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THE PEOPLE vs. THE PROFESSION.

HUNTER v. OGDEN.

At the Assizes recently held in Toronto by Chief Justice Richards, an action for breach of contract was brought by one Thos. Hunter, a journey man bricklayer, now of this city, but formerly a member of Forrest's cavalry in the Confederate army, against Dr. Uzziel Ogden of Toronto, and as we think it brings up issues of very serious import to the whole profession throughout the Dominion, and may possibly be made a precedent for other similar actions in the future, we take the liberty of devoting a considerable space to its consideration in order that our friends may have some idea of the responsibility and danger they incur in their daily practice, and the kind of justice to be expected at the hands of a popular jury. It appears that on the evening of the eleventh of April, plaintiff asked Dr. Ogden to see his wife who was supposed to be in labor, the friends representing that severe pains had existed for several hours, but on examination, the os uteri was found perfectly undilated.

The pains then ceased and did not return till about noon of the next day. Plaintiff again called at Dr. Ogden's office between one and two o'clock on the 12th of April, and said he "thought his wife was going to be sick." The Doctor knowing the peculiarities of the patient, and believing that he was not needed then, told plaintiff he "he would call as he was going through the ward in the afternoon," repeating the statement several times in order that he might not expect him at any particular hour, and would send again if the pains became urgent. The defendant expressly told plaintiff that "he did not leave his