COUNTY OF WENTWORTH v. HAMILTON RADIAL ETC. CO. 331

FIRST DIVISIONAL COURT.

DECEMBER 26TH, 1917.

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Street Railway—Agreement with City Corporation—Privileges— Annual Payments to Corporation—By-law—Construction— Judgment in Former Action—Res Adjudicata—Question in Issue in this Action not Decided in Former—Discontinuance of Operation of Part of Line—Mileage Rate, whether Payable on Part not Operated—Obligation for Continuous Operation of whole Railway Deducible from Provisions of By-law— Damages for Breach of Obligation.

Appeal by the defendant company from the judgment of SUTHERLAND, J., 12 O.W.N. 379.

The appeal was heard by MEREDITH, C.J.O., MACLAREN, MAGEE, HODGINS, and FERGUSON, JJ.A.

D. L. McCarthy, K.C., and A. H. Gibson, for the appellant company.

J. L. Counsell, for the plaintiff county corporation, respondent.

MEREDITH, C.J.O., reading the judgment of the Court, said that the action was brought to recover the amount of the annual instalments which the respondent corporation alleged were due to it under the terms of an agreement between the parties, dated the 19th June, 1905—the instalments sued for being those payable on the 1st January, 1915, 1916, and 1917.

By a by-law of the council of the respondent corporation, passed on the 10th June, 1905, the right, under certain conditions and subject to certain terms mentioned in the by-law, to construct, maintain, and operate a single-track electric railway on the Main street road from Sherman avenue to the Delta and on the King street road from the Delta easterly through Bartonville to the Saltfleet town-line, was granted to the appellant company; and by the agreement the appellant company covenanted to "perform, observe, and comply with all the agreements, obligations, terms, and conditions" contained in the by-law.

The compensation which the respondent corporation was to receive for the grant of the rights and privileges which it granted was provided for by para. 24 of the by-law, in sums of money to be paid according to mileage "of railway operated on the said county roads under this by-law."