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Further changes have taken place in the English bench. Lord Justice Rigby has retired from the Court of Appeal and is replaced by Sir H. H. Cozens-Hardy, one of the judges of the Chancery Division. The retirement of Lord Justice Rigby will, it is said, be much regretted, although his successor is an able lawyer, a rapid worker, and with a courtesy and geniality which has much commended him to the bar. Sir Swinfen Eady, K.C., has been appointed to the vacancy caused by the promotion of Mr Justice Cozens-Hardy. This appointment is also spoken of as an excellent one.

An Irish judge recently commented on the ridiculous method at present adopted for ascertaining children's knowledge of the nature of an oath. He termed it "a ghastly farce," asking a child whether he knew what would happen to him if he told a lie, and accepting as satisfactory the invariable reply, "I would go to hell." There is truth in what the learned judge said, but all such criticism is useless unless accompanied by a suggestion of some better way. The time at trials is generally too precious to admit of a more extended theological examination of the witness. The "invariable reply" is no doubt largely due to the fact of previous coaching on the subject, and may or may not be the child's real opinion or belief or indication as to whether he or she has any opinion or belief on the subject.

#### STATUTE MAKING.

The time for making and amending statutes is at hand. Our attention has been called to the matter by some observations which appear in a recent number of *The Law Times* (England). We are not aware whether the Archbishop of Canterbury has any special knowledge of the subject, but when recently presenting prizes to the pupils of the Royal Grammar School, at Sheffield, he said: "What a gain it would be if our legislatures knew grammar enough to make laws perfectly intelligible. As it was, legislators made

laws, and then we employed a highly trained body of men—and highly paid too—to say what these laws meant." There is unfortunately too much truth in the above. His Lordship, however, apparently did not know where the difficulty lay.

Sir Henry Fowler, President of the Incorporated Law Society. after his opening address at Oxford last month, referring to the same subject, explained it in the following remarks: "It has been for many years my privilege to take a share in legislation, and while as a member of Parliament I resent (and that is not too strong a word to use) the sneers with which some judges (both of superior and inferior Courts) criticise the drafting of Acts of Parliament, I am ready to admit that our present system is capable of improvement. Bills drawn by the eminent lawyers who are the permanent, impartial and able servants of the Government for the time being are often marred and muddled by badly drawn amendments adopted in a hurry by the committee to whom such bills are referred." The result of all this is of course confusion, inconsistencies and difficulties of construction, and the "highly trained body of men" above referred to have to be called in to try and find out what the legislature meant.

Some curious illustrations of the result of these ill-considered alterations are given by our cotemporary, which we may here reproduce: "A good instance was cited by Lord Stanhope, of the House of Lords, in 1816. A statute enacted the punishment of fourteen years' transportation for a particular offence, and upon conviction 'one half thereof should go to the King and one half to the informer.' Mr. Sergeant Robinson in his Reminiscences of Bench and Bar alludes to the celebrated instance of the statute for the rebuilding of the Chelmsford Gaol. An early clause prescribed that prisoners should be confined in the old gaol until the new one was built, but at the last moment a section was added to the effect that the new prison should be constructed out of materials of the old one, and the bill passed for the time without the detection of the glaring inconsistency."

In the address above referred to, Sir Henry Fowler makes a suggestion which is worthy of the consideration of the legislatures in this Dominion: "Bills in Parliament, after they have passed the gauntlet of Parliamentary discussion, should be referred back to the official Parliamentary counsel for their report as to the wording of such bills after they have passed through committee, so that an

opportunity should be afforded of amending any error of language and any confusion of meaning."

That something should be done to remedy the evil is manifest, and there does not seem to be any way to do it other than in some such way as above suggested. In the Dominion Houses bills should be referred to the Law Clerks after-they have passed through the special committee to which they were referred. It is exceedingly strange that at this the most important stage of a bill the officer who is supposed to see that it is in proper shape has no power to correct even an obvious error or prevent an absurdity. After the bill has passed the committee of the whole House it should then be again referred to the law clerk for a final revision before its third reading.

Time should certainly be taken to have bills revised before they are finally disposed of by the House, instead of rushing them through their last stages as is usually done. Where there are two Houses there is fortunately an opportunity for the Law Clerks (to whom each bill is sent; er its passage for the purpose of being put in shape for the transmission to the other House) to call attention to errors which may be corrected in such other House. But even then, when the rush takes place, little can be done in the way of revision. The difficulty is, of course, much greater when there is only one House. With so many lawyers in our legislatures surely some one could be found who rould draw attention to the evil and urge a remedy.

#### VENUE.

So many points in the practice respecting venue have been decided of late, that a review of the cases may be useful.

Several decisions shed considerable light on the following opening clauses of the Consolidated Rule of the High Court of Justice of Ontario regulating this subject:

- " 529. (1) Subject to any special statutory provisions the place of trial of an action shall be regulated as follows:
- (a) The plaintiff shall, in his statement of claim, name the county town at which he proposes that the action shall be tried.
- (b) Where the cause of action arose, and the parties reside in the same county, the place so to be named shall be the county town of that county."

The specially endorsed writ of summons in Segsworth v. McKinnon, 19 P.R. 178, shewed the venue to be laid at Toronto, while the plaintiff in his statement of claim assumed to name Stratford as the place of trial. On behalf of the defendant a motion was made to strike out that part of the statement of claim which named Stratford as the place of trial, on the ground that where the plaintiff in a specially indorsed writ of summons lays the venue he is not at liberty to change by naming another place in his statement of claim. The Master in Chambers held that it was improper to so change, without first obtaining an order, in the event of the writ of summons not having been served, or upon notice to defendant in the case where the writ had been served. The venue was directed to remain at Toronto, as originally laid in the writ of summons.

In dismissing an appeal from the Master's order, Meredith, C.J., held that laying the venue in a specially indorsed writ of summons was an election binding on the plaintiff, and that clause (a), above quoted, must be read with Con. R. 138, sub-s. 2, which requires the indorsement to contain a statement as to the place of trial, and must be read subject to that provision. In the course of his judgment, Meredith, C.J., noted that where in a special indorsement the defendant intimates that he does not require a statement of claim to be delivered, it was clear that the place of trial must be that named in the indorsement on the writ of summons. It seemed to him to be a necessary result that the election thus made was a conclusive election for the purpose of the action.

The above noted peculiarity in special indorsement cases serves to distinguish them from others. Subsequently, on its being contended in the libel action of Blackwood v. Gourlay, (a) that the plaintiff had made a binding election when he laid the venue in a writ of summons not required to be specially indorsed, Moss, J.A., pointed out that in such a case the defendant was not prejudiced, for the plaintiff could not get on without a statement of claim, even though the defendant had dispensed with one. In that action a motion was made on the defendant's behalf to set aside the statement of claim as irregular, on the ground that the plaintiff had therein assumed to change the place of trial from the place named in the writ of summons, or for an order requiring the

<sup>(</sup>a) Judgment dated October and, 1901, (unreported).

plaintiff to amend the statement of claim by naming the place stated in the indorsement on the writ. It appeared on the argument that there had recently sprung up a practice of making an addition to the forms for writs of summons not specially indorsed contained in sec. I of Part I. of the Appendix to the Consolidated Rules of Practice, by adding at the foot of the forms the words "Place of trial".

As already stat d, it was urged for the defendants that the plaintiff by filling in the blank space with the word "Brampton" had made a binding election; and Segsworth v. McKinnon was cited in support of that argument. The application was dismissed by the Master in Chambers, he being of opinion that Segsworth v. McKinnon applied only to special endorsement cases. Moss, J.A., took the same view, holding that a plaintiff was under no obligation to state a place of trial as part of the indorsement on a writ of summons not required to be specially indorsed. The fact that the plaintiff complied with the unauthorized recent practice of adding to the appendix form, could not operate as an election, binding him to state no other place of trial in his statement of claim. Segsworth v. McKinnon, did not appear to Moss, J.A., to govern the practice in any but special indorsement cases under Con. R. 138, s. 2 of Part II. of the forms in the Appendix for the reason that in all other cases the plaintiff's power under Con. R. 529, of selecting and naming in the statement of claim the place of trial is not in any manner controlled by Con. R. 138.

Another new point in the interpretation of the above quoted clauses of Con. R. 529 was brought out in Edsall v. Wray, 19 P.R. 245. Being an action for slander, no venue was laid until the city of London appeared in the statement of claim as the place of trial. An application was made on behalf of the defendant to change the venue to Stratford, on the grounds: (1.) That the cause of action (if any) arose there. (2.) That both plaintiff and defendant resided in Stratford on the day of the issue of the witt of summons. (3.) And since such was the date to be considered for fixing the rights of the parties to the action, it was therefore the time referred to in the foregoing clause 1.6. of Con. R. 529.

In answer, the plaintiff swore that he had been previous to the delivery of the statement of claim a resident of London, having been only temporarily employed in Stratford, his wife and family's home being in London. The Master in Chambers held that the residence of the plaintiff at the time of the delivery of the statement of claim, and not at the time of the issue of the writ of summons, is the time referred to in Rule 529 I.b. Rose, J., after a conference with the Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, dismissed with costs an appeal from the Master's order.

Among the most important of recent decisions on practice are those settling the former uncertain procedure in respect of applications for change of venue. So "extremely unsatisfactory" had the practice become,—one view at one time seeming to prevail, and another at another time,—that Boyd, C., deemed it best (b) not to change the venue at all, and to leave it to the trial judge to apportion the costs so as to do justice, if it appeared to him that the expense had been increased by the plaintift's choice of a place of trial. MacMahon, J., subsequently adopted the same course (c).

The conflict of authority seems to have resulted mainly from the different views of our High Court judges as to the weight to be given under the Judicature Act system, to the place where the cause of action arose in determining which is the most convenient place for the trial of an action. On its being urged in Greev v. Siddall, 12 P.R. 557, that the Judicature Act gave the plaintiff the right to lay the venue where he saw fit, and that the plaintiff's choice would not be lightly interfered with Armour, C.I., expressed the opinion that the Judicature Act was never intended to give the plaintiff a paramount right to have the cause of action tried where he pleased, but that an action should be tried in the county where the cause of action arose. Falconbridge, J., did not concur. The place where the cause of action arose was prominently considered in connection with the question of changing the venue in Mulligan v. Sills, 13 P.R. 350, and other cases.

In the course of his judgment dismissing an appeal from the order of the Master in Chambers changing the place of trial in *Croil v. Russell*, 14 P.R. 185, Street, J., said: "The cause of action arose in the County of Renfrew, the breaches alleged by both parties took place there, if at all. It may be doubted whether it will be necessary to call upon either side all the

<sup>(</sup>b) McArthur v. Michigan C. R.W. Co., 15 P.R., 77...

<sup>(</sup>c) McAllister v. Cole, 16 P.R., 105.

witnesses who are stated at the present stage to be material, but, after making all reasonable allowances, I think the balance of convenience is in favour of the trial at Pembroke rather than at Cornwall; and were the scales even more evenly balanced than they are, I think the fact that the cause of action arose in Renfrew, should decide the question in favour of Pembroke, the county town of that county."

A little later came the case of Peer v. North-West Transporta-The defendants moved before the Master tion Co., 14 P.R. 381. in Chambers to change the venue from Toronto to Samia, alleging that the cause of action arose at Sarnia, and that the defendants would require at the trial ten witnesses, seven of whom resided in Sarnia or near there, one at Thorald, one in Winnipeg, and one in Detroit, and that the defendants would save themselves \$103.50 in expenses of witnesses by having the action tried at Sarnia. In answer, the plaintiffs swore that they would require to call as witnesses ten persons residing in Toronto, one at Oakville, one at Terra Cotta, Ontario, one at Montreal, and one at Valleyfield, The plaintiffs also objected to Sarnia, on the ground that they could not get a fair trial there. The Master's order changing the venue to Sarnia was successively affirmed by Galt, C.J., and the Queen's Bench Divisional Court. The plaintiffs then moved before the Court of Appeal for leave to appeal. In delivering the judgment of the Court of Appeal, Osler, J.A., did not lay much stress on the fact of where the cause of action arose. only one of the several authorities followed which says anything about that matter is Brident v. Duncan, 7 Times L.R. 515. There, the venue was changed at the defendant's instance, on its being shewn that the cause of action arose in a different county and that very great extra expense would be incurred by having the trial take place in the venue laid by the plaintiff.

Mr. Justice Osler did not think that he should have made the order to change the venue had he heard the application in the first instance; and doubtful if he should have been satisfied that there was that overwhelming preponderance of convenience in favour of a change which the English Court of Appeal insisted upon in Shroder v. Myers, 34 W.R. 261; Power v. Moore, 5 Times L.R. 586, and Brident v. Duncan, 7 Times L.R. 515, as being necessary to be proved by the party seeking to change the venue. Still

there must be a wide discretion in dealing with such cases upon the facts. The leave to appeal was refused.

Subsequently the defendant in Berlin Piano Co. v. Truaisch, 15 P.R. 68, moved to change the venue from Berlin to Belleville, shewing that the saving of expense to him, if the case were tried at Belleville, would be about \$40, and that there were two or three more witnesses at Belleville than at Berlin, and that the cause of action arose at Berlin. In the course of his judgment the Master in Chambers said, "The cause of action arose in Belleville, and the preponderance of convenience is in favour of Belleville. It is true that the preponderance is not very great; but it is, I consider, sufficient, taking it in connection with the fact of the place where the cause of action arose."

Rose, J., on appeal, dissented strongly from the above remarks of the Master; and held that in none of the above-named cases did the decision turn on the question of where the cause of action arose. His Lordship considered that every argument in support of the order was answered by the cases cited in Walton v. Wideman, 10 P.R. 228; Ross v. C.P. Ry. Co., 12 P.R. 220; and Peer v. North-West Transportation Co., 14 P.R. 281; and that in no case are those decisions dissented from.

In Chadwick v. Brown (dd) the defendant moved to change the venue from Toronto to London, upon the grounds that the cause of action arose in London, and that there was a great preponderance of convenience in favor of the trial at London. The question at issue in the action was as to whether or not the plaintiff was entitled to fifty shares of stock in The Garcia Gold Co., of London, Ontario. The material shewed that the head office of the company was in London, and that the books were there. It was alleged that the books of the company, particularly the stock book, would be required on the trial, and that it would be necessary to call as witnesses on the defendant's behalf the President and Directors of the company, residing in London, and very probably some of the shareholders, all or nearly all of whom also resided in or near London. The plaintiff replied that he had laid the venue where he resided, and that the place of trial should not be changed unless serious injury to the defendant would be caused by a trial at Toronto, or it could be shewn that there was an "overwhelming" preponderance of convenience in favour of a trial at London. The

<sup>(</sup>dd) April 1898, Master in Chambers, (unreported).

plaintiff contended that the additional expense of a trial at Toronto-was not enough to justify the expense of a motion to change the venue, the return fare from London to Toronto being then only \$1.70. It was objected that the defendant, who resided in Arizona, did not make an affidavit on the motion, and it was submitted that the cross-examination of the defendant's agent revealed that the witnesses mentioned in the agent's affidavit, other than the President of the company, were not necessary or material witnesses for the defence.

The Master refused to change the venue, but his order was set aside by Armour, C.J., on appeal (d). The Chancery Divisional Court dismissed an appeal from the judgment of Armour, C.J., holding (e) that the place where the cause of action arose should be the place of trial of an action where there was little or no difference between the number of witnesses to be called by the parties. Thus, the view expressed by the Master in Chambers in Berlin Piano Co. v. Truaisch, above quoted, was sustained.

Meredith, C.J., stated in Standard 1 ipe Co. v. Town of Fort William, 16 P.R. 404, that he believed with Armour, C.J., it would be a better practice to require that prima facie an action should be tried at the place where the cause of action arose, leaving the onus upon the plaintiff to shew a preponderance in favour of the place selected by him; but considered that he was not at liberty to give effect to his belief, seeing that there were so many authorities both in this Province and England in favour of the view that the Judicature Act has given to the plaintiff the right of selecting the place of the trial, and that the onus is upon the defendant to shew that the preponderance of convenience is against the place so selected.

MacMahon, J., also formerly entertained the same view as Armour, C.J., but in his judgment in Campbell v. Doherty, 18 P.R. 243, said that the practice was as stated in Peer v. North-West Transportation Co.; Berlin Piano Co. v. Truaisch; Standard Drain Pipe Co. v. Fort William, and Madigan v. Ferland, 17 P.R. 124. On the appeal from the Master-in-Chambers' order dismissing

<sup>(</sup>d) Judgment dated 25th April, 1898 (unreported).

e) Judgment dated 3rd May, 1898 (unreported).

the application for change of venue in Ludlow v. The Board of Hospital Trustees of the City of London(ee), counsel for the appellant urged as a reason for changing the place of the trial to London the fact that the cause of action arose there. Armour, C.J., however, stated that the practice as defined by the decisions above referred to, was too well established for him to interfere; and dismissed the appeal with costs to the respondent in any event.

So much for the practice in High Court actions. Notwithstanding present Con. R. 1219 (similar for our purposes to former Con. R. 1260) providing that the place of trial in all actions brought in a County Court may be changed according to the practice in force in the High Court, a uniform practice was long followed in dealing with the question of venue in County Court cases of attaching special importance to the question of the place where the cause of action arose on the ground that the policy of the law in County Court matters was to make each county bear its own part in the expense of administering justice. Mr. Cartwright, sitting for the Master-in-Chambers, noted in his judgment in Noble v. Stoutenberg (f) that in the County Court cases of Mulligan v. Sills, 13 P.R. 350, and McAllister v. Cole, 16 P.R. 105, the venue was according to the place where the cause of action arose, and deduced therefrom the principle that the venue in County Court actions should be laid in the county where the cause of action arose. The same principle was followed in the subsequent action of Cunningham v. Bell Organ and Piano Co. (g). But in allowing an appeal from the order of the Master-in-Chambers, changing the place of trial in the later County Court case of Hicks v. Mills, Street, J., held (h) that the same practice should be applied on motions for change of venue in both High Court and County Court actions. Street, J.'s order was subsequently affirmed by the Chancery Divisional Court (i).

It is submitted that in determining the place which is most convenient for the trial of either a High Court or a County Court

<sup>(</sup>ee) Jan. 7th, 1899, (unreported).

<sup>(</sup>f) Judgment dated 17th Sept., 1895 (unreported).

<sup>(</sup>g) Judgment dated Sept., 1895 (unreported).

<sup>(</sup>h) Judgment dated 4th March, 1898 (unreported).

i) Judgment dated 12th May, 1898 (unreported).

action slight preference will now be given to the place where the cause of action arose, except in such cases as *Chadwick* v. *Brown*, ubi sup. The question of convenience will be determined by a consideration of the expense, and the witnesses' facilities for travelling.

As was said by Osler, J.A., in the late and leading case of Campbell v. Doherty, 18 P.R. 243, "it is quite clear that the plaintiff has the right to name the place of trial, and his choice will not be interfered with except upon substantial grounds."

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#### ENGLISH CASES.

## EDITORIAL REVIEW OF CURRENT ENGLISH DECISIONS.

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WILL-LIMITATION OF ESTATE-"HEIRS" AND "ASSIGNS" OF SURVIVOR.

Milman v. Lane (1901) 2 K.B. 745, is a case which may well be cited by the advocates of the Torrens system of registration of title, as illustrating the hardship which purchasers under the common law system are subject to. In this case a testator, seized in fee of land, devised it to the use of his nephew for the term of 99 years, if he should so long live, and from and after the determination of such term and estate to the use (in succession) of the nephew's four sons, for a term of 99 years each, if they should so long live, with an ultimate devise on the death of the survivor of the sons upon trust to, and for the use of, the heirs and assigns of the survivor of the four sons. The surviving son, assuming that he had power to convey the fee, in his lifetime purported to convey it to a purchaser for value; on the death of the surviving son without issue, however, his heirs claimed to be entitled to the land under the will, and brought the present action to recover possession against the purchaser. Lawrance, J., who tried the action, gave judgment for the plaintiff, and the Court of Appeal affirmed his decision. Romer, L.J, delivered the judgment of the Court, but who the other members of the Court were, strange to

say, is not stated (probably Smith, M.R., and Williams, L.J.). It was argued in the Court of Appeal that the word "assigns" imported a power of appointment in favour of the surviving son, but the Court of Appeal refused to accede to that contention, and held that the limitation in favour of the heirs and assigns of the survivor, must be construed as a limitation to the heirs of the survivor, and the assigns of such heirs. Under the Torrens system of registration, the will would have been authoritatively considered before the purchaser had paid his money. The beauty of the common law system is that it leaves the purchaser to take his chances, and, after perhaps living for years in a fool's paradise, he is suddenly waked up to find that he has purchased a shadow.

**EXPROPRIATION OF LAND...** NOTICE TO TREAT... ACQUISITION OF INTEREST IN OTHER LAND INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED... COMPENSATION.

In Mercer v. Liverpool, St. Helen's, and S. L. R.W. Co. (1901) 2 K.B. 753, it was held by Lord Alverstone, C.J., that although it is well settled that after a notice to treat has been served with the view to the expropriation of land under the Land Clauses Act, interests subsequently created in such land are not the subject of compensation, yet that rule does not preclude a person subsequently acquiring an interest in lands adjoining those which are the subject of the notice to treat, and which are injuriously affected, from recovering compensation in respect of the injury to such adjoining lands.

ADMINISTRATION—TRANSFER OF LAND BY EXECUTOR TO DEVISEE—PURCHASER FROM DEVISEE—DEBTS OF TESTATOR—LIABILITY OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR UNKNOWN DEBTS—LAND TRANSFER ACT, 1897 (60 & 61 VICT., C. 65), S. 2, S.-SS. 2-3; S. 3, S.-S. 1—(R.S.O. C. 127, S. 4)—LAW OF PROPERTY AMENDMENT ACT, 1859 (22 & 23 VICT., C. 35), S. 29—(R.S.O. C. 129, S. 38).

In re Cary and Lott (1901) 2 Ch. 463, is an important decision under the English Land Transfer Act, 1897, which introduced similar provisions to those contained in the Ontario Devolution of Estates Act (R.S.O. c. 127, s. 4). A testator had died in 1898, having by his will devised the land in question upon certain trusts. His executors duly advertised for creditors under the provisions of the Law of Property Amendment Act, 1859, s. 29 (see R.S.O. c. 129, s. 38), and paid all debts of which they had notice, and, after the lapse of a year from the testator's death, conveyed the land in question to the devisees in trust named in the will. The executors

in their deed provided that the property was granted "subject to a charge for the payment of any money which the personal representatives of the testator are liable to pay." The devisees having sold the property, the purchaser claimed that he was entitled to an indemnity from the vendors against the above mentioned charge, and the question was accordingly submitted to Kekewich, J., under the Vendors and Purchasers Act, and he held that the purchaser was not entitled to any indemnity, on the ground that a purchaser from the devisees for value, and without notice of debts, would take the land free from any liability for the debts of the testator.

FRIENDLY SOCIETY — POLICY OF FRIENDLY SOCIETY NOT ASSIGNABLE OTHER-WISE THAN BY WAY OF NOMINATION,

In re Redman, Warton v. Redman (1901) 2 Ch. 471, the right to a policy issued by a friendly society was in question. It was claimed on the one hand by a person with whom it had been deposited by the insured, as security for a loan, and on the other by the executrix of the insured. No nomination had been made by the insured in favour of the alleged assignee, and Kekewich, J., held, following Caddick v. Highton, reported in a note to this case, that the alleged assignment was inoperative, and that the executrix was entitled to the fund: see R.S.O. c. 20, s. 151 (3), 1 Ed. 7, c. 21, s. 2 (5).

CORPORATION SOLE—RECTOR—POWER TO HOLD PERSONALTY—MORTMAIN—IRREGULAR INVESTMENT OF FUND BELONGING TO CHURCH IN LAND—13 ELIZ., C. 10, S. 3—NOTICE—TRUST.

Power v. Banks (1901) 2 Ch. 487, may be briefly noticed. The facts were as follows: A sum of money invested in stock was by Act of Parliament appropriated for the maintenance of the rector of a church. The stock was subsequently redeemed, and the redemption money paid to the rector of the church for the time being. He, without the concurrence of his bishop, and without obtaining any license to hold in mortmain, invested the money in the purchase of ground rents. He resigned, and transferred the property to his successor, one Hare, his heirs and assigns. Hare subsequently, with his grantor's concurrence, sold the land, and received the purchase money, which he misappropriated; his successor, the present plaintiff, claimed to be still entitled to the land so sold, notwithstanding the sale. Cozens-Hardy, J., however, held that he was not entitled to succeed, on the ground that

the investment of the money in the ground rents was, under the circumstances, unauthorized, and a technical breach of trust, and that there was consequently a right to re-sell the land for the purpose of replacing the fund, and that as the purchaser had purchased even with notice of the trust character of the property, he was nevertheless protected, as the purchase money reached the hand of the person entitled to receive it, and he was not accountable for his subsequent misapplication of it.

#### WATERCOURSE-ARTIFICIAL CHANNEL-TEMPORARY PURPOSE.

In Burrows v. Lang (1901) 2 Ch. 502, the plaintiff claimed to restrain the defendant from interfering with his enjoyment of a watercourse in which he claimed an easement. The facts were that the owner of two adjoining properties, on one of which was a mill, and on the other a farm, had diverted a stream so as to form a pond on, and for the purposes of, the mill property, and the cattle on the farm were usually watered at this pond. He sold the farm property to the plaintiff in 1886, without any reference to any right in the pond, and the mill property to the defendant in 1893, without any exception or reservation. The defendant put a fence fencing off the pond, which was altogether on his land, so as to prevent the access of the plaintiff's cattle thereto, and had cut off the water at the intake. The plaintiff claimed that under his conveyance all watercourses passed, including the easement of user of the pond in question, but Farwell, J., held that the diverting of the stream was for a "temporary" purpose only, viz., the user of the mill, and that under the plaintiff's deed no right had been conveyed in the mill pond, or any easement therein, and consequently the action failed.

COMPANY - Name of company - Fraud - Trade name - Foreign firm - Injunction.

La Societé Anonyme, etc., v. Panhard L. M. Co. (1901) 2 Ch. 513, was an action by a foreign firm, which had no agency in England, but whose goods were in fact frequently imported into England, to restrain the defendant company from using as its trade name a fraudulent imitation of the name of the plaintiff company. Farwell, J., held that the fraudulent purpose of the defendants was established, and that the plaintiffs were entitled to an injunction both as against the defendant company, and the defendants who had signed the memorandum of association, and who were restrained from allowing the defendant company to remain registered under the name in question.

## REPORTS AND NOTES OF CASES.

## Dominion of Canada.

## EXCHEQUER COURT OF CANADA.

Burbidge, J.]

McDonald v. The King.

Nov. 2.

Government railway—Accident to the person—Negligence of Crown's servants—Action by parent of deceased—Pecuniary benefit—Damages.

Petition of right in the case of death resulting from negligence, and an an tion taken by the party entitled to bring the same under the provisions of Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1900, c. 178, s. 5, the damages should be calculated in reference to a reasonable expectation of pecuniary benefit, as of right or otherwise, from the continuance of the life.

Such party is not to be compensated for any pain or suffering arising from the loss of the deceased; or for the expenses of medical treatment of the deceased or for his burial expenses, or for family mourning.

Osborn v. Gillett, I.R. 8 Ex. 88, distinguished. McInnis, for suppliant. Mellish, for respondent.

## Province of Ontario.

#### COURT OF APPEAL.

From Rose, J.] [Nov. 11. AGRICULTURAL SAVINGS AND LOAN CO. v. LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND

GLOBE INS. Co.

Fire insurance—Renewal--Prior insurance—Action—Parties—Mortgage.

The renewal, as it is commonly called, of a contract of insurance is not a renewal or extension of the original contract, but a new contract based as far as applicable upon the original application and in accordance with the policy issued in pursuance thereof. Where, therefore, at the time of such a new contract by way of renewal no prior insurance is in force, the insurance is not avoided although when the original contract was entered into a prior insurance was in force, and this fact was not disclosed.

Judgment of Rose, J., 32 O.R. 369; ante p. 11, reversed.

Mortgagees to whom loss is made payable "as their interest may appear" have a right of action upon the policy in their own name against the insurers, and are entitled to enforce payment to the extent of their interest.

Aylesworth, K.C., and Bayly, K.C., for appellants. A. Hoskin, K.C., and A. E. Hoskin, for respondents.

From Street, J.] BANQUE PROVINCIALE v. ARNOLDI.

Nov. 11.

Bills and notes—Alteration—Joint and several liability—Principal and surety—Judgment.

The insertion by the holder of a promissory note signed by several persons, some of whom are sureties for the others, of the words "jointly and severally" before the words "promise to pay" is a material alteration which avoids the note, and the subsequent cancellation of the words by the holder does not do away with the effect of the alteration, even though the makers of the note do not know of the alteration until after the cancellation.

A promissory note given to the holder after the alteration and cancellation in renewal of the original promissory note and in ignorance thereof, cannot be enforced, there being no consideration to support it.

Accepting in renewal of a promissory note, some of the makers of which are to the knowledge of the holder sureties, of a promissory note not signed by one surety discharges the co-sureties.

A judgment recovered against debtors in their firm name for the amount of the debt is not a bar to the recovery of judgment against them individually upon a promissory note, given by them as collateral security for the same debt.

Judgment of STREET, J., varied.

J. F. Orde, for appellants Kirby, et al. R. G. Code, for the appellants Arnoldi, et al. Aylesworth, K.C., and IV. H. Barry, for respondents.

From Ferguson, J.]

Nov. 15.

McHugh v. Grand Trunk R.W. Co.

Executors and administrators—Fatal Accidents Act—Death of beneficiary
—Survival of action.

Upon the death of the beneficiary on whose behalf an administrator is bringing an action under the Fatal Accidents Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 166, the action comes to an end. It cannot be continued for the benefit of the beneficiary's estate, nor can a new action be brought by the beneficiary's personal representative. Judgment of Ferguson, J., 32 O.R. 234; 36 C.L.J. 711 reversed.

W. M. Douglas, K.C., and D. L. McCarthy, for appellants. Mabee, K.C., and Middleton, for respondent.

## HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.

Street, J.] MILLER v. SARNIA GAS AND ELECTRIC Co.

Oct. 12.

Parties-Third party procedure-Relief over-Identity of claims.

The owner and occupant of a house in a town sued a gas company for damages alleged to have been sustained by reason of an escape of gas from the defendants' pipes upon the highway into the plaintiff's premises. The defendants served a third party notice upon the town corporation, alleging that the break in the pipes was caused by the negligence of the corporation in the course of construction of a sewer in the same highway.

Held, that there was no right to indemnity or relief over, within the meaning of Rule 200, as the damages which might be recovered by the plaintiff against the defendants were not the measure of the damages which might be recovered by the defendants against the third parties.

Gamble, for plaintiff. J. H. Moss, for defendants. Middleton, for third parties.

Street, J.]

FARMER 7'. ELLIS.

Nov. 1.

Summary judgment -- Promissory note -- Holder for value -- Fraud -- Onus.

Where the maker and one of the endorsers of the promissory note sued on, in answer to a motion by the plaintiff for summary judgment under Rule 603, swore that they were induced to become parties to the note by certain fraudulent misrepresentations made by their co-defendants, whereof they had reason to believe the plaintiff had notice.

Held, having regard to s. 30, sub-s. 2, of the Bills of Exchange Act, that they were entitled to unconditional leave to defend, notwithstanding the plaintiff's affidavit that he was a holder for value. Fuller v. Alexander, 47 L.T.N.S. 443, followed.

Middleton, for plaintiff. O'Heir, for defendant Ellis. J. W. Nesbitt, K.C., for defendant Smith.

Street, J., Britton, J.]

REX 7. KEEFER.

Nov. 4.

Criminal Law—Trial—County Judge's Criminal Court—Election of prisoner to be tried without jury—Motion for leave to withdraw— Mandamus.

An appeal by the defendants from an order of ROBERTSON, J., in Chambers, refusing an order in the nature of a mandamus directing the County Judge of Wentworth to hear the application of the defendant, who, on being brought before the County Judge's Criminal Court charged with stealing, elected to be tried summarily by the Judge, to be allowed to withdraw their election.

Sections 762 and 781 of the Criminal Code and 63 & 64 Vict., c. 46, s. 3, amending s. 767; Regina v. Ballard, 28 O.R. 489; Regina v.

Provost, 4 B.C.L.R. 326; Regina v. Burke, 24 O.R. 64, and Shortt on Information and Mandamus, pp. 262, 301, 310, were referred to.

Held, that the provisions in ss. 762 et seq. are explicit, and without any provision as to applications to withdraw an election to be tried before a Judge, and that such having been once made ould not be withdrawn. It is a matter for legislative enactment, as in a mendment to s. 767 with regard to elections to be tried by jury. Appeal dismissed without costs.

J. V. Teetzel, K.C., for defendants. J. R. Cartwright, K.C., for Crown.

Street, J., Britton, J.]

REX v. ALLAN.

Nov. 4.

Municipal corporations — By-law — Transient traders — Conviction — Negativing exception—Evidence before magistrate—Certiorari.

An appeal by the defendant from an order of MEREDITH, C.J., in Chambers, refusing a writ of certiorari to remove a conviction of the defendant under by-law 267 of the town of Mitchell, respecting transient traders. The by-law was in the terms of R.S.O. c. 224, s. 31. The defendant was convicted because he, not being entered on the assessment roll, offered goods for sale without having paid a license fee.

Held, that the by-law in the terms of the section was intra vires, and the use of the word "effect" instead of "affect" was immaterial; (2) that since I Edw. VII., c. 13, s. 1, it is not necessary to negative an exception; and Regina v. Smith, 31 O.R. 224, is no longer useful; (3) that the objection that the evidence shewed that the defendant was managing the business of his wife, and was not a transient trader nor occupant of the premises, was not open upon certicrari. Appeal dismissed with costs.

F. J. Roche, for defendant. F. H. Thompson, for magistrate and informant.

Street, J., Britton J.] IN RE JOHN EATON CO.

Nov. 5.

Company—Winding-up—Creditor—Compromise with liquidator—Account
—Jurisdiction of Master.

An appeal by the Bank of Toronto from an order of the Master in Ordinary, in proceedings under the Winding-up Act, directing the bank to furnish the liquidator with an account of all moneys received from the proceeds of the insurance moneys referred to in an agreement between the bank and the liquidator, and an account of all expenditures, and directing the bank to credit and allow the liquidator the amount of the counsel fees taxed in the bills of costs in certain actions brought for the recovery of insurance moneys. The agreement provided that the bank should pay over to the liquidator ten per cent. of the net proceeds from all insurance policies; that the liquidator was not to question the validity of the assignment of the policies to the bank; and that the liquidator was to instruct

counsel to appear for the bank and as formally representing the bank, but in the interest of the creditors, and assist to the fullest extent possible the recovery of the claims.

R. McKay, for the appellants, contended that the Master had no jurisdiction under the Act to make his order, no writ having been issued nor action instituted, nor process served, to bring the bank before the Court; and that in any event the bank had, so far as shewn, fully accounted to the liquidator, and the Master had not properly construed the agreement.

C. H. Ritchie, K.C., for the liquidator, contended that the making of the agreement to which the bank, a creditor setting up a claim, though not filing it, was a party, conferred jurisdiction: R.S.C. ch. 129, ss. 33, 61. Moreover the bank, after seeking to prove their claim, had voted at meetings of creditors. At all events there was jurisdiction to order an account of the moneys agreed to be paid to the liquidator. He referred to Ex p. Clark, 14 W.R. 856; Ontario Bolt Co. v. Livingstone, 14 O.R. 211, 16 A.R. 397; Re Sun Lithographing Co., 22 O.R. 57; Hart v. Ontario Express Co., 25 O.R. 247; Re Hawkins, L.R. 3 Ch. 787; and Re Essex Centre Mfg. Co., 19 A.R. 125.

Held that the agreement was a mere compromise between two persons at arms' length. The bank was simply an outsider compromising with the liquidator, and upon the facts nothing had occurred to confer any jurisdiction upon the Master.

Appeal allowed with costs, and order set aside with costs. Leave to liquidator to commence an action.

Armour, C.J., Falconbridge, C.J.]

Nov. 6.

#### DENNY v. CAREY.

High Court of Justice—Local Judge—Barrister sitting as deputy of— Jurisdiction.

An appeal by the plaintiff from an order of Boyd, C., in Chambers, affirming an order of Mr. Elliott, a barrister, acting for and in the place of the local Judge of the High Court at Milton, by request of such local Judge, requiring the plaintiff to give security for the costs of the defendant Page, a peace officer.

Raney, for appellant.

The Court raised the point that Mr. Elliott had no jurisdiction to make any order in a High Court action.

D. L. McCarthy, for the defendant Page, admitted that the barrister had no jurisdiction unless by consent under Rule 767, but contended that the Chancellor's order was in effect a substantive order, and should not be set aside merely because the original order was without jurisdiction.

The Court allowed the appeal with costs and set aside both orders with costs, upon the ground that the original order was made without jurisdiction.

Boyd, C.] WEBB v. NICKEL COPPER CO. OF ONTARIO. [Nov. 7.

High Court of Justice—Local Judge—Barrister sitting as deputy of— Jurisdiction,

Motion by the plaintiff to continue an injunction granted by a barrister acting as local Judge of the High Court at Hamilton, in the absence of, and at the request of the local Judge.

W. Bell, for plaintiff.

W. W. Osborne, for defendants, objected that the barrister in question had no jurisdiction to act in the pince of the local Judge.

Held, following Denny v. Car y, ante p. , that the barrister had no jurisdiction. Motion treated as one for a new injunction, and injunction granted.

Boyd, C.]

IN RE THOMAS.

Nov. 11.

Will-Construction—Devise—Charge of debts and legacies—Bequest of rents—Estate in land—Rule in Shelley's case—Bequest of proceeds of sale—Principal and interest—Administration expenses—Apportionment.

A testator devised land to his son, and in his will directed the son to pay debts and legacies.

Held, that the effect of this was to charge the payment of both debts and legacies upon the land devised. Robson v. Jardine, 22 Gr. 420, followed. McMillan v. McMillan, 21 Gr. 594, distinguished.

The testator by his will gave a house and lot to his daughte, but by a codicil purported to revoke the gift, and directed as follows:—"I will that the said house and lot be held by my daughter . . . who shall receive all rents and benefits therefror: during her natural life, and at her decease that all rents shall be invested for the benefit of her heirs on their coming of age."

Held, that by the rule in Shelley's case the daughter took an estate in fee simple in the lands. VanGrutten v. Foxwell (1897) A.C. 658, and Vo. vlam v. Bathurst, 13 Sim. 374, followed.

With reference to another parcel of land the codicil directed that all rents derived from it were to be divided between the testator's wife and daughter equally, and that on the death of a life-tenant the property should be sold and one-half the proceeds given to his wife or her heirs, and the other half invested, the principal for the benefit of the heirs of his daughter, and interest to go to his daughter during her life.

Heid, that as to one-half of this land also, the daughter took an estate in fee simple.

The testator did not provide for the payment of administration expenses, though he directed that his debts and funeral expenses should be paid by his son.

Held, that the estate as a whole should defray the expenses of administration, and if there was a different disposition of the real and personal

parts, there should be ratable apportionment according to the respective values of the real and personal estate.

J. V. Teetzel, K.C., and J. W. Elliott, for various parties. Harcourt, for i ants.

Meredith, C.J., MacMaion, J., Lount, J.]

Nov. 12.

STAUNTON v. MCLEAN.

Fi. fa. lands—Sheriff's sale—Irregularities—Division Court judgment— Transcript—Advertisement—Return—Inadequacy of price—New trial —Affidavits.

Appeal by the defendants from the judgment of FALCONBRIDGE, C.J., in favour of the plaintiff in an action by a purchaser at a sheriff's sale to recover possession of the land purchased.

- Held, 1. It is not an objection to the sheriff's sale that no execution was issued from the Division Court in which the judgment was recovered before the is ne of the transcript to the County Court in 1893. According to Jones v. Paxton, 19 A.R. 163, Burgess v. Tully, 24 C.P. 549, is no longer applicable.
- 2. Although the execution was issued against two defendants, while the transcript shewed a judgment against only one, and although the execution recited the wrong date for the judgment, these were mere irregularities which did not vitiate the sale.
- 3. It was not necessary to the validity of the sheriff's deed that there should be an advertisement in the Gazette. The absence of an advertisement was a mere—regularity.
- 4. The fact that there was no return to the fi. fa. goods did not invalidate the sale, but was a mere irregularity. Ross v. Malone, 7 O.R. 397, followed.
- 5. The inadequacy of the price for which the lands were sold to the plaintiff might have been a ground for declaring that the deed should stand merely as security for the amount paid, but in this case there were other circumstances, and the trial Judge had made a finding of fact, viz., that the defendants authorized the sale, which made it impossible to so declare, there being evidence to support such finding.
- 6. The affidavits filed for the purpose of obtaining a new trial did not make out a case which would justify the Court in exercising its discretion to grant a new trial.

Appeal dismissed with costs.

Mabee, K.C., for defendants. T. H. Lennox and S. B. Woods, for plaintiff.

Boyd, C.1

IN RE MAPLE LEAF DAIRY CO.

[Nov. 15.

Company — Winding-up — Application for order — Previous voluntary assignment—Creditors—Discretion.

The Court has a discretion to grant or withhold a winding-up order under s. 9 of R.S.C. c. 129. Re William Lamb Manufacturing Co. of Ottawa, 32 O.R. 243, dissented from.

Where the assets of the company were small, and the creditors had almost unanimously entered upon a voluntary liquidation under the Ontario Assignments Act, a petition for a compulsory winding-up order was refused.

H. A. Burbidge, for petitioning creditor. A. Haydon, for the company, the assignee, and other creditors.

Boyd C.]

Nov. 15.

IN RE STURGEON FALLS ELECTRIC LIGHT CO, AND TOWN OF STURGEON FALLS.

Arbitration—Municipal corporation—Purchase of electric light plant— Appointment of sole arbitrator—Notice.

By an agreement between the town corporation and the assignor of the company for the establishment and operation for ten years of an electric light plant in the town, it was provided that the town might at any time during the ten years purchase the plant at a valuation fixed by three arbitrators, appointed by each party choosing an arbitrator and they two a third in case of dispute, or by a majority of them.

Where a submission provides that the reference shall be to two arbitrators, the Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 62, s. 8 (b), gives power to the party who has appointed an arbitrator (if the other makes default as specified) to appoint that arbitrator as sole arbitrator; and it is provided that the Court or Judge may set aside any such appointment.

Held, that notice of the appointment of the sole arbitrator should be given to the party in default, who, if not notified, is not called upon to move against the appointment.

Held, also, that the agreement was not to be read as suspending the choice of a third arbitrator till there should be a dispute, but it imported that the three arbitrators should act from the outset, and therefore s. 8 (b) did not apply. Exce for Life Ins. Co. v. Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation, 2 O.L.R. 301, and Gumm v. Hallett, I.R. 14 Eq. 555, considered.

Semble, that the arbitration was under the Municipal Act, and s. 8 of the Arbitration Act was not applicable; R.S.O. 1897, c. 223, s. 467.

L. G. McCarthy, for the company. R. A. Grant, for the town corporation.

#### ASSESSMENT CASES.

IN RE APPEALS OF THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, TORONTO RAIL-WAY COMPANY, INCANDESCRIT LIGHT COMPANY AND TORONTO ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY.

Assessment of poles, wires, conduits, etc., of companies—Mode of estimating values—R.S.O. c. 264, s. 28 (1)—1 Edw. VII. c. 20.

Held, that the above statute, which provides that the real property of a company situated in a city divided into wards shall be valued as a whole or as an integral part of the whole, does not change the method of estimating the assessable value of the poles, wires, conduits, etc., of the companies from the basis of the valuation laid down by s. 28 (1) of the Assessment Act, as interpreted in Bell Telephone Co. v. Hamilton, 25 O.A.R. 301; In re London Street R. W. Co., 27 O.A.R. 83, and Queenston Heights Bridge Case, 1 O.L.R. 114.

Held also, following Kirkpatrick v. Cornwall Street R. W. Co., 2 O. L.R. 113, that the cars used on an electric street railway are, along with the rails, poles and wires, liable to assessment as realty, and their value must be ascertained in the same manner as the value of such rails, etc.

[Toronto, Nov. 2 - McDougall, McGibbon, McCrimmon, Co.JJ.

The above cases were four appeals from the decision of the Court of Revision of the City of Toronto confirming the assessment by the Assessment Department of the poles, wires, conduits, cables, etc., of the said companies, and, in the case of the Toronto Railway Company, in addition to the other property, their rails and rolling stock or cars.

Lynch Staunton, K.C., for the Bell Telephone Company. Jas. Bicknell, for the Toronto Railway Company. H. O'Brien, K.C., for the Electric Light Companies.

McDougall, Co. J.—The principal point to be decided is whether the basis of the valuation adopted by the Assessment department is a correct one, in the light of the amendment to the Assessment Act made at the last session of the Ontario Legislature and embodied in chap. 29 of 1 Edw. VII. (1901) of the statutes of Ontario. This amendment relating to incorporated companies is in the following words: 18 a. "Real property belonging to or in the possession of any person or incorporated company, and extending over more than one ward in any city or town, or situate in any township, may be assessed together in any one of such wards at the option of the assessor, or the assessment of the property may be apportioned amongst two or more of such wards in such manner as he may deem convenient, and in either case the property shall be valued as a whole or as an integral part of the whole."

At the date of this enactment the Legislature had before it three cases in which the Court of Appeal for this Province had discussed and laid down the basis or correct method of arriving at the value for assessment

purposes of the different classes of property involved in the present appeals. These cases were determined under the various provisions of the Assessment Act as that Act stood prior to the amending Act of 1901. The first of these cases was the *Beil Telephone Co.* v. City of Hamilton, 25 O.A.R. 351. The Court of Appeal held in that case:

(1). That the poles, wires, conduits and cables of the Telephone Company must be valued in distinct units as they happened to be located in the several wards of the city, the portion of the poles, wires, etc., in each

ward by itself and not as a part of a going concern.

(2). That these poles, wires, etc., must be valued at the price they would bring if sold as so much material to be removed or taken away by a purchaser.

(3). If the material was not actually sold the assessment value would be the sum at which such material would be taken by a creditor in payment

of a just debt from a solvent debtor.

The Court was unanimous upon the point that this class of property could not be valued as a whole or as an integral part of a whole, nor as if it were a going concern; in other words, as put by Burton, C. J., the value of the portion in each ward must be arrived at separately apart from the rest of the work. He held that the assessment value could not be arrived at by ascertaining the value of the whole as a going concern in good repair and first-class condition, and making what the evidence probably established, a fair allowance for wear and tear, and then estimating what proportion of the works, poles and wires were in that particular ward. He concludes his judgment as follows: "I am of opinion that as real property the poles, etc., are to be valued as they would sell irrespective of the fact that they form part of a going concern."

Osler, J.A., held that s. 28 of the Assessment Act provided the basis of valuation, namely, their actual cash value as they would be appraised in payment of a just debt by a solvent debtor. He, therefore, held that to assess them as a 'line,' a going concern in good repair and first-class condition, was erroneous, because to do it would "introduce elements of value quite inadmissible and improper to be considered, such as their value regarded in connection with the enercise of the company's franchise or in connection with the value of the whole line operated by the company throughout the different wards of the city or even outside of it, the value of the line regarded as a complete system, and the business value of the articles to the company itself as a part of the means whereby they exercise their franchise or their income producing value." He agreed with the view of the Chief Justice that the portion of the system located in each ward must be assessed as a separate unit and "the value must be such as the material or articles would bring if sold to be removed by the purchaser. It was the property itself, real or personal, which was to bear the burden of taxation; any adventitious value it possessed to the possessor only, and which did not follow it into the hands of a purchaser could not be con-

sidered in valuing it for assessment purposes under s. 28 of the Assessment Act."

Moss, J.A., besides agreeing with the opinion that the portions in each ward must be assessed by themselves, stated that in arriving at an assessment or value the only elements to be considered were "what a purchaser buying or a creditor taking the property for or on account of his claim is to get, and the value it will be to him when he gets it, either for his own use or as a saleable commodity. Such purchaser or creditor," he adds, "cannot expect to acquire the property as part of and connected with other property which is not disposed of to him." The learned judge later states that, "To treat it for assessment purposes as part of a going concern is to give it a character not ascribed to it by the Assessment Act."

The next case relating to this subject was a street railway case In re London Areet Railway Company, 27 O.A.R. 83. In that case also the Court held that the ward division must be followed and each portion of what was in fact a continuous system could only be assessed in separate units in each ward and that the several parts could not be considered as part of a going concern operated in the several wards; and the Bell Telephone case was followed as to the basis of valuation for the various ward units.

The last case was the Queenston Heights Bridge Assessment, 1. O. L.R. 114. In that case which did not involve the ward divisions the Court of Appeal also adopted the same basis of valuation to determine the assessable value of the Canadian half of an international bridge, the whole bridge being the property of one company. The so called "scrap valuation" was applied, and the assessment value of the half of the bridge on Canadian soil was placed at the value of the material to a purchaser who would have to remove and take the same  $\varepsilon$  vay.

The Legislature, therefore, was fully possessed of the conclusions of the highest Court of this Province as to the inadequacy of the machinery for assessing this peculiar class of property under the existing law, a class of property which had come into existence subsequent to the date of the enactment of s. 28 of the Assessment Act. Burton, C.J., had stated in the Bell Telephone case (page 352) that the Court had found considerable difficulty in applying to modern railways, gas and water companies and electric telegraph companies provisions of the law which were doubtless amply sufficient for the much more simple state of assessable property in the days when the assessment laws were first introduced. In another part of his judgment he expressed regret that the Legislature had not provided proper machinery for assessing under the altered circumstances such new classes of property: (p. 354). Similar views had been expressed by other Judges of the Court of Appeal. It had also been stated that it was extremely difficult to ascertain the true value of such property, and one learned Judge (Osler, J., Queenston Bridge case, at page 117) had said that if any injustice resulted from the decisions of the Courts in dealing with these perplexing problems the remedy rested with the Legislature.

In 1901 an amendment of the Assessment Act was made and the point. to be determined in these appeals is as to the extent that the new law varies or qualifies the decisions above referred to.

The first change clearly made is to abolish the ward divisions in considering the value of these new classes of constructive real property, where the operation of such enterprises and the plant essential to their useful equipment extends territorially beyond the limits of one ward. As a corollary to this abolition of ward divisions the assessor is allowed to value the real property of the owners or possessors of such concerns as a whole in one ward, or he is at liberty to value it in more than one ward, but in such latter case each ward unit is to be valued as an integral part of I interpret this to mean that having ascertained the value as a whole he can if he wishes apportion to each ward the proportionate part of the whole value which appertains to the property lying within its boundaries, but it must be at the same values. The Legislature has made proper the method suggested by Boyd, C., in the Consumers' Gas Co. v. Toronto, 26 O.R., p. 731, but disapproved of in the same case in appeal by the Supreme Court. (See Consumers' Gas v. Toronto, 27 S.C., and judgments of Sir Henry Strong, C.J., at page 458, and Gwynne, J., at page 460.) BOYD, C., said in his opinion "the correct method would be to value the concern as a whole and then apportion ratably to the wards or the municipality as much of the value as falls to that part of the concern territorially situate in each locality."

The next most important consideration will be, has the Legislature established any new basis of valuation from that laid down in the decided cases? Has the standard or test prescribed by s. 28 of the Assessment Act been altered, namely, that the property, whether real or personal, is to be estimated at its "actual cash value, as it would be appraised in payment of a just debt from a solvent debtor?"

The Court of Appeal has distinctly laid down that rails, poles, wires, etc., must be valued only as material to be removed or taken away by a purchaser without regard to any adventitious value it possesses to the possessor or owners only—any special value due to franchise or income producing qualities do not follow the property into the hands of the purchasers, and, according to Osler, J.A., cannot be considered in valuing it for assessment purposes under s. 28 of the Assessment Act. This principle is equally applicable to the whole line of rails, poles, wires, etc., whether they are to be considered as a whole or as composed of separate parts lying in different municipal wards of a city, but forming one continuous system. In Toronto where there are six wards six separate scrap heaps under the former law may now be treated, if the assessor wills, as one scrap heap of poles, rails, wires, etc., removed from their connection with the operating system of which they are constituent parts. They are not to be treated as

parts of a going concern in good condition of repair, nor are they to be valued at the estimated or ascertained cost of reproduction less any reasonable allowance for wear and tear due to their having been in use for any definite period since their installation. In very truth the only apparent change affected by the recent legislation is to permit a different method of municipal bookkeeping whereby as to this special class of assessable property the whole value may be attributed to one ward if the assessment department desire to so ascertain it, or, if they do not so elect, they can distribute the total value amongst several wards in proper proportions. As I have before remarked, s. 28 of the Assessment Act still applies to all assessments, and its force, as applied to rails, poles, wires, etc., I am of opinion must still continue to be interpreted according to the principles laid down by the Court of Appeal. So far as the method of estimating the assessment value of the classes of property involved in the present appeals is concerned I am of opinion that the amendment enacted at the last Session has effected no change whatever."

The parties to the present appeals have informed the Board that they have agreed upon the values which should be entered on the roll should it be determined that the assessment is still to be made upon the same principle as that laid down by the Court of Appeal before the enactment of the amendment above discussed. I am of opinion that the appeals should therefore be allowed, and the amounts of the several assessments be reduced to the figures agreed upon between the city and the appellants.

There remains, however, a further question to be disposed of in addition to the value of the rails, poles and wires of the Toronto Railway Company. The Assessment department have added to their assessment the value of their rolling stock or cars, and the company contend that these articles are not assessable as realty. The Assessment department has, doubtless, been led to include the railway company's rolling stock as realty owing to the recent decision of the Court of Appeal in the case of Kirkpatrick v. Cornwall Street R. W. Co., 2 O.L.R., at pp. 122, 123. The Court held that the rolling stock of an electric railway should be regarded as against an execution creditor as part of the corpus of the entire machine (electric plant), and, therefore, in the nature of a fixture, and passing with the land over which it runs. The whole doctrine of constructive annexation to land of articles ordinarily treated as chattels so as to constitute them realty has in modern times received an extended application.

I had occasion in 1898 to consider the question in appeal of the C.P.R. Telegraph Co. against the assessment of their switchboard and telegraph instruments. My written opinion is reported in 34 C.L.J. 789, and upon the facts of that case I held the switchboard and telegraph instruments in use in the office of the appellants to be liable to assessment as realty. I venture to repeat here the extract I made in the C.P.R. Telegraph Co. case from Evell on Fixtures (p. 34) as the best definition of the doctrine of con-

structive annexation, and its limitations, that I have been able to find in any of the legal text books: "In order to constitute a constructive annexation to realty the article in question though not physically connected therewith must not only be appropriate or adapted and necessary to the fit and beneficial use of the principal thing, the realty, and not to a matter of a mere personal nature, but must also be such as goes to complete the buildings, machinery, etc., constituting the principal thing which is affixed to the land, and must be such as if removed would leave the principal thing incomplete and unfit for use, and would not itself alone be equally useful and adapted for general use elsewhere. In respect of all things of constructive annexation there exists both adaptation to the enjoyment of the land and localization in use as obvious elements of distinction from mere chattels personal."

"The rolling stock of an electric R.R.," says Osler, J.A., (Kirkpatrick v. Cornwall Street R.W. Co., p. 123), really constitutes, as was argued, part of one great machine confined to a particular locality for which it is especially constructed and fitted, operated by means of a continuous current of electricity, generated in part of the fixed plant in the power house and passing through the trolley pole of the car, which is fitted to the overhead wire, through the car to the unbroken line of rails back to the generator. Of the entire machine thus operated the important part, the rails and the power house, are unquestionably realty, and the rolling stock forms part of it in a much more intimate and connected manner than does the rolling stock of a steam railway. Detached from the rails it is incapable of use, and upon the principles laid down in Place v. Fagg (1829) 4 M. & Ry. 277; Fisher v. Dixon (1845) 12 Cl. & Finnelly, 312, and Mather v. Fraser (1856) 2 R. & J. 536, I am of opinion that as regards its liability to be taken in execution it may be properly regarded as part of the corpus of the entire machine, and, therefore, in the nature of a fixture and passing with the land over which it runs."

This decision was made in reference to an interpleader issue between an execution creditor trustees and debenture holders. If the rolling stock was chattel property the creditors (plaintiffs) would succeed, there being no duly registered chattel mortgage covering chattel property; if the rolling stock like the poles and wires was to be considered realty and to form part of the land then the defendants were entitled to succeed. In disposing of the interpleader issue nothing turned upon the language of the mortgage purporting to cover the land, franchises and rolling stock. If the rolling stock was chattel property the instrument purporting to mortgage it did not comply with the Chattel Mortgage Act, and it was not registered as a chattel mortgage. The question to be determined there was, Is the rolling stock of an electric railway company personal property or realty? The Court held it was realty, and was not seizable under an execution against goods.

It appears to me for the purpose of disposing of the question of the right to assess the rolling stock or cars of an electric road as realty I must look upon that question as settled by the Court of Appeal in the case above referred to. Mr. Bicknell in his able argument against the proposition that the cars of an electric railway are to be considered for the purposes of assessment realty cited a number of cases and pointed out many reasons why such a conclusion should not be reached, but unless I have failed to properly appreciate the force of the judgment in Kirkpatrick v. Cornwall, the question is not open to consideration or decision by an inferior court. I am of the opinion that the cars used by the Toronto Railway Company on their electric road are, along with the rails, poles and wires, liable to assessment as realty, and that the value must be ascertained in the same manner as the value of the rails, poles and wires themselves. I have been given to understand that the parties can agree upon the amounts to be inserted in the assessment roll relating to this portion of the assessable property of the company, and upon handing in to this Board these figures the same can be embodied in the order.

The Toronto Railway Company's appeal upon this branch of the case will be dismissed.

McGibbon and McCrimmon, Co. JJ., concurred.

## Province of Mova Scotia.

#### SUPREME COURT.

Meagher, J.]

ANDERSON & HICKS.

[Sept. 13.

Dominion elections - Residence - Right to vote - Refusal of ballot to voter.

This was an action brought against a Deputy Returning Officer who had charge of the polling sub-division at Dalhousie, in the County of Annapolis, Nova Scotia, at the last Dominion Election. The plaintiff was on the voters' list at Dalhousie, but he resided in St. John, New Brunswick, and was on the voters' list there also. The plaintiff demanded a ballot from the Deputy Returning Officer at Dalhousie, but was refused on the ground that he was by law required to vote in the county in which he resided and not elsewhere; that he had a right to vote in St. John, New Brunswick, and could not therefore vote at Dalhousie. The plaintiff, having declined to take the oath, the defendant refused to give him a ballot.

Held, that the action of the Deputy Returning Officer was illegal and that the plaintiff was entitled to vote at Dalhousie. Damages were assessed at \$350.

J. J. Ritchie, K.C., and Mills, K.C., for plaintiff. Wade, K.C., for defendant.

Note:—An order for appeal to the full Bench of Nova Scotia has been taken out.

#### THE KING P. KEEPING.

Keeping a bawdy house—Summary trial—When consent required—Form of information under vagrancy clauses—Describing offences under Code, s. 783—Habeas corpus in Nova Scotia—Order of protection to jailer only—Cr. Code, ss. 198, 207 (j), 208, 783 (f), 785.

1. An information charging the accused, for that she was "the keeper of a disorderly house, that is to say, a common bawdy house," is a charge under s. 198 of the Code, for the indictable offence of keeping a common bawdy house, and is not cognizable under the special jurisdiction given to magistrates by s. 783 (f), because not laid in the exact language of the latter section.

2. Such charge could not be summarily tried by a city stipendiary magistrate without the consent of the accused under Code, s. 785 (amendment of 1900).

3. To give jurisdiction to a justice to punish on summary conviction the keeper of a disorderly house under the vagrancy clauses of the Code (88, 207 and 208), the information must charge that the accused is a loose, idle or disorderly person or vagrant (8, 208), and it is not sufficient to charge simply that the person is a keeper of a disorderly house, although that fact constitutes the person a loose, idle or disorderly person or vagrant, by virtue of Code, 8, 207.

4. A conviction for that the accused was on April 21 "and on divers other days and times during the month of April" the keeper of a disorderly house, based upon an information in the like terms, laid on April 39, is bad, because it may be read as inclusive of an offence committed subsequently to the laying of the information, and including the date of the conviction, as to which the prisoner was not charged on her trial before the convicting magistrate.

5. In discharging a prisoner in habeas corpus proceedings under c. 181, R.S.N.S., an order of protection in respect of a civil action by the prisoner, can be made only in favour of the jailer and not in favour of the magistrate and prosecutor.

(Halifax, June 4. Weatherbe, J.

Motion in Chambers, under R.S.N.S. c. 181, 1900, on the return of a habeas corpus and a certiorari in aid thereof, for the discharge from custody of Mary Keeping, the defendant, a prisoner in the common jail at Halifax, under a warrant of commitment reciting a conviction which was as follows:

"Be it remembered, that on the 30th day of April, in the year one thousand nine hundred and one, in the police court in the city of Halifax, Mary Keeping being charged before me, the undersigned stipendiary magistrate, and one of His Majesty's justices of the peace in and for the said city of Halifax, for that she, the said Mary Keeping, in the said city of Halifax, on the 21st day of April, A.D. 1901, and on divers other days and times during the month of April, A.D. 1901, was the keeper of a disorderly house, that is to say, a common bawdy house at No. 18 Maitland Street, in the said city of Halifax, and being tried this day is convicted before me of the said offence. I find the costs of the prosecution to be four dollars, but I do not award costs. And I adjudge the said Mary Keeping for her said offence to forfeit and pay a fine of fifty-four dollars, to be paid and applied according to law; and if the said sum be not paid forthwith, I

adjudge the said Mary Keeping to be imprisoned in the County jail, at the said city of Halifax, and there kept at hard labour for the term of four months, unless the said sum be sooner paid."

The information on which this conviction was based was laid before the stipendiary magistrate at Halifax on the 29th of April, 1901, charging in identical terms on that date the offence set out in the above conviction, and the prisoner having been brought before him on a warrant on the following day, was summarily tried on the information under Part LV. of the Code, after a plea of "not guilty," and without her consent being obtained to such trial. She was convicted on the same day, and on that conviction was committed to jail as aforesaid.

J. J. Power, for the prisoner, referred to R. v. Hogarth, 24 O.R. 60; R. v. Cockshot (1898), 1 Q.B. 582; Ex parte Kennedy, 27 N.B.R. 493; The Queen v. France, 1 Can. Cr. Cas. 321; In re Moore, 33 C.L.J. 400.

Blackadar, for the Crown, cited Ex parte Cook, 3 Can. Cr. Cas. 72, and The Queen v. Bougie, Ib. 487.

Weatherbe, J.—I am of opinion that the prisoner must be discharged from custody on both the grounds urged on her behalf. She was clearly notified that she was charged with the indictable offence provided for in s. 198 of the Code, and while the magistrate could hold a preliminary examination and commit her for trial, if he thought fit to do so, he could not try her without her consent, as provided for in s. 785 of the Code, as recently amended: (1900, 63 Vict. (Can.), c. 46). The conviction on that ground is, therefore, absolutely without jurisdiction. 207 (j) of the Code does not help the matter, as that sub-section creates no offence, but only indicates one of the many ways how a person may be a "loose, idle or disorderly person, or a vagrant," and that is the proper way to charge an offence under that section.

I am also of an opinion that this matter is not covered by s. 783(f) of the Code; that refers to distinct offences mentioned there, and which are not necessarily the same as those mentioned in s. 198. At all events, this person was not charged under 783(f).

As to the other point, I think that the conviction might be understood as covering an offence committed up to the 30th. She was not tried for that, yet she is convicted for it. I quite agree with the New Brunswick authority cited on the argument.

In ordering her discharge I will protect from the consequences of any civil action arising out of the prisoner's detention every person whom I lawfully can under the statute. I suppose I might discharge the prisoner and hear this point argued afterwards. I agree with Mr. Justice Ritchie's views in the *Moore case*, but at present, in view of Mr. Power's statement that no action will be brought, it might be stated in the order that the prisoner consents to bring no action, but it can also be stated that I refrained from imposing any such term upon her, except in relation to the jailer.

Prisoner discharged.

## Province of British Columbia.

#### SUPREME COURT.

Full Court.

MANLEY &. COLLOM.

Oct. 16.

Mining law—Miner's license—Location—Approximate compass bearing— Re-location—Permission of Gold Commissioner—Mineral in place— Defects cured by certificates of work—Mistakes of efficials—Mineral Act, secs. 28, 39, 32 and 34.

In November, 1897, Cooper having already a claim on the same lode, located the Native Silver claim in the name of Haplin, who transferred in December, 1897, one-half to Cooper and the other half to Heller, who sold to plaintiff in July, 1900, the usual certificates of work having been obtained in the interim. Defendant who knew of the error in the description of the compass bearing and of the issue of such certificates, on failing to effect a purchase of the claim from Cooper and Heller located the same ground as the Arlington Fraction, and on obtaining the usual certificate of work applied for Crown grants. Two of the mining licenses on which the plaintiff's title depended were issued by a constable at Sandon, who acting on instructions from the Government Agent at Nelson, obtained the blank forms from the Mining Recorder at New Denver, and on issuing licenses he accounted to the Government.

Held, in adverse proceedings, affirming WALKEM, J. (DEAKE, J., dissenting), that the defendant not being misled, the irregularities in the plaintiff's title were cured by s. 28 of the Mineral Act.

Callahan v. Coplen (1899), 30 S.C.R. 555, and Gelinas v. Clark (1901), 8 B.C. 42, specially considered.

Davis, K.C., (W. A. Macdonald, K.C., with bim), for appellant. Duff, K.C., (J. H. Lawson, Jr., with him), for respondent.

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