

in the operation of an electric car running on a tract on the highway. The jury found, (1), that the plaintiff's horse was wrongfully on the defendants' right of way, but (2), that the defendants could, by the exercise of reasonable care, have avoided the accident. The only negligence proved or which could be considered was that the motorman should have seen the horse sooner.

Held, 1. There is no such thing as negligence in the abstract. Negligence is simply neglect of some care which one is bound by law to exercise towards somebody.

2. That as the defendants were rightly upon the locus in quo, they did not owe any duty to the plaintiff in respect of his straying horse, which was a trespasser, except to use of proper precautions after discovering a condition of things which would be likely to cause an accident.

3. The case might be different if it had been proved that the township was in the habit of permitting a violation of their by-law, so that the horse might be expected upon the highway, or if, for any other reason, horses running at large were to be expected to be on the road and therefore on the track.

See *Barnett v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, ante, page 385.

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THE LAW SOCIETY OF ALBERTA.

The eighth convention was held at Lethbridge on July 4, 5. A very satisfactory report was presented by the treasurer. The secretary reported that during seven months since the last Convocation, 35 barristers and solicitors had been enrolled, bringing the total number up to 347. The solicitor of the society reported on some matters of discipline; this report shewing that this important part of the duties of a law society had apparently been well attended to. Grants were made to branch libraries at Wetaskiwin, Red Deer, Medicine Hat, Macleod and Lethbridge. It was decided to co-operate with the Law Society of Saskatchewan in endeavouring to have the Provincial Governments of Alberta and Saskatchewan jointly re-print the complete ordinances of the North-West Territories. Speaking generally, we may gather that the business appertaining to the welfare of the legal profession in the Province of Alberta is being carefully attended to. The President is Mr. James Muir, K.C., and the secretary, Mr. Chas. F. Adams.