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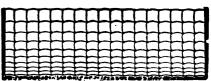
BRIDGEWATER CHEESE FACTORY Co. v. Murphy.—The plaintiffs were an incorporated company and kept an account with defendants, who were private bankers in the village of Tweed. During the year 1893 the president of the plaintiffs deposited with defendants various sums which they knew were the moneys of plaintiffs. The action was to recover \$1,611, the balance on deposit. The defendants claimed the right to charge against this balance the amount of a note for \$1,600 made by one Sexsmith, a former president of the plaintiffs, and discounted with the defendants and credited to plaintiffs' account. The plaintiffs contended that the making and using of the note was not authorized by them; that the note was the individual note of Sexsmith, the proceeds of which he had caused to be credited to plaintiffs for moneys of theirs taken by him. The Court of Appeal took a different view from the trial judge, who had given judgment in favor of the plaintiffs.

JANES v. O'KEEFE.-Action brought for damages for breach of a covenant contained in a lease made by his predecessors in title to defendants to pay all taxes to be charged upon the demised premises, or upon the lessors on account thereof. The premises consisted of a building and lot on Yonge street, north of King street, in the city of Toronto, with a lane to the rear described as being north of the demised premises, over which the lease provided that the lessee might at any time erect a building or extension. In accordance with this, a building was erected over the lane. The lease also provided that, if the lessees elected not to renew, they were to pay a fair valuation for the building which should at that time be erected on the demised premises and over the lane. The trial judge held that the words "demised premises" in the covenant did not extend to the interest in the lane which passed for the lease, and from this view the Court of Appeal declined to differ.

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