
ENGLISH CASES.

EDITORIAL REVIEW OF CURRENT ENGLISH DECISIONS.

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The Law Reports for March comprise (1896) 1 Q.B. pp. 137-252; (1896) P. pp. 65-94; (1896) 1 Ch. pp. 197-350; and (1896) A. C. pp. 1-94.

COPYRIGHT—INJUNCTION—PROPERTY IN UNPUBLISHED INFORMATION—PROCURING BREACH OF CONTRACT—DAMAGES.

Exchange Telegraph Co. v. Gregory, (1896) 1 Q.B. 147, was an action to restrain a defendant from fraudulently procuring or publishing news, collected by the plaintiffs for the benefit of their customers. By an arrangement with the Committee of the Stock Exchange the plaintiffs, in consideration of payments made to the Committee, acquired the sole privilege of obtaining the quotations in stocks and shares from the floor of the Stock Exchange. Information as to the buying and selling price of stocks and shares, with the time of each quotation, was gathered by the plaintiffs, and from time to time during the day supplied to their subscribers. Each subscriber, by the terms of his contract with the plaintiffs, agreed that the information so supplied should not be sold or communicated by him to non-subscribers. The information was also published by the plaintiffs in a newspaper which was duly registered. The defendant, who was not a subscriber, procured the above-mentioned information from a person who was a subscriber, and posted it up on boards and other places in his office as soon as it arrived from his informant. Mathew, J., who tried the action, awarded the plaintiffs an injunction restraining the defendant from printing or multiplying copies or colorable imitations of the plaintiffs' copyright information as published in the newspaper. Also from obtaining such information and communicating the same to persons frequenting his office, and also from inducing the plaintiffs' subscribers to break their contracts with the plaintiffs, by supplying him with the information in question. The