

the stream in question, and they sought to show that it did not, in fact, so apply, but the Court (Wills and Wright, JJ.) held that the order of the County Court was equivalent to a judgment, and estopped the defendants from now setting up, as a reason for not obeying it, any ground which might have been taken when the order was applied for, and that if there had been any mistake the defendants' only remedy was by action to get it rectified. See *Ainsworth v. Wilding* (1896), 1 Ch. 673; ante. vol. 32, p. 471.

GAMING—PLACE USED FOR BETTING—"BETTING WITH PERSONS RESORTING THERETO"—PAYMENT OF BETS MADE ELSEWHERE—BETTING ACT, 1853 (15 & 16 VICT., c. 119) s. 1—(CR. CODE, s. 197.)

*Bradford v. Dawson*, (1897) 1 Q.B. 307, was a case stated by a magistrate under the Betting Act, 1853 (15 & 16 Vict., c. 119), and the question raised thereby was whether the defendant's attendance at the bar of a beerhouse on several days at the same hour in the evening and paying there bets made with him elsewhere, to persons who had won the same—was a using of the bar for the purpose of betting with persons resorting thereto, within the meaning of sec. 1 of the Act from which Cr. Code s. 197 (a) is derived. The case was argued before a Court of five judges, viz., Hawkins, Cave, Wills, Wright and Kennedy, JJ., and they were unanimous that the attendance at the bar for the purpose of paying bets made elsewhere was not using the place for the purpose of betting; as Wills, J., succinctly put it, "the payment of a bet made and lost is not 'betting.'" Wright, J., expressed some little doubt, but as the Act was penal, agreed that it must be strictly construed. See, however, *Reg. v. Giles*, 26 O.R. 586.

INTERPLEADER—ORDER FOR SALE OF GOODS—TITLE OF PURCHASER.

In *Goodlock v. Cousins*, (1897) 1 Q.B. 348, it was determined by Wills and Wright, J.J., on appeal from a County Court, that where a sale of goods taken in execution is ordered on an interpleader proceeding, the purchaser acquires a good title as against all the parties to the proceedings, no matter what may be the result of the issue.