

the question, how, having regard to general principles and authority, it will be proper to deal with cases, if and when any such arise, in which it shall be clearly proved that a judgment has been obtained by the fraud of one of the parties, which judgment, but for such fraud, would have been in favor of the other party. I should much regret to feel myself compelled to hold that the court had no power to deprive the successful but fraudulent party of the advantages to be derived from what he had so obtained by fraud." The Lord Justice James, speaking for the Lord Justice Thesiger as well as himself, relies upon the old maxim, the caption of this article: "Where is litigation to end if a judgment obtained in an action fought out adversely between two litigants *sui juris* and at arm's length could be set aside by a fresh action on the ground that perjury had been committed in the first action, or that false answers had been given to interrogations, or a misleading production of documents, or of a machine, or of a process, had been given? There are hundreds of actions tried every year in which the evidence is irreconcilably conflicting, and must be on the one side or other wilfully and corruptly perjured. In this case, if the plaintiffs had sustained on this appeal the judgment in their favor, the present defendants in their turn might bring a fresh action to set that judgment aside on the ground of perjury of the principal witness and subornation of perjury; and so the parties might go on alternately *ad infinitum*. . . . Perjuries, falsehoods, frauds, when detected, must be punished and punished severely; but in their desire to prevent parties litigant from obtaining any benefit from such foul means, the court must not forget the evils which may arise from opening such new sources of litigation, amongst such evils, not the least being that it would be certain to multiply indefinitely the mass of those very perjuries, falsehoods and frauds."

This reasoning seems to us unanswerable, but the doubt having been raised it is not long in being made use of. In *Stewart v. Sutton*, 8 Ont. R. 341, the point came up on demurrer and should, we think, have been settled one way