

and, having acted upon it ever since, proposed to maintain the same policy, when the plaintiff, one of the ratepayers, commenced this action for an injunction to restrain the City Council from continuing to enforce the resolution, alleging that competent laborers could be engaged for 15 cents per hour, and that the council had no right to spend the ratepayers' money thus extravagantly and unnecessarily, and moved for an interim order.

Affidavits were filed on behalf of defendants tending to show that 17½ cents per hour was not more than a fair living rate of wages in Winnipeg, and that it was not in the interest of the city to have a large number of its people employed at less than a fair living wage, even if the work would thereby cost the city less.

Held, that the matter in dispute appeared to be a question of policy in the city government, as to the expediency of which the ratepayers and not the court should pronounce; more especially as the resolution had been acted upon by three successive councils, and there had been several opportunities for the electors to express their opinions upon such policy, if they had disapproved of it; and that the application should be dismissed. Costs reserved until the hearing.

Tubper, Q.C., and *Phipps* for plaintiff. *Ewart*, Q.C., and *J. Campbell*, for defendants.

Book Reviews.

The Dominion Law Index (1867-1897), 2nd edition, by HARRIS H. BLAGH, Q.C., Librarian of the Supreme Court of Canada, and WALTER TODD, of the Private Bills Department, House of Commons, Ottawa. Toronto: The Canada Law Journal Co., 1898.

The first edition of this work appeared in 1891, and met with a decided success, filling the long-felt want of an index to federal legislation since the British North America Act. The present edition is much enlarged and improved, and constitutes a most comprehensive and systematically arranged index, not only of all the legislation of the Dominion, repealed and unrepealed, public and private, but of such Imperial statutes, treaties, and orders-in-council as affect Canada. The Criminal Code has received special attention, and has been indexed so thoroughly in this work that it is thought to be not possible that a seeker should fail to make a satisfactory search, whether he directs himself to the most commonly accepted subject title concerned, or to a more obscure collateral heading. The material thus indexed embraces 81 volumes, and must have necessitated a most laborious and painstaking preparation by the authors. The typographical arrangement of the book is excellent, and we have no doubt that the profession will welcome it as a time-saving device, the use of which will in a short time save any one many times its price.

Index to the Railway Act of Canada and amending Acts, by WALTER VAUGHAN, Esq., late of the law department of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. Toronto, 1898: The Canada Law Journal Co.

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