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Bernard and Beno Levison, New York, dry goods merchants, have entered suit against E. A. Wills, secretary of the Board of Trade, and John Macdonald, chairman of the Dry Goods Section of the Board of Trade, for unstated damages, for alleged libel. The action arises out of an alleged reference made in a circular of the Dry Goods Section, issued in connection with a dispute over the value of goods of the New York merchants. It is resolved by the Dry Goods Section to defend the action.

It is claimed for the Royal Electric Company, whose fifteenth annual meeting has just been held in Montreal, that its 450 horse motor now in use by the St. Cunegonde pumping station is the largest electrically driven pumping plant so far established in the world. The company has also "installed a plant at Hamilton, Ont., for transmitting electric current the longest distance and at the highest voltage of any electric plant in Canada." At the meeting on Monday the former board was superseded by another, prominent in which is Col. Strathy.

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