

THE judgment of His Honour Judge McDougall, published in another place (*post* p. 69), is an intelligent and sensible decision on a point which has not, so far as we know, heretofore been judicially determined. The courts have very properly refused to listen to the testimony of jurors to prove irregularities or misconduct committed in the jury room, or to state what has passed therein, or to disclose the method adopted by the jurymen in arriving at their verdicts. But there is a marked difference between this and showing by jurymen themselves attempts at undue influence or corruption on the part of litigants or their friends. In the latter case, the learned judge thought he should receive their evidence and set aside a verdict given under such circumstances.

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AN item in the *Cape Law Journal* brings forcibly to one's mind early days in this Province, long before railways were thought of, and when the grandfathers of some of our profession carried bags of flour on their shoulders to their homes in the western wilds, now St. Patrick's ward in the city of Toronto; whilst others, who lived north of "Muddy Little York," took the stage, and besides the privilege of paying their fare were also allowed to walk beside the wagon, carrying a fence rail to help lift it out of mud holes when occasion required. It appears that Mr. Justice Buchanan had to go on circuit during the rainy season from Umata to Kokstad, arriving at the latter place after four days' journey an hour or two before the sitting of the court, but, owing to the breakdown of the vehicle, with nothing but the clothing he wore. We are told the learned judge accepted the loan of a gown of moderate proportions from one of the Bar, and also a pair of bands, to uphold the dignity of his position. Two barristers who also braved the journey, but travelled by a different route, were reported to have been drowned in crossing a bridgeless river, but turned up in a wrecked condition in time to protect the interests of their clients.

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THE Supreme Court of Michigan has given a judgment (*Mahoney v. Detroit City Railway*), referred to on page 90 of the current volume of the *Central Law Journal*, which is of some interest in these days. It appears that the defendants' street car in which