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## LEGAL DECISIONS AFFECTING MUNICIPALITIES.

S. G. McKay, acting judge, has given judgment against the county of Oxford, in an action brought by a local stationer to compel payment of an account for stationery furnished Judge Finkle. The defence put in by the county was that payment of the account could only be enforced by mandamus. The acting judge held that this was only a technical objection. Some importance attaches to this suit inasmuch as it is the first case of the kind tried in the province. Another account for stationery supplied the Surrogate Court officials by a Toronto firm has been transferred to the high court by certiorari and will be tried at the spring assizes.

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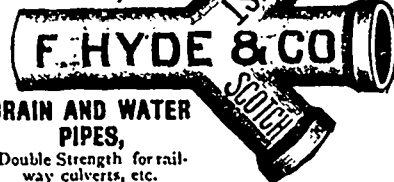
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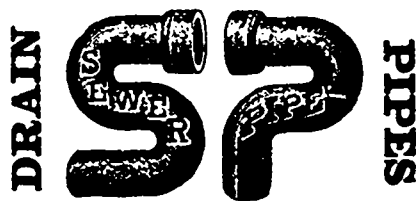
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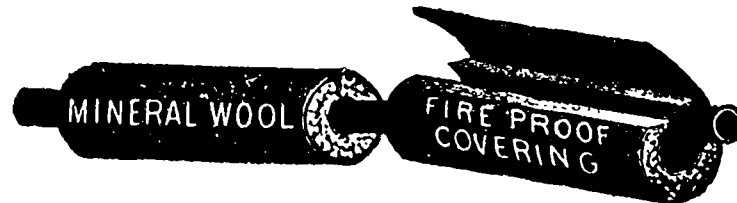
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