubtedly that of *Reese v. McFarlane*.

tried before Mr. Justice Ross. It will be

concluded today. The parties reside in

the famous village of Markham. The plain-

tiffs are the widow, son, adult daughter

and infant daughter of *Christie McFarlane*.

deceased, and they seek to be relieved of

a bond they executed conditioned in

sum of \$10,000. The bond acknowledged

the receipt by the plaintiffs of \$10,000 in

consideration of which, the plaintiffs

within two years to procure the conveyance

of the infant plaintiff, *William McFarlane*, to

the defendant, *Archibald McFarlane*, and

the defendant, *Archibald McFarlane*, con-

sidered that he was practically the

owner of the land, and borrowed by way

of mortgage from his three co-defendants

about \$800. *Archibald* proceeded with the

erection of valuable buildings on the land,

the spacious offices in which were to be

occupied by the Standard Bank and the

Markham Sun newspaper. Just prior to

the time the tenants were to take possession

of their offices the building became a

heap of ruins, and remains so to this

day. Some of the people of Markham say

that the fall was due to a vendetta prob-

ably the same that disturbed the Q. B.

Divisional Court a short time since, when

it was said that the *Reese* family had been

driven out of the village by the *McFarlane*

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SOLD A WIFE FOR BEER.

A Tale From Yorkshire Demonstrates That

Fiction Cannot Get Ahead

of the Truth.

London, March 9.—In *Merborough, York-*

shire, last week John Tait, a miner, went

to a tavern with his wife and offered her

agreement to make her his wife. Mr. Tait

and his wife also signed the document.

Children and the woman then took Mr.

Tait for lodger, but after five months he

went away, and she sued for desertion,

claiming that she signed the agreement

for a sale of a wife is the most sensational

feature of one of Thomas Hardy's novels,

for which apparent improbability has been

severely criticized.

NOT STUCK ON THE JOB.

Robert Foster, the Grand Trunk Man, Did

Not Care to Become a Bailiff.

St. Thomas, March 9.—Robert Foster, the

Grand Trunk engineer, who was appointed

by the Ontario Legislature as bailiff of

the Second and Third Divisions of the

Highway, has resigned. He only received the

appointment of his high position a few

weeks ago and had not yet entered upon

his duties. He was appointed to the

position, but he was not exactly stuck on the

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CHICAGO WHEAT FIRMER

Although Liverpool Closed

Weak at a Decline.

LOCAL MARKETS ARE DULL

A Moderate Business on the Toronto

Stock Exchange.

Bank Shares Continue Firm—A Slight De-

cline in Consols—Domestic Cotton Stock

Quiet and Irregular—Reduction of

Dividend in Manhattan—Lard Weak

in Liverpool—In Chicago Provisions

Closed Firm—Latest Commercial News.

Tuesday Evening, March 9.

Lard is 3d lower in Liverpool.

Wheat futures in Liverpool closed 3d

lower than yesterday.

Cash wheat in Chicago 3/4c higher at

74 1/2c.

May wheat on 74 1/2c.

Butter May wheat 74 1/2c, call 76.

At Toledo clover seed closed at \$4.97 for

March and April.

Receipts of grain at Chicago to-day:

Wheat 32,000 bushels, 45c. Estimated

market strength at 150,000 bushels.

Cattle receipts at Chicago to-day 2500;

market strength at 150,000 bushels.

Receipts of hogs at Chicago to-day 20,000;

market strength at 150,000 bushels.

Car receipts at Chicago to-day 2500;

market strength at 150,000 bushels.

Receipts of wheat at Liverpool the past

three days were 71,000 bushels, including

25,000 bushels of American corn, same

time, 25,000 bushels.

Receipts of wheat at Minneapolis and

Duluth to-day 327 cars, against 467 cars

the corresponding week last year.

Exports at New York to-day: Flour 83,000

bushels and 3075 sacks; wheat 52,510 bushels.

Receipts of wheat at Port William and

Port Arthur were 2,888,000 bushels, as

against 2,740,000 bushels a week ago and

as against 2,740,000 bushels a week ago.

Bradstreet predicts that at present the

supply of wheat in this country, for the

year ending July 1, will be smallest since 1891.

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