

beginning instead of at the end, but the same result is reached. If this or some similar scheme were adopted, there would be a great saving of expense, and the evidence would perhaps be more satisfactory to the judges. Under some such system, there would certainly be no ground for suspicion as to the honesty of medical expert evidence, and there can be no doubt that the parties to the action would continue to receive the full benefit of those differences of opinion, which do now, and always should, exist between medical men, who are called upon to make practical application of a science beset with grave difficulties and fraught with the most serious problems of life.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTION—DISQUALIFICATION—CONTRACT WITH COUNCIL.—RELEASE BY COMMITTEE—RATIFICATION BY COUNCIL.

In re Gloucester Election, Ford v. Neath (1901) 1 Q.B. 683, a candidate for election as a town councillor had in answer to an advertisement by the municipal corporation, offered to supply for twelve months, to the corporation, certain goods at specified prices, and his offer was accepted. Afterwards he applied to a committee of the council to be released from the contract, and the committee resolved that, subject to the approval of the council, he be released from the date of the resolution. He was afterwards nominated as a candidate and elected a town councillor. After his nomination the council approved the resolution of the committee releasing him from his contract. His election was contested on the ground that he was disqualified by reason of the contract, and it was held by Darling and Channell, J.J., that the advertisement, tender and acceptance constituted a contract, and that the respondent had an interest therein, and that he was not effectually released until the passing of the council resolution confirming the resolution of the committee, and that the release did not relate back to the date of the resolu-