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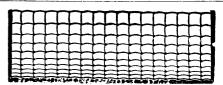
Re HODGINS AND CITY OF TORONTO -An appeal by the corporation of the city of Toronto from order and decision of Street, J., quashing certain parts of By-Law No. 3,239 of the city passed April 9th, 1834, and holding that persons who will be affected by proceedings under Section 623 (b) of the Municipal Act, 1892, for the construction of sidewalks, are entitled to actual notice thereof, and to be permitted to show, if they can, that the proposed sidewalk is not desirable in the public interest; and where such notice has been given by advertisement in a newspaper which has not come to the attention of the applicant, it is just as if no notice had been given. Appeal to the Court of Appeal dismissed with costs.

--Writing of the happy release of Mr. Erastus Wiman from those unfortunate troubles that overwhelmed him some time ago, the Brooklyn Eagle says: "All the appellate courts unanimously decided that Mr. Wiman was unjustly convicted, and, on Monday, every one of the indictments against him was dismissed. He is now a free man and a vindicated man, richer by an experience of suffering, by an education of affliction and by a knowledge of the instability of pretended, and of the reality of sincere friendships. We are heartily glad that the State of New York was not made an instrument of wrong in his case."

-A large deputation waited upon the Minister of Railways and Canals and asked for a subsidy for the Kingston and Smith's Falls Railway from Smith's Falls to Ottawa. The speakers claimed that Sir John Thompson had promised that the road should receive a subsidy as soon as the local municipalities had granted bonuses. Upon this promise the company had last session secured a Government subsidy for that portion of its line from Smith's Falls to Kingston. Ten municipalities along the proposed line from Smith's Falls to Ottawa had now granted bonuses, and the deputation asked that the Government subsidy be extended to that portion of the line as promised The minister promised to lay the matter before his colleagues.

-Application was made at the High Court for the appointment of a receiver to the Central Counties Railway Company. Mr. Gorman, on behalf of the plaintiff, Shaver, informed Mr. Justice Street that two lines controlled by the company were now leased to the Canada Atlantic Railway. There are no other assets, which can be reached by the ordinary process of execution, which processes have been in the hands of sheriffs of the counties. It is hoped that some assets may yet be available, hence the application. The Trust Corporation of Ontario has been appointed to receive all monies and property when or wheresoever it may accrue, and dispose of the same as the court may direct.

THE Legislature of New Brunswick has passed a bill which will have the effect of curtailing the number of licenses issued for the sale of liquor in that province. This bill was adopted on a vote of 24 to 18, and it is thought that the effect will be a reduction of over \$20,000 a year on the revenue of the city of St. John. In order to obtain a license the applicant was obliged to obtain the signature of at least onethird of the ratepayers in the district; now the petition must be signed by half the ratepayers.



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