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### Liability of Building Contractors.

A case of interest to architects and contractors was heard before Magistrate Love at London, Ont. recently, when Mr. J. B. Smallman and Contractor E. Martyn appeared in court charged with breaking the bylaw, which states that proper measures shall be taken for the protection of workmen.

City Engineer Graydon, who laid the information, claimed that as there was no flooring as yet in the new Smallman & Ingram building, the workmen on the ground floors were in danger of being struck by falling tools, materials, etc., from the upper stories; while workmen on the upper parts of the building might fall a long way and sustain seriuos injury.

Mr. J. B. Smallman stated to the court that he did not think he was to blame as the bylaw had not been passed until three months after he had let the contracts for the work. It seemed to him that it was the contractors' place to look out for that part of it.

One of the contractors, Mr. Martyn said he undertook to do the brickwork, and had nothing to do with putting in the floors. A New York firm has the contract for putting in the cement floors.

Magistrate Love said he thought that all the contractors should have been brought before him in order that he might determine the case.

An effort will be made to have the New York firm's representatives give evidence, and in the meantime the magistrate has ordered that all work below the fourth floor be stopped. A temporary floor will be put in above that, and work will shortly be gone on with there.

### Replacing loan to T & N O.

Arrangements have been made in England whereby bills of the Province of Ontario for nearly half a million pounds were placed privately in Lombard street. The bills, which are dated May 1st, appear to be discounted at the low rate of 3 per cent., which, it is pointed out, reflects favorably on the credit of Ontario. This is the loan of \$400,000 announced by Col. Matheson, Provincial Treasurer, in the last Legislature, of which about \$300,000 is to replace money advanced by the province to the Temiskaming Railway.

The Superior Portland Cement Company of Orangeville has started its furnaces and will be running night and day until next January with a staff of about 50 men.

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