

On the 21st of June, 1894, the plaintiffs' inspector visited Allan's premises, and got him to set apart about 10,000 pounds of bacon to represent the quantity covered by their warehouse receipt. This was done by removing the tickets of the Merchants Bank and putting on tickets to show that the bacon was the property of the plaintiffs, and the result was that the amount of bacon appropriated to the Merchants Bank was diminished to that extent. It further appeared that Allan had sold and removed all the bacon which had been hypothecated in March to the Merchants Bank and substituted other bacon in its place, so that at the date of the issue of the writ of replevin none of the original bacon referred to in the warehouse receipt held by the Merchants Bank was on hand, and there was not on the 21st of June enough bacon on the premises to cover the claims of the two banks. Allan having absconded a few days afterwards, the defendants took possession of all the bacon under their security.

Held, that the defendants were entitled to the property, and that, notwithstanding the language of s. 75 of the Act, a bank may take securities of the kind provided for by s. 74 even for pre-existing debts.

Howell, Q.C., and Ashbaugh for the plaintiffs.

Phippen and W. S. Tupper for the defendants.

Law Students' Department.

THE OSGOODE LEGAL AND LITERARY SOCIETY.

The recurrence of the annual "At Home" given by the Society furnishes occasion for a brief sketch of its doings during the present season, now almost ended.

The interest manifested by the profession in this time-honoured institution was shown by the incidents of the election of officers in October last to be as deep as ever, no less than 437 votes having been cast. The ticket led by Mr. Leighton McCarthy was returned to power, and the officers have been indefatigable in their efforts to maintain the standard and traditions of the Society. Meetings have been held almost every Saturday evening during the winter in Convocation Hall, with an average attendance exceeding fifty; and the enthusiasm evinced by all in the debates and other proceedings has been greater than for some years.

The public entertainments consisted of a debate held in November, and the "At Home" which took place on the 8th instant.

The programme of the former consisted of a number of vocal selections by Mrs. Frank MacKelcan, of Hamilton, assisted by one of Toronto's best tenor soloists; and a debate, participated in by four student-members of the Society.

The annual "At Home" has now become one of the social events of Toronto, and is looked forward to with pleasant anticipation by many not connected with the profession. The Library, Convocation Hall, and upper rooms of the Law School furnish beautiful accommodation for the "light fantastic," whilst