

NICHOLAS MURPHY V. PETER RYAN.

A writ for \$10,000 for slander—The Gold Cure in Court—Major Fleming's Case Settled.

Jane E. Mulligan of Gananoque is suing John A. C. Thompson of the same place, merchant, for \$20,000 damages for the seduction of her daughter, Catherine Clark, a married woman, who at the time of the alleged seduction was separated from her husband and living with her mother. An order was made by Mr. Winchester yesterday allowing the defendant to amend his defence by setting up a plea that the child was born in lawful wedlock.

The motion in Ward v. Fleming to attach His Worship the Mayor did not come up before Chief Justice Galt, the matter having been settled out of court.

A motion was made for an injunction in the action of James and Charles McDonald of Niagara Falls against L. W. Murphy of 19 More Park, Toronto, but was adjourned for one week. The plaintiffs claim an injunction restraining the defendant, an expert, from carrying on business at More Park as the Toronto Bi-Chloride of Gold Cure Institute and for the appointment of a receiver. The defendant, under an agreement, and is carrying on business in contravention of the agreement. Smellie & Macrae are solicitors for the plaintiffs.

The motion for an injunction in the action of Livingston against the directors of the Toronto Junction Mechanical Institute was argued and judgment was reserved. The plaintiff asks to have the defendants restrained from removing the Institute from the Campbell to the Kilbourn block and from otherwise acting as directors. He claims that the directors were not legally elected to the position.

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