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STREET RAILWAY LAW.

The following resume of judgments in street railway cases has been made recently by the Boston Transcript:

A North Carolina court holds that a woman is not required to exercise any greater degree of care in alighting from a street car than a man would. She is merely bound by the rule of the "prudent man"-that is to say, she is only bound to exercise such care as an ordinarily prudent man placed in like or similar circumstances would do.

The Supreme Court of Michigan recently held that a conductor is not bound to give women and children assistance in alighting from cars.

The Supreme Court of New Jersey says it is not required that the railway companies give audible warning of the approach of their cars to children playing on the sidewalk. It is enough, if the motorman makes every effort to arrest the motion of the car when such children rush from the sidewalk and run directly in front of the car.

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has held that it is the duty of those in charge of a moving car to stop it and take the child, who is stealing a ride, either inside the car, or else stop the car and put him off. In the case in point the company was held liable for injury to a child, who was riding on the step, who, on being frightened by the conductor, fell off and was injured.

The Supreme Court of Alabama, in a recent decision, says the Street Railway Review, upholds the rulings of a lower court that whites and negroes should occupy separate portions of street cars.

On Wednesday of this week the Imperial Bank of Canada opened a branch in Ottawa, under the management of Mr. Montague Anderson. The office is at No. 102 Wellington street, in that city.

WE learn that Mr. Arthur Lamalice, who has been very successful as chief of the advertising staff of La Presse, leaves that paper to accept a similar position on Le Journal, of Montreal.

A MATTER, which creates much sensation in commercial and financial circles of St. John, is the arrest of Fred. S. Whittaker, marine insurance agent, of that city, charged with uttering forged paper bearing the names of J. M. Smith, of Windsor; Alex. Ray, of Maitland; S. A. Crowell & Co., of Yarmouth, and Charles D. W. Smith, of Windsor, all Nova Scotia towns. Mr. Whittaker was taken into custody several days ago at the instance of the Bank of New Brunswick, and it was believed there would be a settlement. But the court proceedings now being taken, make this improbable. At first it was said the amount at stake was about \$18,000, but it is now said the sum of \$50,000 will not meet the deficiency. It is stated, as tending to account for Whittaker's resort to so hazardous a proceeding as is alleged, that he was involved in serious financial loss by the death recently of Charles A. Palmer, barrister, for whom he had signed much

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