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ACCIDENT REPORTS.

See Discovery; Evidence.

ACCOMMODATION.

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ACCOUNTING.

ACTION FOR; ONUS; PARTICULARS.

In an action en reddition de compte by a company against its president it is for the defendant who alleges that the board of directors of the plaintiff is not complete to prove it. The plaintiff, which demands that in default of rendering an account the defendant be condemned to pay a certain amount which it has been informed he has received under certain contracts, is not bound to state at what date and from what persons such sum was received. *Temiscouata Railway Co. v. Macdonald*, 3 Que. P.R. 462 (S.C.).

ACTION.

See Pleading and Practice.

For action for injuries caused by negligence, see Negligence.

For injuries resulting from operation of street railways, see Street Railways.

ADVERTISING.

For advertising contract with street railway, see Contracts.

AGENTS.

SHIPPING NOTE; FRAUDULENT RECEIPT OF AGENT; LIABILITY OF COMPANY.

C., freight agent of respondents at Chat-ham, and a partner in the firm of B. & Co., caused printed receipts or shipping notes in the form commonly used by the railway company to be signed by his name as the company's agent, in favour of B. & Co., for

flour which had never in fact been delivered to the railway company. The receipts acknowledged that the company had received from B. & Co. the flour addressed to the appellants, and were attached to drafts drawn by B. & Co., and accepted by appellants. C. received the proceeds of the drafts and absconded. In an action to recover the amount of the drafts:—Held, Fournier and Henry, J.J., dissenting, that the act of C. in issuing a false and fraudulent receipt for goods never delivered to the company, was not an act done within the scope of his authority as the company's agent, and the company was therefore not liable. 3 A.R. (Ont.) 446, 42 Q.B. 90, affirmed. *Erb v. Great Western Railway Co.*, 5 Can. S.C.R. 179.

[Discussed in *Ward v. Montreal Cold Storage Co.*, Q.R. 26, S.C. 320; distinguished in *Moore v. Ontario Investment Assn.*, 16 O.R. 269; *Ward v. Montreal Cold Storage Co.*, Q.R. 26 S.C. 341; followed in *Dominion Express Co. v. Krigbaum*, 18 O.L.R. 533; referred to in *Monteith v. Merchants' Despatch Co.*, 1 O.R. 47.]

FREIGHT AGENTS; AUTHORITY TO ADVISE SHIPMENTS.

E., in British Columbia, being about to purchase goods from G., in Ontario, signed, on request of the freight agent of the Northern Pacific Railway Company in British Columbia, a letter to G. asking him to ship goods *via* Grand Trunk Railway and Chicago & N. W. R. W. Co., care Northern Pacific Railway at St. Paul. This letter was forwarded to the freight agent of the Northern Pacific Railway Company at Toronto, who sent it to G. and wrote to him, "I enclose you card of advice, and if you will kindly fill it up when you make the shipment send it to me, I will trace and hurry them through and advise you of delivery to consignee." G. shipped the goods as suggested in this letter deliverable to his own order in British Columbia:—Held, affirming the decisions of the Courts below, 21 A.R. 322, 22 O.R. 645, that on arrival of the goods at St. Paul the Northern Pacific Railway Company was bound to accept delivery of them for carriage to British Columbia and to

expedite such carriage; that they were in the care of said company from St. Paul to British Columbia; that the freight agent at Toronto had authority so to bind the company; and that the company was liable to G. for the value of the goods which were delivered to E. at British Columbia without an order from G. and not paid for. 21 A.R. (Ont.) 322, affirming 22 O.R. 645, affirming. Northern Pacific R.W. Co. v. Grant, 24 Can. S.C.R. 546.

[Referred to in Boyle v. Victoria Y.T. Co., 9 B.C.R. 322.]

TERMS OF BILL OF LADING; AUTHORITY OF AGENT.

A shipping agent cannot bind his principal by receipt of a bill of lading after the vessel containing the goods shipped has sailed, and the bill of lading so received is not a record of the terms on which the goods are shipped. Where a shipper accepts what purports to be a bill of lading, under circumstances which would lead him to infer that it forms a record of the contract of shipment, he cannot usually, in the absence of fraud, or mistake, escape from its binding operation merely upon the ground that he did not read it, but that conclusion does not follow where the document is given out of the usual course of business, and seeks to vary terms of a prior mutual assent. *Taschereau, J.*, dissented on the facts. *N.W. Transportation Co. v. McKenzie*, 25 Can. S.C.R. 38.

[Approved in *Bicknell v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 26 A.R. (Ont.) 431; referred to in *Comcee v. Securities Holding Co.*, 38 Can. S.C.R. 619; *Melady v. Jenkins Steamship Co.*, 18 O.L.R. 251, *St. Mary's Creamery v. G.T.R. Co.*, 5 O.L.R. 742; *Wilson v. C.D. Co.*, 9 B.C.R. 107.]

SALE OF MONEY ORDERS; REPRESENTATION OF AUTHORITY.

A father and son were ostensible partners; the father held out the son as doing insurance business with him as a principal, under the name of M. & Son; the son, by signature and conduct, represented to the plaintiffs that he was authorized to use the father's name, and obtained an agency from the plaintiffs for the issue and sale of money orders in the name of M. & Son, the plaintiffs believing that the father and son were partners. Publicity as to the firm of M. & Son was given by advertisement, letter-heads, office sign—Held, that, to fix the father with the consequences of his son's acts in the name of the firm, it was not essential that the father should have himself made any representation to the plaintiffs; it was enough that the father had held

out his son as his partner under such circumstances of publicity as to satisfy a jury that the plaintiffs knew of it and believed the son to be a partner of the father; and upon the evidence the father was liable to the plaintiffs for money orders issued by the son. *Dominion Express Co. v. Maughan*, 20 O.L.R. 310.

[Reversed in 21 O.L.R. 510, the next following case.]

SALE OF MONEY ORDERS; ESTOPPEL; REPRESENTATION OF AUTHORITY; PUBLIC REPUTE.

Held, upon the evidence, that there was no actual partnership between the defendant J. M. and his son, the defendant H. M., carried on in the firm name of J. M. & Son; and (reversing the judgment of a Divisional Court, 20 O.L.R. 310) that there was no holding out by J. M. of his son H. M. as a member of the partnership; *Meredith, J.A.*, dissenting. *Per Moss, C.J.O.*, that the facts showed it to be not a case of J. M. holding out his son to the plaintiffs as a partner, but of his son assuming to hold himself out to the plaintiffs as in partnership with his father. If the father was to be made liable, it must be because what was done was done under circumstances which bound him as well as his son; and there was no proof of any express authority, or of any acts from which authority might reasonably be inferred, to the son to represent his father as in partnership with him. *Per Middleton, J.*, that the plaintiffs must fail, because, assuming in their favour that there was a holding out, no evidence was given to show that at the time credit was given the plaintiffs knew of the circumstances now relied on as constituting a "holding out," or that they gave credit upon the faith of any public repute which would satisfy a jury "that the plaintiffs knew of it and believed him to be a partner." *Dickinson v. Valpy* (1829), 10 B. & C. 128, 140; *Ford v. Whitmarsh* (1840), *Hurl. & Walm.* 53. And, again, the plaintiffs failed because the holding out was of a partnership as "general insurance agents," while the liability sought to be imposed was as "agents for the sale of signed money orders" issued by the plaintiffs, and such an agency was beyond the scope of the business held out. *Per Meredith, J.A.*, that, upon the undisputed facts, there was authority from the father to the son to use the father's name and to pledge his credit; and, assuming that that authority extended only to the business of insurance agents, the transaction in question was sufficiently connected with that business to come within the authority. *Dominion Express Co. v. Maughan*, 21 O.L.R. 510 (C.A.).

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AGENCY FOR SALE OF MONEY ORDERS; THEFT AND FORGERY BY SERVANT OF AGENT; PAYMENT; LIABILITY OF AGENT.

The defendant, on appointment as agent for the sale of the signed money orders of an express company, agreed in writing to be responsible for the "due issue and sale thereof" and "to account for each money order and the proceeds thereof." An employee of the defendant stole a book of money orders, forged the defendant's counter-signature (which was required), and issued orders which the plaintiffs, being unaware of the forgeries, paid, and now brought this action for the amount.—Held, that the defendant was not liable, inasmuch as the money orders in question had not been issued or sold by him, and that he had duly accounted for them by showing that, without negligence on his part, they had been stolen from him, and he was therefore unable to return them. Semble, also, that, even if the orders had in fact been countersigned by the defendant, they would not have been binding on the company, inasmuch as to issue them, when the money they represented had not been received by him, would be an act outside the scope of his authority as agent, and for this reason the plaintiffs could not recover. Held, further, that, even if there was a breach of the defendant's contract, the plaintiffs suffered no damage by it, as they incurred no liability to the payee or transferee of the money orders, inasmuch as neither of the latter would be entitled to sue upon them, there being no privity of contract between them and the plaintiffs. *Dominion Express Co. v. Krigbaum*, 18 O.L.R. 533.

CUSTOMS AGENT; SCOPE OF AUTHORITY.

Where a railway company furnished its customs agent with the necessary documents, including accepted cheques, for the payment of duties necessary to enter goods through the customs house, and the agent, by a system of frauds, was able to pass a large quantity of goods free of duty, receiving back from the customs officers, on the assumption that all imposts had been fully paid, the difference between the face of the cheques and the duty actually paid, which the agent converted to his own use, the company is estopped in an action by the Crown for the duties unpaid on goods so passed and not entered for duty from claiming that in accepting the money returned, he was not acting within the scope of his employment. *The King v. Canadian Pacific R. Co.*, 11 D.L.R. 681, 14 Can. Ex. R. 150.

[*Fry v. Smellie*, [1912] 3 K.B. 282; *Whitechurch v. Cavanagh*, [1902] A.C. 117-130; *Low v. Bouverie*, [1891] 3 Ch. 82; *Lloyd v.*

Grace, [1912] A.C. 716, specially referred to *British Mutual Banking Co. v. Charnwood Forest R. Co.*, 18 Q.B.D. 714; *Ruben v. Great Fingall Consolidated*, [1906] A.C. 439, distinguished.]

AIR BRAKES.

For equipment of passenger trains with air brakes, see *Carriers of Passengers*.

ALIGHTING FROM CARS.

See *Carriers of Passengers*; *Street Railways*.

AMALGAMATION.

Effect of amalgamation as to parties to action, see *Pleading and Practice*.

AMALGAMATION AGREEMENTS; DOMINION AND PROVINCIAL RAILWAYS; SPECIAL ACTS.

Application under s. 361 of the Railway Act for a recommendation by the Board to the Governor-in-Council for the sanction of amalgamation agreements between Dominion and provincial railway companies. The Montreal Park and Island and Montreal Terminal Ry. Cos. were incorporated by the Parliament of Canada and the Montreal Street Ry. Co. by a statute of the Province of Quebec. Agreements were made between the three companies apparently pursuant to the authority given in two special Acts of the Dominion incorporating the first two railway companies for the sale of these railways with their facilities and assets to the provincial railway.—Held (1), that under ss. 361 and 362 (which must be read together), the Board has no jurisdiction to deal with the amalgamations of railway companies incorporated under Dominion and provincial statutes. (2), That the proper mode of procedure would be to apply as provided by the special Acts for sanction of the agreements to the Governor-in-Council. In re *Amalgamation Agreements*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas., 150.

EFFECT ON CHARTER POWERS.

A restriction in the charter of a street railway company that prevented it from importing electricity from without the city limits, is not binding upon a company formed by the amalgamation of such street railway company with other companies, none of which were so restricted. *Winnipeg Electric Railway Co. v. City of Winnipeg*, 4 D.L.R. 116, [1912] A.C. 355.

EFFECT ON CHARTER POWERS; STREET RAILWAYS.

After an electric street railway has, to the knowledge of a city and its officers, and with their active co-operation, erected beyond the city limits, at a cost of millions of dollars, a plant for the generation of electricity, located its sub-power houses and erected poles and wires in the city, and after the city has received about \$100,000 in taxes from the company, and has adopted by-laws and resolutions requiring a company that the street railway had absorbed by amalgamation, to lay double tracks on certain streets, and to establish a schedule for operating its cars, the city cannot deprive the street railway company of the right to introduce into the city electricity generated beyond the city limits, on the ground that its charter forbade such importation of electricity, or that permits were void which the city had granted for the erection of poles. *Winnipeg Electric Railway Co. v. City of Winnipeg*, 4 D.L.R. 116, [1912] A.C. 355.

[*Winnipeg v. Winnipeg Electric R. Co.*, 20 Man. L.R. 337, 16 W.L.R. 62, reversed.]

ANIMALS.

See Fences and Cattle Guards.

For carriage of animals and injuries to them in transit, see Carriage of Live Stock.

APPEALS.

- A. In General.
- B. From Orders of Railway Board.
- C. From Expropriation Awards.

For appeals from assessments, see Assessments and Taxation.

A. In General.

CASE; AMENDMENT OF.

Where it appeared that certain papers which a Judge of the Court below had directed should form part of the case had been incorrectly printed, especially the factum of the respondent in said Court, which had been translated and in which interpolations had been made, the registrar was directed to remit the case to the Court below to be corrected. *Fournier, J.*, in Chambers. *Parker v. Montreal City Pass. Ry. Co.*, 19th February (1885), Cass. Can. S.C.R., Dig. 1893, p. 674.

MOTION TO STRIKE APPEAL OFF LIST; NOTICE.

A motion to strike an appeal off the list of appeals inscribed for hearing must be on notice. *Parker v. Montreal City Passenger*

Ry. Co. (1885), Cass. Can. S.C.R. Dig. 1893, p. 686.

FACTUM; LEAVE TO DEPOSIT.

When appeal inscribed for hearing *ex parte* is called, counsel for respondents asks leave to be heard and to be allowed to deposit factum. Counsel for appellants consents. Granted. *Parker v. Montreal City Passenger Ry. Co.* (1885), Cass. Can. S.C. Dig. 1893, p. 683.

FACTUM; POINT NOT RAISED BY.

A point is raised at the hearing not in factum, and counsel for respondent therefore objects that he is not prepared to argue it. The court adjourns hearing for a week. *Western Counties Ry. Co. v. Windsor & Annapolis Ry. Co.* (1879), Cass. Can. S.C.R. Dig. 1893, p. 683.

CASE; EXTENDING TIME FOR PRINTING AND FILING.

Under s. 79 of the S. & E.C. Act and Rules 42 & 70 S.C., a judge in chambers of the Supreme Court has power to extend the time for printing and filing case. *Canada Southern Ry. Co. v. Norvell* (1880), Cass. Can. S.C. Dig. 1893, p. 673.

REVIEW OF COSTS; MOTION TO RE-OPEN.

In this case, the Supreme Court had refused by their judgment to give a writ of prohibition to prevent the taxation of respondent's costs by the county judge, such taxation having been made before the judgment of the Supreme Court was given; but the court stated that the respondent was not entitled to costs. Counsel for appellants moved to re-open argument of that part of the appeal as to the right to the prohibition, and for a reconsideration thereof, on the ground that the amount taxed to respondent had been paid into the County Court, and that the county judge might make an order directing the money so paid into his court to be paid out to respondent unless prohibited.—Held, that the application which was really for a rehearing of the appeal, which had been duly considered and adjudicated upon by the court, could not be entertained; that the court could not assume that the County Court judge would act illegally, and in defiance of the judgment of the court, to the effect that the respondent was not entitled to costs; but that if the County Court judge should propose so to act, the appellants would have their remedy against him, and might apply to one of the superior courts for a writ of prohibition. Counsel for appellants not called upon. Motion refused with \$25 costs. *Ontario and Quebec Ry. Co. v. Philbrick* (1886), Cass. Can. S.C. Dig. 1893, p. 687.

REVIEW OF COSTS.

It is only when some fundamental principle of justice has been ignored, or some other gross error appears that the Supreme Court will interfere with the discretion of provincial Courts in awarding or withholding costs. *Smith v. Saint John City Railway Company*; *Consolidated Electric Company v. Atlantic Trust Company*; *Consolidated Electric Company v. Pratt*, 28 Can. S.C.R. 603.

MATTERS OF PROHIBITION.

The provisions of the second section of the statute, 54 & 55 Vict. c. 25, giving the Supreme Court of Canada jurisdiction to hear appeals in matters of prohibition, apply to such appeals from the Province of Quebec as well as to all other parts of Canada. *Shannon v. Montreal Park and Island Railway Co.*, 28 Can. S.C.R. 374.

[Overruled in *Desormeaux v. Ste. Thérèse de Blainville*, 43 Can. S.C.R. 82; considered in *Wynnes v. Montreal P. & I. Ry. Co.*, Que. R. 9 Q.B. 498.]

FINALITY OF JUDGMENT; APPEAL FROM ORDER FOR NEW TRIAL.

In an action brought to recover damages for the loss of certain glass delivered to defendants for carriage, the Judge left to the jury the question of negligence only, reserving any other questions to be decided subsequently by himself. On the question submitted the jury disagreed. Defendant then moved the Divisional Court for judgment, but pending such motion the plaintiffs applied for and obtained an order of the Court amending the statement of claim, and charging other grounds of negligence. The defendants submitted to such order and pleaded to such amendments, and new and material issues were thereby raised for determination. The action as so amended was entered for trial, but was not tried before the Divisional Court pronounced judgment on the motion dismissing plaintiff's action. On appeal to the Court of Appeal, the judgment of the Divisional Court was reversed and a new trial ordered. On appeal to the Supreme Court:—Held, that the judgment of the Court of Appeal ordering a new trial in this case was not a final judgment nor did it come within any of the provisions of the Supreme Court Act authorizing an appeal from judgments not final. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Cobban Mfg. Co.*, 22 Can. S.C.R. 132.

JUDGMENT, INTERLOCUTORY OR FINAL.

The plaintiff sued for \$5,000 as damages alleged to have been caused by the defendants. The Superior Court dismissed the action, and the Court of Review reversed

that judgment and sent the case back to the Superior Court to ascertain the damages. The defendants appealed from this judgment to the Court of Queen's Bench, but that court, on motion of plaintiff, before any other proceeding on the appeal, quashed the writ of appeal on the ground that it had been issued *de plano* and not with the permission of the court as required by Art. 1116, C.C.P., the court being of opinion that the judgment was not a final but an interlocutory judgment within that article:—Held, (1), A judgment of the Court of Queen's Bench for Lower Canada (appeal side) quashing a writ of appeal on the ground that such writ had been issued contrary to the provisions of Art. 1116, C.C.P., is not "a final judgment" within the meaning of s. 28 of the Supreme and Exchequer Courts Act. *Shaw v. St. Louis*, 8 Can. S.C.R. 387, distinguished. (2) The Supreme Court has no jurisdiction under s. 29 of the Supreme and Exchequer Courts Act, to hear an appeal by the defendant where the amount in controversy has not been established by the judgment appealed from. [But see *S. & E. C. Act, 1891*, 54 & 55 Vict. c. 25, s. 3.] *Ontario & Quebec Railway Company v. Marcheterre*, 17 Can. S.C.R. 141.

FINALITY OF JUDGMENT.

A judgment allowing demurrer to plaintiff's replication to one of several pleas, which does not operate to put an end to the whole or any part of the action or defence is not a final judgment from which an appeal will lie. *Shaw v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 16 Can. S.C.R. 703.

FINALITY OF JUDGMENT; QUASHING INTERIM INJUNCTION.

In this case, on the 1st September, 1883, Mr. Justice Tarrance, of the Superior Court for Lower Canada, ordered the issue of a writ of injunction, returnable on the 30th day of October, then next, enjoining the respondents and certain other persons named from issuing or dealing with certain bonds until otherwise ordered by the said court or a judge thereof. About the 13th November, 1883, the Canada Atlantic Railway Company presented a motion to quash the injunction. On the 13th December following, Mr. Justice Mathieu, of the Superior Court, declared that the said writ of injunction had been issued without reason (*sans cause*) and he suspended it until the final adjudication of the action on the merits. Both the appellants and respondents appealed from this judgment to the Court of Queen's Bench (appeal side), which court on the 21st of January, 1885, rendered judgment quashing the injunction

absolutely. On the 9th of February following, the appellants gave notice of their intention to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada, and on the 19th February presented a petition to Mr. Justice Monk, one of the judges of the Court of Queen's Bench, for the allowance of the appeal. On the 20th of February Mr. Justice Monk rendered judgment, refusing to allow the appeal on the ground that the judgment quashing the writ of injunction was not a final judgment, and, "notwithstanding the offer and sufficiency of the security." On the 27th of February the appellants, by their attorneys, served notice of their intention to move before a judge of the Supreme Court to be allowed to give proper security to the satisfaction of that court, or of a judge thereof, for the prosecution of their appeal to that court, notwithstanding the refusal of the court below to accept said security, and notwithstanding the lapse of thirty days from the rendering of the judgment from which they desired to appeal, and further to obtain an extension of time for settling the case in appeal. This motion came before Mr. Justice Henry, in chambers, on the 5th March, who enlarged it into court, and it was on the same day argued at length before the court:—Held, that the judgment of the Court of Queen's Bench (appeal side), quashing the interim injunction, was not a final judgment from which an appeal would lie. Motion refused. *Stanton v. Canada Atlantic Ry. Co.* (1885), 21 C.L.J. 355.

FINAL JUDGMENT; RULE NISI.

The judgment making absolute a rule nisi against a witness who fails to appear at the trial of an action after summons, is a final judgment from which there is a right of review or appeal. The witness served with the rule nisi is not obliged to appear in person, but may show cause by attorney. The witness may appeal from judgment making the rule absolute without being obliged to appeal also from the judgment ordering the rule to issue and the delay for bringing the appeal runs from the latest judgment only. *Collins v. Canadian Northern Quebec Ry. Co.*, 11 Que. P.R. 133 (Ct. Rev.).

APPEAL FROM ASSESSMENT; FINAL JUDGMENT.

By 52 Vict. c. 37, s. 2, amending "The Supreme and Exchequer Courts Act," an appeal lies in certain cases to the Supreme Court of Canada from Courts "of last resort created under provincial legislation to adjudicate concerning the assessment of property for provincial or municipal purposes, in cases where the person or persons presiding over such court is or are appointed by

provincial or municipal authority." By the Ontario Act, 55 Vict. c. 48, as amended by 58 Vict. c. 47, an appeal lies from rulings of Municipal Courts of Revision in matters of assessment to the County Court Judges of the County Court District where the property has been assessed. On an appeal from a decision of the County Court judges under the Ontario statutes: Held, King, J., dissenting, that if the County Court judges constituted a "court of last resort" within the meaning of 52 Vict. c. 37, s. 2, the persons presiding over such court were not appointed by provincial or municipal authority, and the appeal was not authorized by the said Act. Held, per Gwynne, J., that as no binding effect is given to the decision of the County Court judges, under the Ontario Acts cited, the court appealed from was not a "court of last resort" within the meaning of 52 Vict. c. 37, s. 2. *Quære*.—Is the decision of the County Court judges a "final judgment" within the meaning of 52 Vict. c. 37, s. 2? *City of Toronto v. Toronto Railway Co.*, 27 Can. S.C.R. 640.

[Leave to appeal to Privy Council refused.]

RIGHT TO APPEAL; DISPOSAL OF QUESTIONS OF FACT BY COURT; CONSENT OF PARTIES.

In an action against a railway company for damages for an injury caused by an engine of the company, the counsel for both parties agreed at the trial as follows: "That the jury be discharged without giving a verdict, the whole case to be referred to the court, which shall have power to draw inferences of fact, and if they shall be of opinion, upon the law and the facts, that the plaintiff is entitled to recover, they shall assess the damages, and that judgment be entered as the verdict of the jury. If the court should be of opinion that the plaintiff is not entitled to recover, a non-suit shall be entered." The jury were then discharged, and the court in banc, in pursuance of such agreement, subsequently considered the case, and assessed the damages at \$300, considering plaintiff entitled to recover. The company sought to appeal from such decision. By the practice of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick all questions of fact are to be tried by a jury, and the court can only deal with such questions by consent of parties:—Held, Gwynne and Patten, J.J., dissenting, that as the court took upon itself the decision of the questions of fact, in this case without any equal or other authority therefor, than the consent and agreement of the parties, it acted as quasi-arbitrators, and the decision appealed from was that of a private tribunal constituted by the parties, which could not be reviewed in appeal or otherwise, as judgments pronounced in the regular course of the ordinary

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procedure of the court may be reviewed and appealed from:—Held, also, that if the merits of the case were properly before the court, the judgment appealed from should be affirmed:—Held, per Gwynne and Patterson, J., that the case was appealable, and, on the merits, it appearing from the evidence that the servants of the company had done everything required by the statute to give notice of the approach of the train, the appeal should be allowed and a judgment of nonsuit entered. 31 N.B.R. 318, affirmed. Canadian Pacific Railway Co. v. Fleming (1893), 22 Can. S.C.R. 33.

[Applied in Quebec and Lake St. John Ry. Co. v. Girard, Q.R. 15 K.B. 56; followed in Champaigne v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 9 O.L.R. 589; referred to in Voigt v. Groves, 12 B.C.R. 180.]

FINALITY OF JUDGMENT; DISPUTE OF TITLE UNDER LEASE; RULING OF MASTER.

Where a master, on a reference under the Vendor and Purchaser Act to settle the title under a written agreement for a lease, ruled that evidence might be given to shew what covenants the lease should contain, an appeal does not lie to the Supreme Court from the judgment affirming such ruling, it not being a final judgment and the case not coming within the provisions of s. 24 (e) of the Supreme and Exchequer Courts Act relating to proceedings in equity, Gwynne, J., dissenting. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Corporation of the City of Toronto, 30 Can. S.C.R. 337.

DISMISSAL OF APPEAL.

Where the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Canada to entertain an appeal was in doubt, but it was considered that the appeal should be dismissed on the merits, the court heard and decided the appeal accordingly. Can. Pac. Ry. Co. v. The King, 38 Can. S.C.R. 137.

RIGHT TO APPEAL; JURISDICTIONAL AMOUNT.

The plaintiff claimed \$1,500 damages for delay in delivery of iron. The defendants, besides denying the charge of non-delivery in due time, counterclaimed for \$1,223 demurrage. At the trial judgment was given for plaintiff for \$1,000 and the counterclaim was dismissed. Upon appeal to the Court of Appeal, the judgment was varied by limiting the damages to the fall in the price of iron during a considerably shorter time than that fixed in the court below, the amount to be ascertained on a reference. Upon a motion by the defendants to allow a bond given by them as security upon an appeal by them to the Supreme Court of Canada, the plaintiff's counsel stated that the plaintiff's claim on the reference would

be less than \$1,000, and contended that no appeal lay:—Held, however, that as the plaintiff claimed \$1,500 and was not limited by the judgment of the Court of Appeal to any particular sum, the matter in controversy on the appeal exceeded the sum of \$1,000, so that the appeal lay:—Held, also, that upon the counterclaim the sum of \$1,223 was involved, and that an appeal lay in respect thereof. The Court of Appeal declined to grant, ex cautela, leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada, the case not being one in which leave, if it were necessary, ought to be granted. Frankel v. Grand Trunk Railway Company, 3 O.L.R. 703 (C.A.).

TO SUPREME COURT OF CANADA; AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY.

A judgment for \$1,000 damages with interest from a date before action brought is appealable under 60-61 Vict. (Can.) c. 34, s. 1 (c.). Canadian Railway Accident Insurance Co. v. McNevin, 32 Can. S.C.R. 194.

PRIVY COUNCIL; MATTER IN CONTROVERSY EXCEEDING \$4,000.

On a motion by the plaintiffs for the allowance of the security on an appeal from the Court of Appeal to the Privy Council, in an action brought by the corporation of a city against two electric light companies to have it declared that they had forfeited their rights under certain agreements with the city, under which they held their franchises, on the ground that they had amalgamated contrary to the terms of such agreements, which action had been dismissed:—Held (Meredith, J.A., dissenting), that the whole matter in controversy at the trial (being the destruction, not the acquisition of the defendants' franchise) was whether the companies had forfeited their right by amalgamation, and this clearly did not come within the last branch of s. 1 of R.S.O. 1897, c. 48, and that there was nothing before the court to shew that such matter was of value to the plaintiffs of more than \$4,000, or of any sum or value capable of being ascertained or defined. Per Meredith, J.A.:—The matter in controversy much exceeded \$4,000, and if controverted leave should be given to the appellants to prove their value. Toronto v. Toronto Electric Light Company, 11 O.L.R. 310 (C.A.).

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT, B.C.; ARBITRATOR.

No appeal lies from the decision of an arbitrator appointed by a Supreme Court judge under clause 2 of the second schedule to the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1902.

Lee v. Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, 11 B.C.R. 323.

COURT OF REVIEW; JURISDICTION OF; REVIEW OF MERITS OF CASE RESERVED.

The Court of Review has absolute and unrestricted power to decide the merits of a cause reserved for its consideration, without regard to the verdict of the jury (Art. 496 C.P.C.). *Ferguson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 420, Q.R. 20 S.C. 54.

[Referred to in *Miller v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 21 S.C. 350, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 449, 34 Can. S.C.R. 70.]

MISDIRECTION; CORRECTION AFTER SPECIFIC OBJECTION; PRACTICE.

Where, on a specific objection to his charge, the trial judge recalled the jury and directed them as requested, the contention that the directions thus given were erroneous should not be entertained on an appeal. *Canadian Pacific R.W. Co. v. Hansen*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 441, 40 Can. S.C.R. 194.

RIGHT TO; ADDITIONAL RELIEF; INJUNCTION; CHOICE OF REMEDIES.

Quere per Stuart, J.:—Whether or not a dissatisfied litigant who has the right to appeal must appeal and is not at liberty to bring the same matter before the court in a different way, but:—Held, that where the right of appeal was doubtful and the plaintiff had given notice of appeal, and at the same time brought an action for injunction, in which action the validity of the order appealed from would have to be inquired into, the matter was properly before the court:—Held, also, that the court will not be bound by agreements of counsel in a stated case as to the effect upon the rights of parties to the action by determination of certain questions submitted in certain specified ways. *Marsan v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 341, 2 A.L.R. 43.

[Followed in *Girouard v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 354, 2 A.L.R. 54.]

MATTERS APPEALABLE; QUESTION NOT RAISED IN LOWER COURT; ESTOPPEL.

Where a matter relied upon to support the action was not urged at the trial nor asserted on an appeal to the Provincial Court it is too late to put it forward for the first time on an appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada. *Laidlaw & Laurie v. Crow's Nest Southern Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 32, 42 Can. S.C.R. 355.

[Judgment appealed from, 14 B.C.R. 169,

10 Can. Ry. Cas. 27, affirmed, *Idington, J.*, dissenting.]

REVIEW OF FINDINGS OF FACT.

Upon an appeal from the findings of a judge who has tried a case without a jury, the court appealed to does not and cannot abdicate its right and its duty to consider the evidence. And if it appear from the reasons given by the trial judge that he has misapprehended the effect of the evidence or failed to consider a material part of it, and the evidence which has been believed by him, when fairly read and considered as a whole, leads the appellate court to a clear conclusion that the findings of the trial judge are erroneous, it becomes the plain duty of the court to reverse the findings. *Beal v. Michigan Central Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 37, 19 O.L.R. 502.

[Approved in *Gordon v. Goodwin*, 20 O.L.R. 327; *Ryan v. McIntosh*, 20 O.L.R. 31.]

REVIEW OF FACTS ON APPEAL.

Under the *British Columbia Railway Act*, R.S.B.C. 1911, c. 194, s. 68, upon an appeal from the award of arbitrators fixing damages under eminent domain proceedings, the court will not supersede the arbitrators but will review the award as it would review the judgment of a subordinate court in a case of original jurisdiction, considering the award on its merits, both as to the facts and the law. *Atlantic and North-west Railway Co. v. Wood*, [1895], A.C. 257, 64 L.J.P.C. 116, followed, under which a similar question under sub-s. 2 of s. 161 of the *Canadian Railway Act*, 1888, being s. 168 of 3 Edw. VII. (Can.) c. 58, was decided. *Canadian Northern Pacific R. Co. v. Dominion Glazed Cement Pipe Co., Ltd.*, 7 D.L.R. 174, 22 W.L.R. 335, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 265.

REVIEW OF FACTS; VERDICT.

On appeal to the appellate division of the Ontario Supreme Court from the judgment of a trial court, based upon the findings of a jury in favour of the plaintiff, who was the sole witness for himself, though the appellate court may doubt the plaintiff's story or disbelieve him, they have no right to substitute their own opinion of the facts for that of the jury, but if there is some evidence to support the finding of the jury, it cannot be disturbed. (*Per Garrow, J.A.*) *Stevens v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 10 D.L.R. 88, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 28.

MOTION TO AFFIRM JURISDICTION; FINALITY OF JUDGMENT.

A preliminary motion to affirm the jurisdiction on an appeal to the Supreme Court

of Canada will be dismissed and the parties left to their rights on the hearing, if the facts shewn on the preliminary motion are insufficient to enable the court to finally determine whether the judgment or order appealed from was final and so subject to appeal or was interlocutory only and, therefore, not subject to appeal. [Clarke v. Goodall, 44 Can. S.C.R. 284; Crown Life v. Skinner, 44 Can. S.C.R. 616, and McDonald v. Belcher, [1904] A.C. 429, specially referred to.] Windsor, Essex and Lake Shore Rapid R. Co. v. Nelles, 1 D.L.R. 309.

[Referred to in 2 D.L.R. 732; Vanbuskirk v. McDermott, 5 D.L.R. 5, 46 N.S.R. 98.]

LIMITATION OF TIME OF APPEAL.

The limitation of sixty days for appealing to the Supreme Court of Canada under sec. 69 of the Supreme Court Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 139, may, under s. 71 of that Act, be extended by the court appealed from, but not by the Supreme Court of Canada. [Windsor, Essex and L.S. Rapid Ry. Co. v. Nelles (1912), 1 D.L.R. 156, affirmed on this point.] Windsor, Essex and Lake Shore Rapid R. Co. v. Nelles, 1 D.L.R. 309.

[Referred to in 2 D.L.R. 732; Vanbuskirk v. McDermott, 5 D.L.R. 5, 46 N.S.R. 98.]

NOTICE OF APPEAL.

An appeal from the judgment of the provincial court of last resort affirming the judgment given at the trial of the action disposing of the rights of the parties and directing a reference to determine the amount of damages, is not an appeal from "a judgment upon a motion to enter a verdict or nonsuit upon a point reserved at the trial" within the terms of s. 70 of the Supreme Court Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 139, so as to require a notice of appeal within twenty days after the decision of the Court of Appeal of the province. Windsor, Essex and Lake Shore Rapid Railway Co. v. Nelles, 1 D.L.R. 156.

[Referred to in 1 D.L.R. 309, 2 D.L.R. 732; Vanbuskirk v. McDermott, 5 D.L.R. 5, 46 N.S.R. 98.]

RIGHT TO APPEAL; FINALITY OF JUDGMENT.

Where the judgment sought to be appealed from is that of the highest provincial court of final resort upon an appeal from a judgment which varied the report of a Referee or Master upon an appeal from his report in a reference which had been directed at the trial to assess the damages in the action, such judgment of the highest provincial court is not a final judgment appealable to the Supreme Court of Canada, but an appeal lies from the judgment on further directions afterwards given upon the varied report. Clarke v. Goodall (1911), 44 Can. S.C.R.

284, followed.] Windsor, Essex and Lake Shore Rapid Ry. Co. v. Nelles, 1 D.L.R. 156.

[Referred to in 1 D.L.R. 309, 2 D.L.R. 732; Vanbuskirk v. McDermott, 5 D.L.R. 5, 46 N.S.R. 98.]

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR APPEALING.

Where a judgment of the Court of Appeal has given to the plaintiff in an action for specific performance of an agreement to deliver stock and bonds his choice between specific performance and a reference as to damages, and the defendant has not appealed from such judgment to the Supreme Court of Canada, being under the impression that no appeal would lie, and the plaintiff has elected to take a reference, and appeals have been taken from the referee's report, the Court of Appeal should not, at the instance of the defendant, extend the time for appealing to the Supreme Court of Canada from its original judgment. Nelles v. Hesselstine; Windsor, Essex and L.S. Rapid R. Co. v. Nelles (No. 4), 6 D.L.R. 541, 3 O.W.N. 1381, 27 O.L.R. 97.

FINALITY OF JUDGMENT.

A judgment of a provincial court of last resort varying the judgment given on the trial of an action for damages for alleged breach of contract, and affirming the plaintiff's right of recovery with certain limitations as to damages as to which a reference was directed, is not a "final judgment" from which an appeal lies to the Supreme Court of Canada, within the statutory definition of that term contained in s. 2 of the Supreme Court Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 139, as a judgment order or decision "whereby the action is finally determined and concluded." [Clarke v. Goodall, 44 Can. S.C.R. 284, and Crown Life Insurance Co. v. Skinner, 44 Can. S.C.R. 616, specially referred to.] Nelles v. Hesselstine; Windsor, Essex and L.S. Rapid R. Co. v. Nelles (No. 2), 2 D.L.R. 732, 21 O.W.R. 430, 3 O.W.N. 862.

[Referred to in Vanbuskirk v. McDermott, 5 D.L.R. 5, 46 N.S.R. 98.]

LEAVE TO APPEAL; FINALITY OF JUDGMENT.

S. 71 of the Supreme Court Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 139, providing that the court proposed to be appealed from, or any judge thereof, may, under special circumstances, allow an appeal although the same is not brought within the time prescribed by the Act, applies only to judgments otherwise appealable, and does not confer power to grant leave to appeal from a judgment which is interlocutory only or which is not a "final judgment" within the definition of that statute. [Vaughan v. Richardson, 17 Can. S.C.R. 703, and News Printing Co. v. Maerae, 26 Can. S.C.R. 691, specially re-

ferred to.] *Nelles v. Hesselatine*; *Windsor, Essex and L.S. Rapid R. Co. v. Nelles*, 2 D.L.R. 732, 21 O.W.R. 430, 3 O.W.N. 862.

[Referred to in *Vanbuskirk v. McDermott*, 5 D.L.R. 5, 46 N.S.R. 98.]

NOTICE OF APPEAL; SUFFICIENCY OF.

A notice of appeal is insufficient where the grounds stated therein are: (1) that the judgment appealed from is against the law, evidence, and the weight of evidence; (2) that the trial judge erroneously admitted and excluded evidence; and (3) that the judgment was erroneous "upon such other grounds as may appear in the pleadings and proceedings, such alleged grounds being too indefinite." (*Per Beck, J.*) *Alfred and Wickham v. Grand Trunk Pacific R. Co.*, 5 D.L.R. 154, 20 W.L.R. 111.

[Affirmed in 5 D.L.R. 471; referred to in *Alfred v. G.T.P.* (No. 2), 6 D.L.R. 147.]

AMENDMENTS ON APPEAL.

A question not going to the merits of a case and not raised by the notice of appeal, cannot be brought to the attention of the Court by a supplementary or "explanatory" notice of appeal. (*Per Beck, J.*) *Alfred and Wickham v. Grand Trunk Pacific R. Co.*, 5 D.L.R. 154, 20 W.L.R. 111.

[Affirmed in 5 D.L.R. 471; referred to in *Alfred v. G.T.P.* (No. 2), 6 D.L.R. 147.]

STAY OF PROCEEDINGS PENDING APPEAL.

Where the plaintiffs in an action have succeeded at the trial and in the provincial appellate Court, and the defendants have elected to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada, in which also they have been unsuccessful, and, while the Supreme Court still had jurisdiction over the case, a judge of that court has refused a stay of proceedings pending an appeal to the Privy Council, and it appears that there has not been any miscarriage of justice through accident, mistake or otherwise, but that every question in dispute has been fully considered, and that the case involves merely a question of fact and nothing of public importance, and that the Privy Council is likely to refuse leave to appeal, a judge of the provincial court of first instance should not grant a stay of proceedings pending an appeal to the Privy Council. [*Alfred v. Grand Trunk Pacific R. Co.*, 5 D.L.R. 154, and *Grand Trunk Pacific R. Co. v. Alfred*, 5 D.L.R. 471, specially referred to.] *Alfred & Wickham v. Grand Trunk Pacific R. Co.*, 6 D.L.R. 147, 22 W.L.R. 65.

INSCRIPTION IN LAW; REVIEW OF FACTS.

By an inscription in law, defendant cannot raise questions of facts, nor deny the facts alleged, but the same must be pre-

sumed to be true. In the present case the evidence alone of the divers circumstances and facts alleged in plaintiff's declaration will shew whether the responsibility and compensation for the accident in question in this cause, are to be determined by the Workmen's Act, 9 Edw. VII. c. 66, or by the common law, and under such circumstances the Court will order "preuve avant faire droit" on defendant's inscription in law. *Biggs et ux. v. Grand Trunk R. Co.*, 18 Rev. de Jur. 383.

GRANTING LEAVE TO APPEAL.

Leave to appeal to a Divisional Court from order of Judge in Chambers was granted. *Swaisland v. Grand Trunk R. Co.*, 2 D.L.R. 898, 3 O.W.N. 1083.

LEAVE TO APPEAL; ORDER GRANTING NEW TRIAL.

Where a party appeals to a Divisional Court from a judgment after trial with a jury, and contends that he is entitled to judgment upon the findings of the jury, but does not ask for a new trial, and the Divisional Court nevertheless grants a new trial without disposing of the motion for judgment, it is a proper case for granting leave to appeal to the Court of Appeal, but such leave should be upon the terms that the party appealing shall abandon his right to a new trial. *Dart v. Toronto R. Co.*, 3 D.L.R. 776, 22 O.W.R. 102, 3 O.W.N. 1202.

POWER TO REVIEW MERITS OF CASE.

Although an appellate Court may think that the preponderance of testimony is in favour of the unsuccessful party in an action tried with a jury, it cannot substitute its opinion for that of the jury, or interfere with the jury's conclusions except upon some error or other substantial ground. *Zuffel v. Canadian Pacific R. Co.*, 7 D.L.R. 81, 4 O.W.N. 39.

INADVERTENCE OF SOLICITOR; FAILURE TO GIVE NOTICE OF APPEAL.

Helson v. Morrisey, Fernie and Michel R. Co. (No. 2), 7 D.L.R. 822.

REVIEW OF FACTS ON NONSUIT.

On an appeal from a judgment of a County Court (Man.), ordering a nonsuit, the Manitoba Court of Appeal may draw its own conclusions from plaintiff's evidence brought out at the trial, where there are no conflicting statements nor any contradictory evidence. *Stitt v. Can. North. Ry. Co.*, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 333, 23 Man. L.R. 43, 10 D.L.R. 544.

NOTICE OF; EXTENSION OF TIME FOR GIVING; MISTAKE OF SOLICITOR.

The mistake of a party's solicitor in giving notice of appeal from the District

Court one day too late is not a sufficient ground under the Saskatchewan practice for granting an extension of time for serving such notice. *Crapper v. Canadian Pacific R. Co. and The Regina Cartage Co.*, (Sask.) 11 D.L.R. 486.

[*Re Coles and Ravenshear*, [1907] 1 K.B. 1, followed.]

B. From Orders of Railway Board.

APPEAL TO PRIVY COUNCIL; APPLICATION TO ALLOW SECURITY.

Where the sole question in two actions was as to the validity of an order of the Canada committee of the Privy Council of Canada requiring the plaintiffs to build a bridge:—Held, refusing an application to allow the security upon a proposed appeal to His Majesty in His Privy Council from the decision of the Court of Appeal, that an appeal did not lie as of right under R.S.O. 1897, c. 48, s. 1. *Canadian Pacific R.W. Co. v. City of Toronto*, 19 O.L.R. 663.

ORDERS OF BOARD; JUDGE IN CHAMBERS; APPEAL TO FULL COURT.

No appeal lies to the Supreme Court of Canada from an order of a judge of that court in Chambers granting or refusing leave to appeal from a decision of the Board of Railway Commissioners under s. 44 (3) of the Railway Act, 1903. *Williams v. Grand Trunk Railway Company*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 302, 36 Can. S.C.R. 321.

[Relied on in *Re Richard*, 38 Can. S.C.R. 398; referred to in *Re Telford*, 11 B.C.R. 365.]

ORDER OF BOARD OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS; JURISDICTION.

Where the judge entertained doubt as to the jurisdiction of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada to make the order complained of and the questions raised were of public importance, special leave for an appeal was granted, on terms, under the provisions of s. 44 (3) of "The Railway Act, 1903." *Montreal Street R.W. Co. v. Montreal Terminal R.W. Co.* and the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 369, 35 Can. S.C.R. 478.

BOARD OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS; ORDER IMPOSING TERMS.

The Board of Railway Commissioners granted an application of the James Bay Railway Co. for leave to carry their line under the track of the G.T. Ry. Co., but, at the request of the latter, imposed the condition that the masonry work of such undercrossing should be sufficient to allow of the construction of an additional track on the line of the G.T. Ry. Co. No evidence

was given that the latter company intended to lay an additional track in the near future or at any time. The James Bay Co., by leave of a Judge, appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada from the part of the order imposing such terms, contending that the same was beyond the jurisdiction of the Board:—Held, that the Board had jurisdiction to impose said terms:—Held, per Sedgewick, Davies and Maclellan, J.J., that the question before the Court was rather one of law than of jurisdiction, and should have come up on appeal by leave of the Board or been carried before the Governor-General-in-council. *James Bay Railway Company v. Grand Trunk Railway Company*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 164, 37 Can. S.C.R. 372.

BOARD OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS; JURISDICTIONAL AMOUNT; COSTS OF FAIRM CROSSING.

An application to have the appeal quashed on the grounds that the cost of the establishing the crossing demanded, together with the damages sought to be recovered by the plaintiff, would amount to less than \$2,000, and that the case did not come within the provisions of the Supreme Court Act permitting appeals from the Province of Quebec, was dismissed. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Ernest Perrault*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 293, 36 Can. S.C.R. 671.

[Referred to in *Re Can. Pac. Ry. Co. and McLeod*, 5 Terr. L.R. 197; applied in *Vallieres v. Ont. and Que. Ry. Co.*, *Que. R. 19 K.B. 523.*]

LIMITATION OF TIME; QUESTION OF JURISDICTION

Except in the case mentioned in rule 53, there is no limitation of the time within which a Judge of the Supreme Court may grant leave to appeal under s. 56 (2) of the Railway Act, on a question of the jurisdiction of the Board of Railway Commissioners. *Grand Trunk R.W. Co. v. Department of Agriculture for Ontario*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 84; 42 Can. S.C.R. 557.

LEAVE TO APPEAL; JURISDICTIONAL GROUNDS.

On an application for leave to appeal to the Supreme Court from an order of the Board permitting the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Co. to erect, place and maintain its wires beneath the tracks of the Montreal Terminal Ry. Co.:—Held, that, as only a question of jurisdiction and not of law was involved, the application must be refused. *Montreal Light, Heat and Power Co. v. Montreal Light, Heat and Power Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 133.

LEAVE TO APPEAL; WIRES BENEATH TRACKS.

An order of the Railway Board permitting a power company to maintain its wires be-

neath the tracks of a railway company involves a question of jurisdiction and not of law, from which leave to appeal to the Supreme Court will be refused. *Montreal Terminal Ry. Co. v. Montreal Light and Power Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 138.

LEAVE TO APPEAL; JURISDICTION OF BOARD.

Where a question of law is one of jurisdiction, the party who disputes the jurisdiction should apply to a Judge of the Supreme Court for leave to appeal, but the Board should not, under its power to submit questions of law to the Supreme Court, submit a question which is really of jurisdiction. *City of Prince Albert v. Can. North. Ry. Co.*, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 200.

LEAVE TO APPEAL; JURISDICTION OF RAILWAY BOARD.

A judge of the Supreme Court of Canada will not grant leave to appeal from the decision of the Board of Railway Commissioners on a question of jurisdiction if he has no doubt that such decision was correct. Leave refused. *Halifax Board of Trade v. Grand Trunk R.W. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 58.

ORDERS OF RAILWAY BOARD; FORM OF SUBMISSION; DEFINING QUESTIONS OF LAW.

The Supreme Court of Canada will not entertain an appeal under s. 56 (3) of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, unless some specific question is stated, or otherwise defined, in the order granting leave to appeal made by the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada which, in its opinion, is a question of law. [*Regina Toll Case.*] *Canadian Pacific and Canadian Northern R.W. Cos. v. Regina Board of Trade*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 369, 44 Can. S.C.R. 328.

[*Vide* 45 Can. S.C.R. 321, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 203, affirming 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 380.]

ORDERS OF RAILWAY BOARD; JURISDICTIONAL GROUNDS; CROWN GRANTING LEAVE.

An appeal from the order of the Board lies to the Supreme Court under s. 56, sub-s. 2, of the Railway Act, 1906, after the leave prescribed by that section has been obtained, on any question of jurisdiction or law. Under sub-s. 3 the Supreme Court is to determine by its judgment the questions submitted, and under sub-s. 5 to certify its opinion to the Board, which is to make an order in accordance therewith, and that order by sub-s. 9 is declared to be final.—Held, that the provisions of s. 56 are not sufficient to take away the prerogative of the Crown to grant leave to appeal from their judgment. *Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific R.W. Cos. v. City of Toronto (Toronto Viaduct Case)*, 42 Can. S.C.R. 613, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 38, affirmed.

Canadian Pacific R.W. Co. v. City of Toronto and Grand Trunk R.W. Co. (Toronto Viaduct Case) 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 378, [1911] A.C. 461.

ORDER OF RAILWAY AND MUNICIPAL BOARD.

The right of a municipality to appeal from an order of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board permitting a street railway to deviate its line, is not lost or waived by the failure of the city to appeal from the mere ruling of the Board in favour of the railway company as to the right to deviate when the deviation plan was not approved at that hearing, as it may wait until the making of the formal order and appeal therefrom on obtaining the requisite leave. *Re City of Toronto and Toronto and York Radial R. Co.*, 12 D.L.R. 331, 28 O.L.R. 180.

C. From Expropriation Awards.

EXPROPRIATION OF LAND; ORDER BY JUDGE IN CHAMBERS AS TO MONEYS DEPOSITED.

The College of Ste. Thérèse having petitioned for an order for payment to them of a sum of \$4,000 deposited by the appellants as security for land taken for railway purposes, a Judge of the Superior Court in chambers after formal answer and hearing of the parties granted the order under the Railway Act, R.S.C. c. 100, s. 8, sub-s. 31. The railway company appealed against this order to the Court of Queen's Bench for Lower Canada (appeal side), and that Court affirmed the decision of the Judge of the Superior Court.—Held, that the order in question having been made by a Judge sitting in Chambers, and, further, acting under the statute as a persona designata, the proceedings had not originated in a superior Court within the meaning of s. 28 of the Supreme and Exchequer Courts Act, and the case was therefore not appealable. *C. P. Ry. Co. v. Ste. Thérèse*, 16 Can. S.C.R. 606.

EXPROPRIATION; AWARD; AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY; COSTS.

In a railway expropriation case the respondent in naming his arbitrator declared that he only appointed him to watch over the arbitrator of the company, but the company recognized him officially and subsequently an award of \$1,974.25 damages and costs for land expropriated was made under Art. 5164, R.S.Q. The demand for expropriation as formulated in their notice to arbitrate by the appellants was for the width of their track, but the award granted damages for three feet outside of the fences on each side as being valueless. In an action to set aside the award.—Held, affirming the judgment of the Courts below, that

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the appointment of respondent's arbitrator was valid under the statute and bound both parties, and that in awarding damages for three feet of land injuriously affected on each side of the track the arbitrators had not exceeded their jurisdiction. Strong and Taschereau, JJ., doubted if the amount in controversy was sufficient to give the Court jurisdiction to hear the appeal, the amount of the award being under \$2,000, and to make up the appealable amount either interest accrued after the date of the award and after action brought or the costs taxed on the arbitration proceedings would have to be added. *Quebec, Montmorency and Charlevoix Railway Co. v. Mathieu*, 19 Can. S.C.R. 426.

[Distinguished in *Dufresne v. Guévrement*, 26 Can. S.C.R. 219.]

APPEAL FROM AWARD; JUDICIAL NOTICE OF JURISDICTION.

In expropriation proceedings under the Railway Act of Canada a single Judge of the Superior Court may take judicial notice of the proceedings on appeal from the award, though such appeal was not by direct action, but by petition, and that even in the absence of rules of special practice to this effect as such rules are not required to confer jurisdiction. Hence it follows that such appeal may be taken without direct action and by means of a petition. The appeal in this case will lie "as in a cause of original jurisdiction" on all questions of law and fact according to the evidence before the arbitrators. The Judge can only alter the award when it is clear that it results from a gross error of law, or in appreciation of the facts, on the part of the arbitrators. *Neilson v. Quebec Bridge Co.*, 21 Que. S.C. 329 (Sup. Ct.).

[Approved in *Lamarre v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 11 Q.P.R. 217.]

APPEAL TO COURT OF KING'S BENCH.

Quære, does an appeal lie to the Court of King's Bench from a judgment of the Superior Court sitting in an appeal from an award of arbitration under s. 200 of the Dominion Railway Act? *Quebec, Montreal & Southern Railway Co. v. Landry*, 19 Que. K.B. 82.

EXPROPRIATION; APPEAL FROM AWARD.

For an appeal to the Superior Court from the award of arbitrators in expropriation proceedings under the Railway Act of Canada a petition alone is sufficient; the petition need not be accompanied by a writ. *Lamarre v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 11 Que. P.R. 216.

RECUSATION OF ARBITRATOR; EXPROPRIATION BY A RAILWAY COMPANY.

No appeal lies to the Supreme Court of Canada from a judgment of the Court of Queen's Bench, confirming a judgment of the Superior Court, which dismissed a recusation of an arbitrator appointed in an expropriation by a railway company. *Richclieu Ry. v. Ménard*, 5 Que. P.R. 179. *Wurtele, J.*

DISCONTINUANCE OF EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS.

An order allowing or confirming a discontinuance, by the city of Montreal, of expropriation proceedings under ss. 429 to 439 of the 63 Vict. c. 58, is not a final judgment of the Superior Court susceptible of appeal to the Court of King's Bench, and, therefore, no appeal lies from it to the Court of Review. *Per Archibald, J.*—The city had no right to discontinue the proceedings, but the order allowing it to do so is not a judgment, it is a purely ministerial act of the Judge, and is not therefore susceptible of review. *Per Charbonneau, J.*—The order, if it is a judgment, must be a final one, and, as s. 439 expressly takes away the right of appeal from a final judgment homologating the report of the commissioners for expropriation, the right of appeal is impliedly taken away from this one. *Per Fortin, J.*—The order is a judgment of the Superior Court, susceptible of appeal to the Court of King's Bench, and, therefore, an appeal lies from it to the Court of Review. In this case, the judgment was founded in law and should be confirmed. The honourable Judge, therefore, concurred in striking the inscription in review, which leaves the judgment undisturbed. *Re Lafontaine Park; City of Montreal v. Cushing*, 40 Que. S.C. 1.

"EVENT" READ DISTRIBUTIVELY; "ISSUE" AS DISTINGUISHED FROM "EVENT"; COSTS OF AND INCIDENTAL TO ARBITRATION.

Sam Kee, having obtained an award from arbitrators appointed under the Railway Act, 1903 (Dominion), which award, by reason of s. 162 of the Railway Act, 1903, entitled him to the costs of the arbitration, the railway company appealed to the full Court, advancing several distinct grounds of appeal, on all of which, with the exception of the rate of interest allowed by the arbitrators, they failed, the interest being reduced to the statutory rate, from six per cent. to five per cent.—*Held* (Irving, J., dissenting), (1) that the word "event," in s. 100 of the Supreme Court Act, 1904, may be read distributively. (2) That sec. 162 of the Railway Act, 1903 (Dominion), does not apply to costs of appeals to the

full Court from the award of arbitrators, but that such appeal is an independent proceeding, and is therefore governed by sec. 100 of the Supreme Court Act, 1904. (3) That the success of the appellant company on the question of interest was merely an "issue" arising on the appeal, and not an "event" on which it was taken. *Vancouver, Westminster and Yukon Railway Company v. Sam Kee*, 12 B.C.R. 1.

[Followed in *Hopper v. Dunsmuir*, 12 B.C.R. 22.]

EXPROPRIATION; APPEAL FROM AWARD; CHOICE OF FORUM.

By s. 168 of 3 Edw. VII. c. 58 of the Railway Act, 1903 (R.S.C. (1906) c. 37, sec. 209), if an award by arbitrators on expropriation of land by a railway company exceeds \$600, any dissatisfied party may appeal therefrom to a Superior Court, which in Ontario means the High Court or the Court of Appeal (Interpretation Act R.S.C. (1906) c. 1, s. 34, sub-s. 26):—Held, that if an appeal from an award is taken to the High Court, there can be no further appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada, which cannot even give special leave. *James Bay R.W. Co. v. Armstrong*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 196, 38 Can. S.C.R. 511.

[Affirmed in [1909] A.C. 624, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 1.]

APPEAL FROM AN AWARD TO HIGH COURT; NO FURTHER APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT.

Held, that, according to the true construction of s. 168 of the Canada Railway Act, 1903, the appeal given thereby to a superior Court from an award under that Act, lies in the Province of Ontario to either the Court of Appeal or the High Court of Justice therein at the option of an appellant; but that in case of appeal to the High Court, inasmuch as it is the last resort in the province within the meaning of the Supreme and Exchequer Courts Act, R.S.C. 1886, c. 135, s. 126, there is no appeal therefrom to the Supreme Court of Canada. *James Bay R.W. Co. v. Armstrong*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 1, [1909] A.C. 624.

[Relied on in *Quebec and Montreal Southern Ry. Co. v. Landry*, Que. R. 19 K.B. 89; *Vallières v. Ontario and Quebec Ry. Co.*, Que. R. 19 K.B. 524; followed in *Re Davies and James Bay Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 226, 20 O.L.R. 534.]

EXPROPRIATION; EXPIRY OF STATUTORY PERIOD; ORDER GRANTING LEAVE.

The Court refused to entertain a motion to quash the appeal on the ground that it had not been taken within the sixty days limited by the statute and that an order by

a Judge of the Court appealed from after the expiration of that time was ultra vires, and could not be permitted under s. 42 of the Supreme and Exchequer Courts Act, R.S.C. c. 135. *Temisquiata Ry. Co. v. St. Clair*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 367, 38 Can. S.C.R. 230.

EXPROPRIATION; INVALID ORDER OF POSSESSION; APPEAL FROM; ADDITIONAL RELIEF; INJUNCTION.

The plaintiff, instead of taking an appeal from an invalid order granting possession to lands taken by a railway company under invalid expropriation proceedings, brought an action against the railway company, claiming injunction and damages:—Held, that the plaintiff could maintain the action, for the reason that, even if an appeal would lie from the order, the plaintiff was entitled to additional relief by way of injunction and damages, which could not be given on appeal. *Girouard v. Grand Trunk Pac. Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 354, 2 A.L.R. 54.

AWARD; APPEAL TO COURT OF KING'S BENCH.

Held, that, under s. 209 of the Railway Act, an appeal from an award only lies to a Superior Court. If an appeal has already been heard by the Superior Court, there cannot be a further appeal to the Court of King's Bench. *Vallières v. Ontario and Quebec R.W. Co.*, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 18, 11 Q.P.R. 245, 19 Que. K.B. 521.

[Applied in *Bickerdike v. Montreal P. & I. Ry. Co.*, 11 Que. P.R. 260.]

EXPROPRIATION; DECISION OF ARBITRATORS.

(1) In a railway expropriation an appeal to the Superior Court from the decision of the arbitrators may be instituted before the award is deposited with the records of said Court. (2) It is not essential that the plaintiff should allege affirmatively that the appeal is taken within a month after the reception of the notice of said award. *Bickerdike v. Montreal Park and Island Ry. Co.*, 11 Que. P.R. 260.

EXPROPRIATION; APPEAL; DELAYS.

(1) In a railway expropriation every party to the arbitration may appeal within one month after receiving a written notice of the making of the award. (2) If such notice has been given on the 9th of December, the appeal may be presented on the 10th of January next, if the 9th is a Sunday. (3) The petition to appeal of the award of arbitrators in a railway expropriation is not in the nature of an application for certiorari and does not need to be supported by affidavit. *Montreal Park and Island Ry. Co. v. Bickerdike*, 11 Que. P.R. 261.

AWARD OF ARBITRATORS; REVIEW OF; INADEQUACY OF COMPENSATION.

No appeal lies in the Province of Quebec to the Court of King's Bench from the judgment of the Superior Court upon an appeal under s. 209 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906 c. 37, from the award of an arbitrator. *Rolland v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 21, 7 D.L.R. 411.

RULES OF DECISION; PROVINCIAL COURTS FOLLOWING DECISION OF PRIVY COUNCIL.

Under the British Columbia Railway Act, upon an appeal from the award of arbitrators fixing damages under eminent domain proceedings where the principle applicable to such an appeal has already been laid down by the Privy Council under the Canadian Railway Act, 1888, which is, so far as material, identical in language with the British Columbia statute, that construction will be adopted. *Can. North Pac. Ry. Co. v. Dominion Glazed Cement Co.*, (B.C.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 265, 7 D.L.R. 174.

[*Atlantic and North-west Railway Co. v. Wood*, [1895] A.C. 257, 64 L.J. P.C. 116, applied.]

APPEAL FROM AWARD; REVIEW OF FACTS.

The appellate Court, on an appeal from an award in eminent domain proceedings, should come to its own conclusion upon all the evidence, paying due regard to the award and findings and reviewing them as it would those of a subordinate Court. On an appeal from an award, the latter will not be set aside merely because the appellate Court disagrees with the reasoning of the arbitrators, but will stand if it can be supported on any ground sufficient in law. *Re Ketcheson and Can. North. Ont. Ry. Co.* (Ont.), 13 D.L.R. 854.

[*James Bay R. Co. v. Armstrong*, [1909] A.C. 624, referred to.]

UNSATISFACTORY AWARD BASED ON UNCONTRADICTED EVIDENCE.

The fact that arbitrators in awarding damages for the expropriation of a railway right-of-way through a brick-making plant which entailed additional expense for the carriage of brick-making materials to the factory, based their award on uncontradicted evidence as to an impracticable system of transportation will not justify interference with the award by the appellate Court if there is evidence to support it, even though the Court is dissatisfied with the award; as the appeal must be dealt with on the evidence produced before the arbitrators and the Court cannot remit to them for the taking of additional testimony an award made under the Dominion Railway Act.

Re Davies and James Bay Ry. Co., 13 D.L.R. 912, 28 O.L.R. 544.

[*Atlantic and North Western R.W. Co. v. Wood*, [1895] A.C. 257; and *Re McAlpine and Lake Erie and Detroit River R.W. Co.* (1902), 3 O.L.R. 230, referred to.]

Note on appeal from award, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 199.

Note on appeal from order refusing leave, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 396.

APPORTIONMENT OF COSTS.

See Highway Crossings; Railway Crossings; Wire Crossings; Farm Crossings.

ARBITRATION AND AWARD.

See Expropriation.

For arbitration of railway construction contracts, see Contracts; Government Railways.

Appeals from, see Appeals.

ASSAULTS ON PASSENGERS.

See Carriers of Passengers.

ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION.

A. Taxation; Exemptions.

B. Review on Appeal; Injunction.

For assessment of duties and customs, see Customs and Duties.

A. Taxation; Exemptions.

RAILWAY BRIDGE AND RAILWAY TRACK.

Held, reversing the judgment of the Court of Queen's Bench for Lower Canada, (*Fournier and Taschereau, JJ.*, dissenting) that the portion of the railway bridge built over the Richelieu river, and the railway track belonging to appellant's company within the limits of the town of St. Johns, are exempt from taxation under ss. 326 and 327 of 40 Vict. c. 29 (P.Q.), although no return had been made to the council by the company of the actual value of their real estate in the municipality. (2) That a warrant to levy the rates upon such property for the years 1880-1883, is illegal and void, and that a writ of injunction is a proper remedy to enjoin the corporation to desist from all proceedings to enforce the same. As to whether the clause in the Act of incorporation of the town of St. Johns, (P.Q.), extending the limits of

said town to the middle of the Richelieu, a navigable river, is *intra vires* of the legislature of the Province of Quebec, the Supreme Court of Canada affirmed the holding of the Court below that it was *intra vires*. *Central Vermont Ry. Co. v. Town of St. Johns*, 14 Can. S.C.R. 288.

[In this case leave to appeal was granted by the Judicial Committee. After argument the judgment of the Supreme Court was affirmed, 14 App. Cases 590. Considered in *Re Canadian Pac. Ry. Co.* and *McLeod*, 5 Terr. L.R. 194; distinguished in *Dominion Express Co. v. Brandon*, 19 Man. L.R. 258; referred to in *Hurdman v. Thompson*, Q.R. 4 Q.B. 452.]

FRANCHISE; INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE.

In assessing for the purpose of taxation that part of a bridge crossing the Niagara River, lying within a township in Canada, regard cannot be had to its value in proportion to the value of the franchise or of the whole bridge, or to the cost of construction, but only to the actual cash price obtainable for the land and materials situated within the township. In *re Bell Telephone Company Assessment* (1895) 25 A.R. 351, and in *re London Street Railway Company Assessment* (1897), 27 A.R. 83, applied. In *re Queenston Heights Bridge Assessment*, 1 O.L.R. 114 (C.A.).

[Applied in *re Stratford Waterworks Co.*, 21 C.L.T. 479; distinguished in *International Bridge Co. v. Bridgeburg*, 12 O.L.R. 314; followed in *Belleville Bridge Co. v. Ameliasburg*, 15 O.L.R. 174, 10 O.W.R. 571.]

TAX ON TELEGRAPH COMPANIES; COMPANIES INCORPORATED BY PARLIAMENT; INTERPROVINCIAL LINES.

(1) The Quebec Act, imposing an annual tax of \$2,000 on all telegraph companies having a paid-up capital exceeding \$50,000, and operating lines of telegraph for the use of the public within the province, and doing business there, is *intra vires* of the Legislature. (2) The telegraph company, appellant, although incorporated by Parliament and operating interprovincial lines of telegraph, that is to say, in all the provinces of Canada, except British Columbia and Prince Edward Island, having a paid-up capital exceeding \$50,000, is liable for this annual tax of \$2,000, inasmuch as it carries on business in the Province of Quebec and operates a part of its lines of telegraph therein for domestic despatches, that is to say, for despatches sent from one point to another within the province. (3) The action of the collector of revenue in his capacity as such for the recovery of the tax is presumed to be managed and directed by

the Attorney-General, who is *dominus litis* thereof, and, consequently, the intervention of the Attorney-General for the purpose of sustaining the constitutionality of the statute is a useless and superfluous proceeding, in respect of which, under the circumstances, he cannot be given costs. (4) The Court of Appeal will not take into consideration objections more to the form than to the merits of the case, which have not been taken in the Court of first instance. *Great North-West Telegraph Co. v. Fortier*, 12 Que. K.B. 405.

LANDS OF THE C.P. RY. CO.; EXEMPTIONS FROM TAXATION.

By the charter of the C.P. Ry. Co. the lands of the company in the North-West Territories, until they are either sold or occupied, are exempt from Dominion, provincial or municipal taxation for twenty years after the grant thereof from the Crown:—Held, affirming the judgment of the Court below, that lands which the company have agreed to sell and as to which the conditions of sale have not been fulfilled are not lands "sold" under this charter. Held, further, that the exemption attaches to lands allotted to the company before the patent is granted by the Crown. Lands which were in the N.W.T. when allotted to the company did not lose their exemption on becoming, afterwards, a part of the Province of Manitoba. *Rural Municipality of Cornwallis v. Canadian Pacific Railway Co.*, 19 Can. S.C.R. 702.

[Considered in *Ruddell v. Georgeson*, 9 Man. L.R. 415; discussed in *Ruddell v. Georgeson*, 9 Man. L.R. 56; distinguished in *Water Commissioners of Windsor v. Canada Southern Ry. Co.*, 20 A.R. (Ont.) 388; referred to in *R. v. Victoria Lumber and Mfg. Co.*, 5 B.C.R. 302; *South Norfolk v. Warren*, 8 Man. L.R. 489; relied on in *Balgone Protestant School v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 5 Terr. L.R. 131; *North Cypress v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 35 Can. S.C.R. 558.]

TAXATION OF RAILWAY; POWERS OF ASSESSORS; DEPARTURE.

By the assessment law of the city of St. John, 53 Vict. c. 27, s. 125 (N.B.), the agent or manager of any joint stock company or corporation established abroad or out of the limits of the province may be rated and assessed upon the gross and total income received for such company or corporation, deducting only therefrom reasonable cost of management, etc., and such agent or manager is required to furnish to the assessors each year a statement under oath in a prescribed form showing the gross income and the deductions of the various classes allowed, the balance to be the in-

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come to be assessed; and, in case of neglect to furnish such statement, the assessors are to fix the amount of such income to be assessed according to their best judgment, and there shall be no appeal from such assessment. The Atlantic division of the C.P.R. runs from Megantic, in the Province of Quebec, through the State of Maine into New Brunswick. On entering New Brunswick it runs over a line leased from a N.B. Co. to the western side of the river St. John, and then over a bridge into the city, where it takes the I.C.R. road. The general superintendent has an office in the city, but all moneys received there are sent to the head office in Montreal. The superintendent was furnished with a printed form to be filled up for the assessors, as required by said Act, which was as follows: "Gross and total income received for company during the fiscal year of —, next preceding the first day of April. This amount has not been reduced or offset by any losses, etc." This latter clause the superintendent struck out and filled in, in the first place, by stating that no income had been received by the company, the remainder of the form, consisting of details of the deductions, was not filled in. This was given to the assessors as the statement called for, and they disregarded it, assessing the company on an income of \$140,000, without making any inquiries of the superintendent, as the Act authorized them to do. A rule for a certiorari to quash this assessment was obtained, but discharged by the Court on the ground that the superintendent had so far departed from the prescribed form that he had in effect failed to furnish a statement as required by the Act, and the assessment against him was final:—Held, reversing the decision of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick, Fournier and Taschereau, JJ., dissenting, that the superintendent had a right to modify the form prescribed to enable him to shew the true facts as to the business of the company in St. John, and the assessors had no right to arbitrarily fix an amount assessable against him without taking any steps to inform themselves of the truth or falsity of the statement furnished:—Held, also, that the provision that there should be no appeal from the assessment where no statement is furnished, relates only to an appeal against over-valuation under C.S.N.B. c. 100, s. 60, and does not abridge the power of the Court to do justice if the assessors assess arbitrarily or upon a wrong principle or no principle at all:—Held, per Gwynne and Patterson, JJ., that the assessment law of St. John does not apply to railway companies, there being no provision made for ascertaining the amount of business done in the city as pro-

portioned to the whole business of the company. Appeal allowed with costs. *Timmerman v. City of St. John* (1893), 21 Can. S.C.R. 691.

TAX ON RAILWAY; EXEMPTION; RAILWAY INCIDENT TO MINING.

By R.S.N.S. (5 Ser.), c. 53, s. 9, subsec. 30, the roadbed, etc., of all railway companies in the Province is exempt from local taxation. By s. 1 the first part of the Act from s. 5 to 33 inclusive, applies to every railway constructed and in operation, or thereafter to be constructed under the authority of any Act of the Legislature, and by s. 4, part 2 applies to all railways constructed or to be constructed under the authority of any special Act, and to all companies incorporated for their construction and working. By s. 5, sub-s. 15, the expression "the company" in the Act means the company or party authorized by the special Act to construct the railway:—Held, reversing the decision of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, Gwynne, J., dissenting, that part one of this Act applies to all railways constructed under provincial statutes and is not exclusive of those mentioned in part two; that a company incorporated by an Act of the Legislature as a mining company, with power "to construct and make such railroads and branch tracks as might be necessary for the transportation of coals from the mines to the place of shipment, and all other business necessary and usually performed on railroads," and with other powers connected with the working of mines "and operation of railroads," and empowered by another Act (49 Vict. c. 45, N.S.) to hold and work the railway for general traffic, and the conveyance of passengers and freight for hire, as well as for all purposes and operations connected with said mines in accordance with and subject to the provisions of part second of c. 53, R.S.N.S. (5 Ser.), entitled "Of Railways," is a railway company within the meaning of the Act; and that the reference in 49 Vict. c. 145, s. 1, to part two, does not prevent said railway from coming under the operation of the first part of the Act. *International Coal Co. v. County of Cape Breton*, 22 Can. S.C.R. 305.

MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT OF STREET RAILWAY; REPAIR OF ROADWAY; LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS.

A street railway company in Toronto was to be assessed in respect of repairs to the roadway traversed by the railway, as for local improvements, which, by the Municipal Act, constitute a lien upon the property assessed, but not a personal liability upon owners or occupiers after they have

ceased to be such:—Held, that after the termination of its franchise, the company was not liable for these rates. *City of Toronto v. Toronto Street Ry. Co.*, 23 Can. S.C.R. 198.

TAXATION OF HORSE-CARS.

By a by-law of the City of Montreal a tax of \$2.50 was imposed upon each working horse in the city. By s. 16 of the appellant's charter it is stipulated that each car employed by the company shall be licensed and numbered, etc., for which the company shall pay "over and above all other taxes the sum of \$20 for each two-horse car, and \$10 for each one-horse car":—Held, affirming the judgment of the Court below, that the company was liable for the tax of \$2.50 on each and every one of its horses. *Que. R. 2 Q. B. 391* affirmed. *Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. City of Montreal*, 23 Can. S.C.R. 259.

TAX ON BUSINESS INCLUDING RAILWAY.

The statute, 29 Vict. c. 57 (Can.), consolidating and amending the Acts and Ordinances incorporating the city of Quebec, by sub-s. 4 of s. 21, authorizes the making of by-laws to impose taxes on persons exercising certain callings, "and generally on all trades, manufactures, occupations, business, arts, professions or means of profit, livelihood or gain, whether heretofore enumerated or not, which now or may hereafter be carried on, exercised or in operation in the city; and all persons by whom the same are or may be carried on, exercised or put in operation therein, either on their own account or as agents for others; and on the premises wherein or whereon the same are or may be carried on, exercised or put in operation":—Held, that the general words of the statute quoted are sufficiently comprehensive to authorize the imposition of a business tax upon railway companies; and, further, that the power thus conferred might be validly exercised by the passing of a by-law to impose the tax in the same general terms as those expressed in the statute:—Held, per Strong, C.J., that where taxes have been paid to a municipal corporation voluntarily and with knowledge of the state of the law and the circumstances under which the tax was imposed, no action can lie to recover the money so paid from the municipality. Judgment of the Court of Queen's Bench, (Q.R. S Q.B. 246), affirmed. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. City of Quebec*, 30 Can. S.C.R. 73.

SCHOOL TAXES; EXEMPTION FROM MUNICIPAL RATES.

By-law No. 148 of the city of Winnipeg, passed in 1881, exempted for ever the C.P.R.

Co. from "all municipal taxes, rates and levies and assessments of every nature and kind":—Held, reversing the judgment of the Court of Queen's Bench, 12 Man. L.R. 581, 1900 C.A. Dig. 326, that the exemption included school taxes. The by-law also provided for the issue of debentures to the company, and by an Act of the Legislature, 46 and 47 Vict. c. 64, it was provided that by-law 148 authorizing the issue of debentures granting by way of bonus to the C.P.R. Co. the sum of \$200,000 in consideration of certain undertakings on the part of the said company; and by-law 195 amending by-law No. 148 and extending the time for the completion of the undertaking . . . be and the same are hereby declared legal, binding and valid. . . . :—Held, that, notwithstanding the description of the by-law in the Act was confined to the portion relating to the issue of debentures, the whole by-law, including the exemption from taxation, was validated. 12 Man. L.R. 581, reversed. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Company v. City of Winnipeg*, 30 Can. S.C.R. 558.

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EXEMPTIONS OF MORTGAGES; RAILWAY BONDS SECURED BY MORTGAGE.

The whole of an estate of a deceased person, liable to be assessed in the city of St. John, may be rated in the names of the resident trustees, under 52 Vict. c. 27, s. 135, though one of the three trustees in whom it is vested is resident abroad. Railway bonds, secured by a mortgage, are not mortgages within the meaning of s. 121, as amended by 63 Vict. c. 43, and are not exempt from taxation. *The King v. Sharp*; *Ex parte Lewin*, 35 N.B.R. 476.

INCOME ASSESSMENT; DIVIDENDS ON SHARES IN OTTAWA ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY; AGREEMENTS BETWEEN COMPANY AND CITY CORPORATION; EXEMPTIONS.

By an agreement dated the 28th June, 1893, between the corporation of the city of Ottawa and the two companies which were amalgamated under the name of the Ottawa Electric Railway Company, by statutes which confirmed the agreement, it was provided, inter alia, that "the corporation shall grant to the said companies exemption from taxation and all other municipal rates . . . on the income of the companies earned from the working of the said railway":—Held, that the plaintiff's income from dividends

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upon shares of the capital stock of the Ottawa Electric Railway Company was not, by reason of the agreement in part above recited, nor by reason of an earlier agreement, exempt from municipal taxation:—Held, also, that the Ottawa Electric Railway Company is not a company which would, but for the agreements mentioned, be liable to be assessed for income under the provisions of the Assessment Act, 1904; and, therefore, s. 5, sub-s. 17, does not apply to exempt dividends or income from the stock. The Assessment Act does not confer upon the shareholders of a company which is not liable to income assessment, but is liable to business assessment, an exemption from assessment upon their dividends from stock in the company, except as contained in s. 10, sub-s. 7. *Goodwin v. City of Ottawa*, 12 O.L.R. 236 (D.C.).

[Leave to appeal refused, 12 O.L.R. 603.]

BOOK DEBTS; RAILWAY BONDS; MORTGAGES.

Book debts are assessable in the city of St. John, under s. 121 of 52 Vict. c. 27, as amended by 63 Vict. c. 43. Railway bonds secured by a mortgage are not exempt under the said Acts. *The King v. Sharp*; *Ex parte Turnbull*, 35 N.B.R. 477.

REVISION OF VALUATION ROLL; ART. 746A, M.C.

The terms of Art. 746A, M.C., so far as regards the revision of the valuation roll "in the months of June or July," are directory only, and the municipal council charged by law with the duty of revision is not divested of authority to make such revision where the time specified in the article has expired before the duty has been performed. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Allan*, 19 Que. S.C. 57 (*Curran, J.*).

ASSESSMENT OF RAILWAY; "LANDS."

Held, that the buildings of a railway company are assessable under s. 3 of the Ordinance respecting the assessment of railways, the word "lands" therein being properly interpreted as including the building:—Held, also, that the assessment must *prima facie* be taken as being correct in amount. *Canadian Pacific Railway Co. v. Macleod School District* (1901), 5 Terr. L.R. 187, followed. *Canadian Northern Railway Co. v. Omemee School District*, 6 Terr. L.R. 281.

C.P.R. LANDS; EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION; SALE; PROPER AUTHORITY TO ASSESS.

Lands vested in the Canadian Pacific Railway Company subject to a provision that the same should, "until they are sold or occupied, be free from taxation for 20 years," were by the company agreed to be

sold and conveyed to the appellants as trustees, who were to sell them, accounting for an interest in the proceeds to the company. At the date of the assessment of the lands, the consideration owing by the trustees to the company had been paid:—Held, that the lands had ceased to be exempt from taxation. Held, also, *Wetmore and McGuire, JJ.*, dissenting, that, in view of the Ordinances relating to municipalities and to schools, the lands being situated partly within and partly without the municipality, the school district was authorized to assess and need not make a demand upon the municipality to do so. *Angus v. School Trustees of Calgary*, 1 Terr. L.R. 111.

EXEMPTIONS FROM TAXATION; LAND SUBSIDIES OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY; EXTENSION OF BOUNDARIES OF MANITOBA.

The land subsidy of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company authorized by the Act, 44 Vict. c. 1 (D.), is not a grant in present and, consequently, the period of twenty years of exemption from taxation of such lands provided by the sixteenth section of the contract for the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway begins from the date of the actual issue of letters patent of grant from the Crown, from time to time, after they have been earned, selected, surveyed, allotted and accepted by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. The exemption was from taxation "by the Dominion, or any Province hereafter to be established or any municipal corporation therein"—Held, that when, in 1881, a portion of the North-West Territories in which this exemption attached was added to Manitoba the latter was a Province "thereafter established" and such added territory continued to be subject to the said exemption from taxation. The limitations in respect of legislation affecting the territory so added to Manitoba, by virtue of the Dominion Act, 44 Vict. c. 14, upon the terms and conditions assented to by the Manitoban Acts, 44 Vict. (3rd Sess.), chs. 1 and 6, are constitutional limitations of the powers of the Legislature of Manitoba in respect of such added territory and embrace the previous legislation of the Parliament of Canada relating to the Canadian Pacific Railway and the land subsidy in aid of its construction. Taxation of any kind attempted to be laid upon any part of such land subsidy by the North-West Council, the North-West Legislative Assembly, or any municipal or school corporation therein is Dominion taxation within the meaning of the sixteenth clause of the Canadian Pacific Railway contract providing for exemption from taxation. *Per Taschereau, C.J.*—

the case of the Springdale School District, as the whole cause of action arose in the North-West Territories, the Court of King's Bench for Manitoba had no jurisdiction to entertain the action or to render the judgment appealed from in that case and such want of jurisdiction could not be waived. Appeals by North Cypress and Argyle dismissed; appeal by the C.P.R. allowed; judgment of the King's Bench of Manitoba, 14 Man. L.R. 382, varied accordingly. Municipality of North Cypress v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Company, 35 Can. S.C.R. 550.

[Referred to in Toronto v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 37 Can. S.C.R. 256.]

RAILWAY EXEMPTION FROM MUNICIPAL RATES; SCHOOL TAXES.

By-Law No. 148 of the city of Winnipeg, passed in 1881, exempted for ever the C.P.R. Co. from "all municipal taxes, rates and levies and assessments of every nature and kind":—Held, reversing the judgment of the Court of Queen's Bench (12 Man. L.R. 581, 1900 C.A. Dig. 326), that the exemption included school taxes. The by-law also provided for the issue of debentures to the company, and by an Act of the Legislature, 46 and 47 Vict. c. 64, it was provided that by-law 148 authorizing the issue of debentures granting by way of bonus to the C.P.R. Co. the sum of \$200,000 in consideration of certain undertakings on the part of the said company and by-law 195 amending by-law No. 148 and extending the time for the completion of the undertaking . . . be and the same are hereby declared legal, binding and valid. . . . Held, that notwithstanding the description of the by-law in the Act was confined to the portion relating to the issue of debentures, the whole by-law including the exemption from taxation, was validated. 12 Man. L.R. 581, reversed. Canadian Pacific Ry. v. City of Winnipeg, 30 Can. S.C.R. 558.

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"ROLLING STOCK, PLANT, AND APPLIANCES"; CONSTRUCTION OF STATUTE; EJUSDEM GENERIS.

The statute 2 Edw. VII. c. 31, s. 1, amending s. 18 of the Assessment Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 224, provides by sub-s. 3 for the assessment as "land" of "the rails, ties, poles, wires, gas and other pipes, mains, conduits, substructures and superstructures" of companies of the kind re-

ferred to in the section,—“upon the streets, roads, highways, lanes and other public places of the municipality,”—and by subsec. 4, that “save as aforesaid, rolling stock, plant and appliances” of such companies, “shall not be ‘land’ within the meaning of the Assessment Act, and shall not be assessable”:—Held, that upon the proper construction, this means that the rolling stock, rolling plant, and rolling appliances of such companies, which is found and used on the streets, etc., shall not by reason merely of the wide words “substructures and superstructures” in sub-s. 3, be liable to assessment as “land” save as mentioned in sub-s. 3. There is no intention to exempt the companies in question from assessment in respect of such of their plant and appliances, as is otherwise “land” within sub-s. 9 of s. 2 of the Assessment Act, but is not on the street, etc. Held, also, that the lamps, hangers and transformers of an electric light company, though easily transferable from one place to another, were “superstructures” upon the street within the meaning of sub-s. 3. Re Assessment Appeals, Toronto Ry. Co. et al., 6 O.L.R. 187 (C.A.).

VALUATION OF PROPERTY; ELECTRIC COMPANIES; RAILS, POLES AND WIRES; WARDS; FRANCHISE; GOING CONCERN; INTEGRAL PART OF WHOLE; 1 Edw. VII. c. 29 (O.).

The Act 1 Edw. VII. c. 29, s. 2 (O.), has made no difference in the mode of valuing for assessment purposes the rails, poles, wires and other plant of electric companies erected or placed upon the highways of municipalities, which was held to be proper by the decision in Re Bell Telephone Co. Assessment (1898), 25 A.R. (Ont.) 351, Maclellan, J.A., dissenting. In Re Toronto Electric Light Co. Assessment, 3 O.L.R. 620 (C.A.).

[Distinguished in International Bridge Co., 12 O.L.R. 314.]

EXEMPTIONS; RAILWAY; BY-LAW OF MUNICIPALITY; COMMUTATION; SCHOOL RATES.

A city council in 1897 passed a by-law providing that a certain annual sum should be accepted from a railway company for 15 years “by way of commutation and in lieu of all and every municipal rate or rates and assessment,” in respect of certain lands owned by the railway company. This by-law was passed under the authority of a special Act respecting the railway company, 48 Vict. c. 65 (O.), s. 3 of which provided that it should be lawful for the corporation of any municipality through which any line of the railway had been constructed to exempt the company and its property within such municipality, in

whole or in part, from municipal assessment or taxation, or to agree to a certain sum per annum or otherwise in gross or by way of commutation or composition for payment of all municipal rates. By a subsequent general enactment, 55 Vict. c. 60, s. 4 (O.), it was declared that no municipal by-law thereafter passed for exempting any portion of the rateable property of a municipality from taxation, in whole or in part, should be held or construed to exempt such property from school rates. The general Act did not by express words repeal the special Act:—Held, that it did not effect a repeal by necessary implication—*generalia specialibus non derogant*:—Held, also, that there was nothing to shew that the sum which the railway company were to pay was not more than the school taxes which they would be liable to pay if they were not entitled to any exemption. *Way v. City of St. Thomas*, 12 O.L.R. 238 (D.C.).

SPECIAL RATE; BONUS; RAILWAY.

By a by-law passed under the provisions of ss. 386, 694, and 696 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 223, a township corporation was authorized to raise a sum by issuing debentures, to be met by special rate, to provide a bonus in aid of a railway company, payable upon its compliance with certain conditions, no time for compliance being limited. The debentures were duly executed, but remained unissued in the possession and under the control of the municipality:—Held, that until the sale or negotiation of the debentures, there was no debt on the part of the township, and that the special rate was not leviable, though the time fixed for payment of some of the debentures had passed. Judgment of Meredith, J., 32 O.R. 135, reversed. *Bogart v. Township of King*, 1 O.L.R. 496 (C.A.).

PASTURE LAND; VALUATION; ART. 942A, M.C.

The C.P. Ry. Co. had acquired more than 200 arpents of land for railway purposes, but, changing its intention, let it as a farm by an annual lease, with the condition that it should only be used for pasturage, for which it was entirely unsuited. The company had also prepared a plan for dividing the land into lots, and had taken steps to have it adopted by the corporation and the Government, and a cadastre made. It even gave notice of its sale in lots. For assessment purposes the land had been appraised at its real value, and the company petitioned the corporation to reduce the valuation. This having been refused, the company appealed to the Circuit Court, claiming that the land should be valued according to its value for agricultural purposes only:—Held, that the property should be estimated at its real value, and not

according to any value it might possess for agricultural purposes alone. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Corporation of the Village of Verdun*, 20 Que. S.C. 194 (Cir. Ct.).

EXPRESS COMPANY; PROVINCIAL TAX; MUNICIPAL BUSINESS TAX.

Section 3 of the Corporations Taxation Act provides that every express company doing an express business shall pay a tax to the province; and s. 18 provides that, where a company pay the tax, no similar tax shall be imposed or collected by any municipality in the province:—Held, that a business tax imposed by a city corporation in respect of the premises occupied by an express company in the city, under the Assessment Act, 63 and 64 Vict. c. 35, s. 2, was a "similar tax" to that imposed by the province, which had been paid by the express company, and was, therefore, illegal and void. The Assessment Act and the Corporations Taxation Act having been assented to on the same day, it was intended that s. 18 of the later Act should govern and exclude the tax imposed under the earlier. *Dominion Express Co. v. City of Brandon*, 15 W.L.R. 26 (Man.).

BUSINESS TAX; EXPRESS COMPANY.

Dominion Express Co. v. the Corporation of the Town of Niagara, 15 O.L.R. 78.

STREET RAILWAY; SPECIAL PRIVILEGES; ASSESSMENT ROLL; DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.

A municipal corporation which, under authority of a special Act, grants to a street railway company, in consideration of the annual payment of a percentage of its profits, the privilege of establishing its right of way, and erecting poles and other necessary constructions on the streets and elsewhere in the municipality, is not thereby deprived of its power to tax such constructions, etc., under the general powers given to it by its charter. The following description in the valuation and collection rolls of such property, "William Street, St. Ann's Ward, part of 1209, and motive power on subdivisions 1-8, 1218 pt. 1209, land \$34,000, buildings \$60,000, 1-8, 1218 buildings \$220,000," is sufficient within the terms of 62 Vict. c. 79, s. 375. A waiver in writing by a ratepayer of the prescription against collecting his taxes is valid and prevents the time from running. *City of Montreal v. Montreal Street Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 35 S.C. 321 (Ct. Rev.).

RAILWAY; ASSESSMENT ON BUILDINGS; "LANDS"; VALUATION OF BUILDINGS.

Re Canadian Northern Ry. Co. and Omeene School District, 4 W.L.R. 547 (Terr.).

PROPERTY PURCHASED BY RAILWAY COMPANY FOR RIGHT OF WAY, BUT NOT USED AS SUCH; ASSESSMENT AS OF LANDS OF PRIVATE OWNERS.

Re City of Edmonton and Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 6 W.L.R. 786 (Alta.).

SCHOOL TAXES; EXEMPTION; CANADIAN PACIFIC RY. CO.; LANDS IN 24-MILE BELT GRANTED TO COMPANY.

Re Spruce Vale School District, No. 209, and Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 6 W.L.R. 526 (N.W.T.).

LEASE FROM MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; USUAL COVENANTS; TAXES.

Re Canadian Pacific and Toronto, 5 O.L.R. 71 (C.A.).

EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION; BRANCH LINES; "SUPERSTRUCTURE"; VALUE OF ROUND-HOUSES, FREIGHT SHEDS, AND OTHER BUILDINGS.

Clause 16 (relating to exemption from taxation) of the agreement between the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and the Government of Canada, as embodied in the Act, 44 Viet. (1881), c. 1, provides that "The Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and all stations and station grounds, workshops, buildings, yards, and other property, rolling stock, and appurtenances required and used for the construction and working thereof, and the capital stock of the company, shall be forever free from taxation by the Dominion, or by any Province hereafter to be established, or by any municipal corporation therein; and the lands of the company in the North-West Territories, until they are either sold or occupied, shall also be free from such taxation for 20 years after the grant thereof from the Crown." Clause 14 of the same agreement also provides that "the company shall have the right, from time to time, to lay out, construct, equip, maintain, and work, branch lines of railway from any point or points along their main line of railway to any point or points within the territory of the Dominion":—Held, that clause 16 of the agreement is not applicable to the Crow's Nest Pass Railway, but is applicable only to the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and to such branches thereof as the company was authorized by clause 14 of the agreement to construct from points on the main line, and does not extend to other distinct lines of railway which the company may have been subsequently authorized to construct. Under the Ordinance respecting the assessment of Railways, C.O. 1898, c. 71, s. 3, the round-houses, station, or office buildings, section houses, employee's dwellings,

freight sheds, and other buildings of like nature belonging to a railway company and situated upon it, are not included in the term "superstructure," but may be assessed separately as personal property under the Municipal Ordinance. Such buildings should not be valued as part of the railway as a going concern, and as having a special value as such, but merely at what they are worth separate and distinct from other portions of the railway. When only two and a half stalls of a round-house were situated within the municipality, and the round-house was shewn to be worth \$900 a stall, the assessment was fixed at \$2,250. In Re Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. and Town of Macleod, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 203, 5 Terr. L.R. 192.

TAXATION BY SCHOOL DISTRICT; UNPATENTED LAND SET APART; EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION.

Crown lands which have been set apart for the land grant of the C.P.R. Co., and earned by that company as part of its land grant under the schedule to 44 Viet. (1881), c. 1, "An Act respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway," but which have never been sold or occupied by the company, are exempt from taxation by School Districts in the Territories by virtue of s. 16 (quoted in full in judgment of McGuire, J.) of the Schedule. Per Richardson, J.:—On the ground that a School District is a "municipal corporation." Per Wetmore, J.:—On the ground that the Territorial Legislative Assembly—and consequently a Territorial School District—acts merely by authority delegated by the Dominion Parliament, and, therefore, that taxation by a Territorial School District is taxation "by the Dominion." Per McGuire, J.:—On the ground that the Territorial School Ordinance exempts from taxation lands held by Her Majesty, and does not authorize the taxation of any interest therein, and that as to the lands in question the company is at best in the position of purchasers who had paid their purchase money, but had not yet actually received a conveyance, and, until conveyed, the lands are held by Her Majesty. Semble, per Wetmore, J.:—Territorial School Districts are not "municipal corporations." Semble, per McGuire, J.:—Taxation by a School District is not taxation "by the Dominion," which latter means taxation direct by the Dominion. A School District is not a "municipal corporation." The effect of the Act was not to make ipso facto a grant to the company, nor to operate as a grant to the company as each 20 miles of railway was completed, but to entitle the company as each 20 miles was completed to ask for and receive a grant of the land subsidy

applicable thereto. Construction of statutes discussed. *Balgonie Protestant Public School District v. Canadian Pacific Railway Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 214, 5 Terr. L.R. 123.

[Referred to in *North Cypress v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 14 Man. L.R. 406, 5 Terr. L.R. 573.]

EXEMPTIONS; SUPERSTRUCTURES; BUILDINGS.

An agreement between a city and a railway company which also conducted an electric lighting plant exempting from certain taxes "the tracks, right of way, wires, rolling stock, and all superstructures and sub-structures and all the properties of the" railway company does not entitle the company to an exemption from taxes on its buildings, machinery, poles and wires used in connection with its lighting plant. *Re Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg R. Co. and City of Windsor*, 3 D.L.R. 43, 3 O.W.N. 575, 21 O.W.R. 44.

EXEMPTIONS; BUSINESS TAXES.

Under the Assessment Act, 4 Edw. VII. (Ont.), 1904, c. 23, s. 226, providing that the Act shall not affect the terms of any agreement made with a municipality, a railway company is exempt from the ordinary business tax under an agreement with the city exempting its property from all taxes other than school rates. *Re Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg R. Co. and City of Windsor*, 3 D.L.R. 43, 3 O.W.N. 575, 21 O.W.R. 44.

ASSESSMENT AND APPORTIONMENT OF RAILWAY PROPERTY.

The assessment of the real property of a steam railway company does not become fixed for the next following four years, under s. 45 of the Ontario Assessment Act, 1904, upon the mere formal receipt by the clerk of the municipality of the company's annual statement of such property, and the transmission to the company of a notice of the amount of the assessment thereof, such amount being the same as the amount of the previous year; the only assessment which remains so fixed is an actual assessment after inspection and valuation. *Re Town of Steelton and Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 3 D.L.R. 402, 3 O.W.N. 1199, 22 O.W.R. 94.

STREET RAILWAY TAXES.

A city by-law relating to the taxation of an electric street railway company, which provided that the company should keep and maintain within the city limits all of its engines, machinery, power houses and shops, will not prevent the company importing, for the operation of its plant, electricity gene-

rated at a point beyond the city limits. *Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co. v. City of Winnipeg*, 4 D.L.R. 116, [1912] A.C. 355.

EXEMPTIONS; RAILWAY PROPERTY.

The exemption privilege given to railways under s. 14, c. 40, R.S.S. 1909, providing that the railway and the land comprised in the right-of-way, station grounds, yards and terminals, and all buildings, structures and personal property used for the purposes of the operation of a railway shall be free and exempt from taxation, does not apply to arrears of taxes which were a charge on the land in question before it was purchased by the railway company, nor to assessments for local improvements made on the land. The exemption privilege given by s. 14, c. 40, R.S.S. 1909, to railway companies may be claimed by a railway company on land having a maximum area of one mile in length by 500 feet in width, which amount of land they are allowed to expropriate under sec. 177 of the Railway Act of Canada for stations, depots, yards and other structures for the accommodation of traffic, even though the land in question is not actually used or immediately needed for railway purposes, and whether the land had been obtained by expropriation proceedings or by voluntary sale or otherwise; and to exempt a further area the railway must shew that the additional land is necessary for the purposes set out in s. 177 of the Railway Act. A railway company is not entitled, under the statute R.S.S. 1909, c. 40, to an exemption from taxation on land in excess of the area they are allowed to expropriate under sub-s. (a) of s. 177 of the Railway Act of Canada, giving them the right to take for right-of-way land 100 feet in width, and under sub-s. (b) giving them the right to take for stations, yards and other structures for accommodation of traffic an area one mile in length by 500 feet in breadth, including the width of the right-of-way, unless they shew that the additional area is necessary for the purposes set out in sub-s. (b); such necessity will be presumed if the additional area was obtained by permission of the Railway Board, as provided in s. 178 of the Act, but not otherwise. *City of Prince Albert v. Can. North. Ry. Co.*, (Sask.) 10 D.L.R. 121, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 87.

EXEMPTION UNTIL LANDS "SOLD"; EXEMPTION FOR 20 YEARS AFTER "GRANT FROM CROWN".

Certain lands granted to a railway company were exempted from taxation "until they are either sold or occupied, for 20 years" after the grant thereof from the Crown":—Held, (1) That the word "sold" involved a completed sale; and (2) that the

proper meaning of the expression "grant from the Crown" was a conveyance by letters patent under the Great Seal, and, therefore, that in the case of lands not sold or occupied the period of exemption from taxation ran from the date of the letters patent conveying the lands to the railway company. The Minister of Public Works of the Province of Alberta v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.; The King v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. (1911), 27 Times L.R. 234 (P.C.).

B. Review on Appeal.

REVISION OF ASSESSMENTS.

By 52 Vict. c. 37, s. 2, amending the Supreme and Exchequer Courts Act, an appeal lies in certain cases to the Supreme Court of Canada from courts "of last resort created under provincial legislation to adjudicate concerning the assessment of property for provincial or municipal purposes, in cases where the person or persons presiding over such court is or are appointed by provincial or municipal authority." By the Ontario Act, 55 Vict. c. 48, as amended by 58 Vict. c. 47, an appeal lies from rulings of municipal courts of revision in matters of assessment to the County Court Judges of the County Court district where the property has been assessed. On an appeal from the decision of the County Court Judges under the Ontario statutes:—Held, King, J., dissenting, that if the County Court Judges constituted a "court of last resort" within the meaning of 52 Vict. c. 31, s. 2, the persons presiding over such court were not appointed by provincial or municipal authority, and the appeal was not authorized by the said Act:—Held, per Gwynne, J., that as no binding effect is given to the decision of the County Court Judges, under the Ontario Acts cited, the court appealed from was not a "court of last resort" within the meaning of 52 Vict. c. 37, s. 2. Quaere.—Is the decision of the County Court Judges a "final judgment" within the meaning of 52 Vict. c. 37, s. 2? *City of Toronto v. Toronto Railway Co.*, 27 Can. S.C.R. 640.

[Leave to appeal to Privy Council refused.]

ACTION FOR MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL TAXES; JURISDICTION; DECLINATORY EXCEPTION.

In a suit in the Superior Court, claiming municipal taxes to an amount exceeding \$100, accompanied with a demand for school taxes, a declinatory exception asking the dismissal of that portion of the demand which is for school taxes, on the ground that the Circuit Court has exclusive jurisdiction, will be maintained, notwithstanding Art. 170 C.C.P., it being impossible in such a case

to transmit the whole record to the Circuit Court. *Township of Dudswell v. Quebec Central Ry. Co.*, 19 Que. S.C. 116 (White, J.).

TAX SALE; INJUNCTION; APPEAL TO COURT OF REVISION; ESTOPPEL.

An injunction may be granted to restrain a tax sale. It is not necessary that exemption from taxation should be raised before the Court of Revision, and a party, wrongfully assessed by reason of exemption, is not estopped by appealing to the Court of Revision. *Canadian Pacific Railway Co. v. Town of Calgary*, 1 Terr. L.R. 67.

INJUNCTION; LEVY OF ILLEGAL TAX BY MUNICIPALITY.

A party who brings an action against a municipality for a declaration that he is not liable for a tax imposed upon him, and for an injunction to restrain the attempted levy of such tax, is not entitled to an interim injunction to restrain such levy, as he has another adequate remedy, namely, to pay the tax under protest and sue to recover it back. *Dominion Express Company v. City of Brandon*, 19 Man. L.R. 257.

[And see same case, 20 Man. L.R. 304.]

APPEAL; GENERAL PLAN OF ASSESSMENT; LAND AND BUILDINGS.

Under ordinary circumstances it is incumbent upon an appellant who complains that he is assessed too high to shew that the property is not worth the amount for which he is assessed, but where, although this is not shewn, it appears that under the general scheme of assessment, lands of a particular description are assessed generally at a certain fixed sum per acre, and that the appellants' lands of that description, which are of no greater value either by reason of their situation or otherwise, are assessed at a larger amount, the assessment should be reduced to accord with the general scheme of assessment. A school district assessor assessed certain of the appellants' lands at \$800, and the dwelling houses thereon at \$2,000:—Held, that the assessment should stand, although the more correct course would have been to assess the whole as "land," and place a single value upon both soil and buildings as "land." In re *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. and the Macleod Public School District*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 210, 5 Terr. L.R. 187.

[Approved in *Can. Nor. Ry. Co. v. Omeene School Dist.*, 6 Terr. L.R. 282, 4 W.L.R. 547.]

Note on assessment and taxation of railway lands and superstructure, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 233.

ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIMS.

See: Claims.

Note on assignment of judgments, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 479.

AWARD.

See Appeals; Expropriation.

BAGGAGE.

For liability for loss of baggage by transfer company, see Carriers of Goods.

For conditions limiting liability for the loss of baggage, see Limitation of Liability.

PERSONAL BAGGAGE; LIABILITY FOR.

The plaintiff was one of fifty-four Chinamen travelling over the defendants' railway on one ticket purchased on their behalf by an employment agent, who received the price of his passage from each of the Chinamen, out of the wages earned by him after reaching his destination. The plaintiffs' baggage, consisting of personal effects and bedding, was destroyed by the burning of the baggage car, the cause of the fire being unknown.—Held, that the contract was with each Chinaman, to carry him and his baggage safely, and that the defendants were liable in damages:—Held, also, that the defendants having accepted the bedding as personal baggage were liable for it as such, and semble, that it would have been held, under the circumstances, to be personal baggage, even without such acceptance. *Chan Dy Chea v. Alberta Railway and Irrigation Co.*, 6 Terr. L.R. 175, 1 W.L.R. 371 (N.W.T.).

LOSS OF BAGGAGE; HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS.

(1) Only the passenger or his assignee can sue a railway company on the implied contract with a passenger to carry safely his personal baggage arising from his having purchased a ticket for his conveyance. (2) If the action were founded in tort and it was shewn that the goods were lost through the defendants' negligence, the owner of the goods, though he was not the passenger, could sue. (3) In the absence of proof of negligence, the passenger can only recover for personal baggage lost, and only on clear evidence that such were contained in the missing pieces. (4) In the case of a married woman travelling with infant children to join her husband, the husband's clothing, household effects and the clothing of grown-up daughters cannot be classed as personal baggage. *Callan v. Canadian Northern Ry.*, 19 Man. L.R. 141, 11 W.L.R. 341.

LOSS OF PASSENGER'S LUGGAGE; LIABILITY AS WAREHOUSEMEN.

The defendants' agent checked the plaintiff's luggage in advance and sent it on by

an earlier train than that by which she travelled. The luggage arrived at its destination before the plaintiff arrived, and, four hours after its arrival, was destroyed by fire:—Held, that, even assuming that there was no negligence on the part of the defendants, the interval of four hours was not sufficient to change the status of the defendants from carriers to warehousemen, when they knew that the plaintiff was coming by another train on a later day; and the defendants were liable for the value of the luggage. *Hamel v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 19 O.W.R. 533, 2 O.W.N. 1286.

[*Penton v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 28 U.C.R. 367, distinguished; *Vinberg v. G.T.R.*, 13 App. R. 93; *Penton v. G.T.R.*, 28 U.C.R. 376, followed.]

PASSENGER'S BAGGAGE; LOSS.

MacIntosh v. Cape Breton Ry., 7 E.L.R. 142 (N.S.).

INJURY TO PASSENGERS' BAGGAGE LYING AT STATION; BAILEES FOR REWARD; WAREHOUSEMEN.

Where passengers by railway checked their baggage on the day on which they purchased their tickets, but (without the knowledge or fault of the railway company) did not begin their journey until the following day, and their baggage reached their destination before them, and was injured by an accidental explosion, while in the baggage room of the railway company, it was:—Held, that the liability of the company was that of gratuitous bailees, i.e., for gross negligence only. Definition of "gross negligence." Review of the authorities:—And held, upon the evidence, that the company were not guilty of gross negligence. Semble, also, that the company, if they were to be considered as bailees for reward—warehousemen—were not liable: they had discharged the onus of proving that the explosion was not due to negligence. *Carlisle v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 518, 25 O.L.R. 372.

BILLS OF LADING.

See Carriers of Goods; Limitation of Liability; Claims.

For authority of agents to bind company to terms of bill of lading, see Agents.

BOARD OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS.

A. Dominion Board.

B. Provincial Board.

For orders of Provincial Boards respecting street railways, see Street Railways.

For appeal from orders of Board, see Appeals.

For jurisdiction to grant relief by mandamus, see Mandamus.

For regulation of car equipment, see Cars. For jurisdiction of Board to order the establishment of stations, see Stations.

For regulation of telegraph and telephones, see Telegraph and Telephones; Wire Crossings.

For protection of highway crossings and apportionment of costs, see Highway Crossings.

For protection of railway crossing and contribution of costs, see Railway Crossings. As to regulation of farm crossings, see Farm Crossings.

As to regulation of rates and fares, see Tolls and Tariffs.

Jurisdiction to regulate traffic facilities, see Interchange of Traffic; Junctions.

For regulation of demurrage, see Demurrage.

For constitutionality of statutes empowering Railway Board to make orders and regulations, see Constitutional Law.

Jurisdiction of Board to order interlocking appliances at railway crossings, see Railway Crossings.

As to regulation of branch lines, spur tracks, and sidings, see Branch Lines and Sidings.

For power to authorize expropriation of land of another company, see Expropriation.

For orders for compensation for damage to lands, see Expropriation.

For regulation of train service, see Train Service.

For regulation of shipping system, see Cars.

For jurisdiction to order refund for overcharges, see Tolls and Tariffs.

For regulation of amalgamation agreements, see Amalgamation.

For jurisdiction as to stop-over privileges, see Train Service.

A. Dominion Board.

POWERS OF RAILWAY COMMITTEE; MAINTENANCE OF GATES AT CROSSINGS; MUNICIPALITIES.

Under ss. 11, 18, 21, 187 and 188 of the Railway Act of 1888, Parliament conferred upon the Railway Committee the power to order that gates and watchmen should be provided and maintained by such a railway at crossings of highways traversing different adjacent municipalities; to decide which municipalities are interested in the crossings; to fix the proportion of the cost to be borne by the different municipalities; to vary any order made by adding other municipalities as interested, and to readjust the

proportion of the cost; and the decision of the committee cannot be reviewed by the court. Municipalities are subject to such legislation and the orders of the committee in the same way as private individuals. Re Canadian Pacific Railway Company and County and Township of York, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 36, 27 O.R. 559.

[Reversed in part in 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 47, 25 A.R. (Ont.) 65; adopted in Winnipeg v. Toronto General Trusts, 19 Man. L.R. 429; applied in Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Montreal, 43 Can. S.C.R. 251; approved in Re McAlpine & Lake Erie Ry. Co., 37 Can. S.C.R. 240; considered in Atty.-General v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 11 B.C.R. 302; referred to in Grant v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 36 N.B.R. 532, Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Cedar Dale, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 73; Can. Pac. Ry. Co. v. Toronto, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 274.]

ORDERS AND REGULATIONS; HIGHWAY CROSSINGS; MAINTENANCE OF GATES; APPORTIONMENT OF COST; MUNICIPALITIES.

The Railway Committee of the Privy Council, on the application of the city of Toronto, ordered the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to put up gates and keep a watchman where the line of railway crossed a highway running from the city of Toronto into the township of York, the line of railway being at the place in question the boundary between the two municipalities, and ordered the cost of maintenance to be paid in equal proportions by the railway company and the city. On a subsequent application by the city representing that the township was equally interested and asking for contribution from the township, the township brought in the county, and an order was made by the Railway Committee that the county and township should contribute in certain proportions:—Held, per Burton, C.J.O., and Maclellan, J.A.: That, assuming the validity of legislation conferring jurisdiction on the Railway Committee, their powers were limited to persons or municipalities invoking the exercise of their jurisdiction, and that their order was invalid so far as it imposed a burden upon the township and county. Per Osler, J.A.: That the legislation was *intra vires*, and that the township and county were persons interested within the meaning of the Act, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Railway Committee. Per Meredith, J.: That the legislation was *intra vires*, but that the county was not a person interested, not being under any responsibility for the maintenance of the highway in question. Per Curiam: That the decision of the Railway Committee upon a subject, and in respect of persons within its jurisdiction, cannot be reviewed or interfered with by the Court. In the result an

appeal from the judgment of Rose, J., 27 O.R. 539, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 36, was allowed as to the county of York, and dismissed as to the township of York. In re Canadian Pacific Railway Company and County and Township of York, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 47, 25 A.R. (Ont.) 65.

**RAILWAY COMMITTEE OF PRIVY COUNCIL;
MAKING SAME RULE OF EXCHEQUER COURT;
EX PARTE ORDER.**

By s. 29 of the Railways Act, 51 Vict. c. 17 (sic.), the Exchequer Court is empowered to make an order of the Railway Committee of the Privy Council a rule of Court; but where there are proceedings pending in another Court in which the rights of the parties under the order of the Railway Committee may come in question, the Exchequer Court, in granting the rule, may suspend its execution until further directions. (2) The court refused to make the order of the Railway Committee in this case a rule of Court upon a mere ex parte application, and required that all parties interested in the matter should have notice of the same. In re Metropolitan Railway Company with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 96, 6 Ex. C.R. 351.

**RAILWAY COMMITTEE; CONFLICTING SURVEYS
AND LOCATIONS; INJUNCTION; DECLARATION
OF RIGHT.**

An injunction will not be granted to restrain one railway company making its surveys and locating its line so as to cross and re-cross the line of another. The Railway Committee of the Privy Council is the tribunal specially constituted, having powers and jurisdiction respecting the crossing, intersection and junction of railways, the alignment, arrangement, disposition and location of tracks, the use by one company of the tracks of another and every matter, act or thing which by the Railway Act or the special Act of any railway company is sanctioned, required to be done or prohibited. The Court in a case of this nature, in which the Railway Committee has jurisdiction, will not make a declaration of the rights or priorities of the contending parties. Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound Railway Company v. Atlantic and North-West Railway Company, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 101.

[Referred to in Perrault v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., Q.R. 14 K.B. 249.]

**RAILWAY COMMITTEE — CONSTRUCTION OF
SUBWAY; COUNTY ROAD AND CITY STREETS;
COST OF CONSTRUCTION.**

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of a subway under a railway, by which one of the city streets was made to connect with a county road, the works being adjacent to a city street but not within the city limits:—Held, that the city was interested within the meaning of the terms as used in the 188th section of the Railway Act, which provides that the Railway Committee might apportion the cost of such works as those in question between the railway company and “any person interested therein.” (2) On an application to make an order of the Railway Committee of the Privy Council a rule of Court, the Court will not go into the merits of the order, or consider objections to the procedure followed by the Railway Committee. Semble, that while the Railway Committee of the Privy Council has jurisdiction in such a case, to impose upon the party interested an obligation to bear part of the expense, it has no jurisdiction to compel a party or other than the railway company to execute the works. In re Grand Trunk Ry. Co. and In re Railway Act, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 102, 8 Ex. C.R. 349.

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[Referred in Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Cedar Dale, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 73.]

HIGHWAY CROSSING; SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE.

The Surveys Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 181, s. 39, cannot create highways across the land of a railway company or give any right to the applicant to have his streets extended across the railway. A railway company may, with the leave of the Board, lay out and dedicate portions of its right of way for use as highways which the municipality could accept without passing a by-law for that purpose. The applicant is only entitled to an order from the Board authorizing the railway company to lay out and construct such highways. The by-law of the municipality may be considered an acceptance of such highways. The Board does not enforce specific performance of such agreements. It is not empowered to compel the railway company to construct the highway at the instance of the applicant. As no other court or authority than the Board can legally allow the railway company or any other person to construct the highway, the application should proceed for the purpose of enabling the Board to determine whether it will give this permission. *Re Reid and Canada Atlantic Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 272.

[Distinguished in *Bird v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 1 S.L.R. 279.]

ADJUDICATION OF PAST TRANSACTIONS; DEFAULT IN DEMURRAGE CHARGES; PREMATURE SALE OF GOODS FOR; POWER OF BOARD TO AWARD DAMAGES.

The Board of Railway Commissioners is a judicial, as well as an executive body, created to enforce the railway legislation of the Dominion Parliament, but not to supplant or supplement the Provincial Courts in the exercise of their ordinary jurisdiction. In making orders and regulations under ss. 23 and 25 of the Act of 1903, the Board is not to adjudicate in respect to rights arising out of past transactions but to lay down rules for future conduct. The Board is not empowered to award damages or any other relief for any injury caused by an infraction of the Act, e.g., s. 214. Cars loaded with coal were held by the railway company for payment of demurrage or car storage charges and in default of payment were disposed of by private sale before the expiry of six weeks specified by s. 280 (2):—Held, that any claim for damages for premature or improvident sale should be prosecuted by action in the Provincial Courts. *Duthie v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 304.

[Approved in *Robinson v. Can. North Ry. Co.*, 19 Man. L.R. 306.]

STREET RAILWAYS; MUNICIPAL ASSENT; USE OF HIGHWAYS IN CITIES AND TOWNS; CONSENT BY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY.

In the case of a street railway or tramway or of any railway to be operated as such upon the highways of any city or incorporated town, the consent of the municipal authority required by s. 184 of the "Railway Act, 1903," must be by a valid by-law approved and sanctioned in the manner provided by the provincial municipal law, and, in the absence of evidence of such consent having been so obtained, the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada have no jurisdiction to enforce an order in respect to the construction and operation of any such railway. The order appealed from was reversed and set aside, the Chief Justice and Girouard, J., dissenting. *Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Montreal Terminal Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 373, 36 Can. S.C.R. 369.

[Adhered to in *Essex Terminal Ry. Co. v. Windsor, Essex & L.S. Ry. Co.*, 40 Can. S.C.R. 625; referred to in *Can. Pac. Ry. Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 12 O.L.R. 320.]

HIGHWAY CROSSINGS; SUBWAY; MUNICIPALITY.

The power of the Board of Railway Commissioners, under s. 186 of the Railway Act, 1903, to order a highway to be carried over or under a railway is not restricted to the case of opening up a new highway, but may be exercised in respect to one already in existence. The application for such order may be made by the municipality as well as by the railway company. *The Bank Street Subway Case*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 126, affirmed. *Ottawa Electric Ry. Co. v. City of Ottawa and Can. Atl. Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 131, 37 Can. S.C.R. 334.

[*vide Toronto v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 37 Can. S.C.R. 232, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 138.]

POWER TO IMPOSE TERMS.

The Board of Railway Commissioners granted an application of the James Bay Railway Company for leave to carry their line under the track of the G.T.R.W. Co., but, at the request of the latter, imposed the condition that the masonry work of such under-crossing should be sufficient to allow of the construction of an additional track on the line of the G.T.R.W. Co. No evidence was given that the latter company intended to lay an additional track in the near future or at any time. *The James Bay Co.*, by leave of a Judge, appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada from the part of the order imposing such

terms contending that the same was beyond the jurisdiction of the Board:—Held, that the Board had jurisdiction to impose said terms.—Held, per Sedgewick, Davies and MacLennan, JJ., that the question before the Court was rather one of law than of jurisdiction and should have come up on appeal by leave of the Board or been carried before the Governor-General-in-council. *James Bay R.W. Co. v. Grand Trunk R.W. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 164, 37 Can. S.C.R. 372.

FARM CROSSINGS.

Orders directing the establishment of farm crossings over railway subject to The Railway Act, 1903, are exclusively within the jurisdiction of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Perrault*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 293, 36 Can. S.C.R. 671.

[Referred to in *Re Can. Pac. Ry. Co. and McLeod*, 5 Terr. L.R. 197; applied in *Valieres v. Ont. & Que. Ry. Co.*, *Que. R.* 19 K.B. 523.]

CROSSINGS UNDER RAILWAY.

The Board has jurisdiction under s. 198 of the Railway Act, 1903, to require a railway company to make a farm crossing under its railway. In *Re Cockerline and Guelph & Goderich Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 313.

RAILWAY CROSSINGS.

The defendants obtained an ex parte order from the Board of Railway Commissioners authorizing them to construct, maintain, and operate certain sidings involving the crossing of the right of way of another railway. The plaintiffs, on becoming aware of this order, moved against it before the Board, under ss. 25 and 32 of the Railway Act, 1903, 3 Edw. VII. c. 58 (D), but the Board confirmed it:—Held, that by such application to vary or amend the order the plaintiffs had submitted to the jurisdiction of the Railway Commissioners, and were concluded within the scope of their judgment, and could not now go behind the orders in the present action, which was for damages and an injunction; and this, whether the application for the ex parte order could be considered an application under s. 177 of the Railway Act for a crossing order or not. The plaintiffs objected that the Railway Commissioners had no jurisdiction because the line in question, being a branch line, the plans were not filed in the Registry Office, pursuant to s. 175, sub-s. 2, and s. 122 of the Act:—Held, that they could not raise the question of jurisdiction in this way, the Act specially

providing by s. 44 for an appeal from orders of the Board to the Supreme Court of Canada on such questions. By virtue of s. 7 of the Railway Act, 1903, where one railway crosses another which is subject to the Act, the Board of Railway Commissioners have exclusive jurisdiction. *Canadian Pacific R.W. Co. v. Grand Trunk R.W. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 400, 12 O.L.R. 320.

[Relied on in *Fraser v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 17 Man. L.R. 672, 8 W.L.R. 380.]

DRAINAGE WORKS.

Under s. 23 of (1) (b) the Railway Act 1903, as amended by 6 Edw. VII. c. 42, s. 2, the Board may sanction and approve proposed drainage works authorized by s. 118 (m). *Can. Pac. Ry. Co. v. Murphy*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 497.

PROTECTION OF HIGHWAY CROSSINGS; CONTRIBUTION OF COSTS.

The Railway Board, in matters pertaining to the protection of highway crossings and the apportionment and contribution of costs therein, is a Court of original jurisdiction and must decide for itself not merely questions of law, but also questions of fact as regards the "interest" in such matters of the parties concerned, and also whether, in the exercise of its discretion, a municipality or township should contribute to the costs of protecting any crossings. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Village of Cedar Dale*, etc., 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 73.

JUNCTION; DOMINION RAILWAY; PROVINCIALLY INCORPORATED RAILWAY.

The Board has no jurisdiction to order a connection to be made or traffic to be interchanged between a Dominion railway and a provincially incorporated railway which it crosses, such provincial railway not having been declared a work for the general advantage of Canada. Under s. 8 of the Railway Act, the jurisdiction of the Board is confined to the point of crossing, and does not extend to the whole line of the provincial railway. Where a railway company incorporated by the Parliament of Canada was authorized to acquire two provincially incorporated railways, but no work had been done in connection with such railway, and the validating Act provided that the acquisition should not make such railways subject to the Railway Act, 1903, or works for the general advantage of Canada, but that they should remain subject to the legislative control of the province:—Held, (1) That, under sec. 3, the special Provincial Act overrides the Railway Act. (2) That there is no jurisdiction to authorize making connections with or

affording facilities to a Dominion railway which does not exist, and an order requiring such connection to be made would be in effect ordering a provincial railway to connect with a Dominion railway, as to which the Board has no jurisdiction. *Boards of Trade of Galt, etc. v. Grand Trunk, Canadian Pacific, etc., Ry. Cos., 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 195.*

SUBWAY UNDER RAILWAY TRACKS ALONG HIGHWAY; PRIVILEGE TO RAISE GRADE OF HIGHWAY.

For many years the defendants, by agreement with the city of Winnipeg, had occupied a portion of the width of Point Douglas avenue in said city with the tracks of its main line. In 1904 a further agreement was made between the city and the company, and ratified by the Legislature, whereby the company obtained the right to raise the grade of Point Douglas avenue or of any part thereof to a height not exceeding ten feet above the then existing grade upon certain conditions:—Held, that the words "or any part thereof" related to a part of the breadth as well as of the length of the avenue, and that the defendants had a right to raise the grade of the southerly forty-five feet in width of the avenue leaving twenty-one feet at its original height, although the result of that was to diminish the value of the plaintiff's lots on account of the construction of a subway alongside of them:—Held, also, that an order of the Board of Railway Commissioners granting leave to the defendants to construct such subway was valid and binding, although it had been made *ex parte* and in ignorance of the fact that the plaintiff had previously obtained an interim injunction against such construction, the plaintiff having made no application to rescind or vary the order as he might have done. *C.P.R. v. G.T.R. (1906), 12 O.L.R. 320, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 400, followed.* The interim injunction granted in 1905 had been affirmed on appeal before the hearing of the cause:—Held, that that decision was not binding on the trial Judge, and did not divest him of the responsibility of deciding the case upon the merits at the hearing. *Fraser v. Canadian Pacific R.W. Co., 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 205, 17 Man. L.R. 667.*

COMPENSATION; RUNNING RIGHTS.

The Bay of Quinte Ry. Co. applied to the Board, under s. 364 of the Railway Act, or any other pertinent section, for an order directing the Kingston and Pembroke Ry. Co. to ascertain and settle the compensation payable by the applicant to the respondent in respect to the running rights possessed by the applicant over a portion of the Kingston and Pembroke Railway. By

an agreement between the parties, validated by statute 52 Vict. c. 77 (D), such compensation, in case of dispute, was to be settled by arbitration:—Held, that the Board had no jurisdiction to entertain the application. *Bay of Quinte Ry. Co. v. Kingston and Pembroke Ry. Co., 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 202.*

INJUNCTION; DIVERSION OF HIGHWAY.

In an action by a municipality for an injunction against a railway company to restrain the latter from closing up or interfering with a certain road, it developed that the Board of Railway Commissioners had made an order authorizing the railway company to divert a portion of the said road and construct their line between certain points of such diversion. The trial Judge decided that the municipality could maintain such an action only by the Attorney-General as plaintiff:—Held, on appeal, that, while the Court had jurisdiction to grant all proper relief, the Board of Railway Commissioners having dealt with the matter, the plaintiffs should apply to the Board for relief, as they had complete control over their order. *Municipality of Delta v. Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern R.W. and Nav. Co., 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 362, 14 B.C.R. 83.*

PROTECTION OF HIGHWAY CROSSINGS; CONTRIBUTION OF COSTS; MUNICIPALITY AS "PARTY INTERESTED."

A municipality may be a "party interested" in works for the protection of a railway crossing over a highway, though such works are neither within or immediately adjoining its bounds, and the Board of Railway Commissioners has jurisdiction to order it to pay a portion of the cost of such work. *County of Carleton v. City of Ottawa, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 154, 41 Can. S.C.R. 552.*

EXPRESS COMPANIES; DANGEROUS COMMODITIES; REFUSAL TO CARRY.

Application to the Board for an order directing the express companies operating in Canada to receive and carry a certain commodity. The express companies contended that the Board had no jurisdiction to order them to carry any class of commodity and refused to carry the said commodity because it was dangerous and liable to explode:—Held, under the relevant provisions of the Railway Act, ss. 317, 345-354, express companies are at liberty to exercise their own discretion in refusing to carry by express any particular commodity. *Canadian and Dominion Express Cos. v. Commercial Acetylene Co., 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 172.*

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DAMAGES; WRONG-BILLING; NEGLIGENCE.

On an application to recover damages for the company's alleged negligence in way-billing a skiff to the wrong address, and charging excess tolls for sending it in a roundabout course to its proper destination, it being in dispute who was responsible for the erroneous way-billing:—Held, that the Board had no jurisdiction to entertain the complaint; the complainant must be left to her rights in the courts:—Held, that the Board could only investigate the error in computing the express tolls of the company, but as the company offers to refund the excess the Board should not interfere. *Rogers v. Canadian Express Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 480.

FOREIGN RAILWAY; STATION FACILITIES; THROUGH TRAFFIC.

An application was made to the Board for an order directing the Great Northern Ry. Co. to construct a platform and station building. The New Westminster Southern, a provincial railway, incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of British Columbia, had not been declared a work "for the general advantage of Canada." The trains of the Great Northern, a foreign railway, used the line of the New Westminster Southern as a connecting line between its line in the State of Washington and Vancouver in British Columbia. The latter company was not shewn to have any rolling stock or equipment, or so far as operation was concerned to be in any way a separate organization from the former:—Held, (1) That the Great Northern, a foreign railway, is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board in so far as it operates in Canada. (2) That the New Westminster Southern, a provincial railway, although not declared to be a work "for the general advantage of Canada," but connecting with a railway subject to the jurisdiction of the Board, is, by s. 8 (b) as regards through traffic upon it, and all matters appertaining thereto, subject to the Railway Act. (3) That station facilities are matters appertaining to through traffic. (4) That proper facilities should be provided for the safety and convenience of the public using the trains of the Great Northern Railway. (5) If the Great Northern desires to apply for leave to appeal upon the question of jurisdiction, the issue of the order may be delayed for 30 days but, if not, the size and location of the station and platform may be defined by an engineer of the Board. *Thrift v. New Westminster Southern & Great Northern Ry. Cos.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 205.

[Followed in *Stewart, etc. v. Napierville Junction Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 399.]

ACCOMMODATION OF TRAFFIC; STATIONS.

The Board of Railway Commissioners has power to order a railway company whose line is completed and in operation to provide a station at any place where it is required to afford proper accommodation for the traffic on the road. *Idington and Duff, J.J.*, dissenting. *Grand Trunk R.W. Co. v. Department of Agriculture for Ontario*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 84, 42 Can. S.C.R. 557.

FENCES AND CATTLE GUARDS; GENERAL ORDER FOR ALL RAILWAYS.

Under the provisions of the Railway Act the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada does not possess authority to make a general order requiring all railways subject to its jurisdiction to erect and maintain fences on the sides of their railway lines where they pass through lands which are not inclosed and either settled or improved; it can do so only after the special circumstances in respect of some defined locality have been investigated and the necessity of such fencing in that locality determined according to the exigencies of the case. *Duff, J.*, contra. The Railway Act empowers the Board to order that, upon lines of railway not yet completed or open for traffic or in course of construction, where they pass through inclosed lands, the railway companies should construct and maintain such fences or take such other steps as may be necessary to prevent cattle and other animals from getting upon the right-of-way. *Idington, J.*, contra. *Canadian Northern R.W. Co. and Board of Railway Commissioners (Fencing Case)*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 104, 42 Can. S.C.R. 443.

OPENING ROAD FOR TRAFFIC; PASSENGER SERVICE.

Upon an application for an order to compel the railway company to institute and operate an adequate daily first-class passenger service on its line between Winnipeg and Edmonton during the period of construction:—Held, (1) That under s. 261 of the Railway Act, the Board has no jurisdiction to open a railway for the carriage of traffic other than for the purposes of construction, until application has been made therefor by the railway company. (2) That since the Government by the provisions of the special Act incorporating the *Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company* (4 & 5 Edw. VII. c. 98), has power to fix by order-in-council the date of the completion

of the railway, it may be that the Board cannot open the railway until such order is issued, the special Act over-riding the Railway Act under s. 3 of the latter Act. Central Saskatchewan Board of Trade v. Grand Trunk Pac. Ry. Co., 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 135.

REGULATION OF SAFETY OF EMPLOYEES; WAGES OF INJURED EMPLOYEES.

Application that railway companies should remedy certain complaints dealing with (1) and (6) installation of signboards at the limits of municipalities and yards, (2) and (11) liability to accident and exposure from locomotives running tender first and recommending storm protector on locomotive, (3) installation of power head-lamps and air bell ringers, (4) providing an engineer as pilot instead of conductor, brakeman or fireman, where the regular engineer is unfamiliar with the road, (5) and (9) providing suitable quarters at divisional and terminal points and more ample room on locomotives for engineers and firemen, (7) removal of certain snow cleaning devices from locomotives, inspection (8) of wooden bridges and (10) of locomotives, by a competent inspector after arrival at terminals, (12) payment of wages of injured employees during recovery:—Held, (1) That the request in (1) is too broad and no general order should be made, and (6) that in all individual instances where necessity exists, the request shall be granted. (2) That in (2) and (11) the requests should be refused, no evidence being given that trains were so operated, except in cases of emergency, and nothing being known as to the storm protector. (3) That the request in (3) as to the installation of power head-lamps should be refused, and as to air bell ringers granted. (4) That the request in (4) should be refused, as granting it would rescind a previous rule. (5) That the Board has no jurisdiction to deal with the requests in (5) and (12). (6) That the application in (7) should stand for further information. (7) That as to the request in (9) the Board should not make any general regulation without specific information. (8) That the application in (8) had been dealt with by order No. 11445 and that the application in (10) should be refused. In Re Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 330.

ORDER IMPOSING UNENFORCEABLE CONDITIONS.

An order of the Board of Railway Commissioners imposing some conditions on an applicant railway company that the Board did not have power to impose in invitum,

is void unless such conditions are assented to by the company, as it cannot accept part and reject the remainder of the order; and if the terms upon which the Board's order was made are rejected by the applicant company, and an appeal taken instead of a motion to rescind the order, it may be declared upon appeal that the order shall remain inoperative unless or until the terms are accepted. Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Taylor, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 298, 11 D.L.R. 435.

ACTION FOR DAMAGES; REMOVAL OF SIDING.

Action for damages for taking away spur track facilities formerly enjoyed and refusing to restore same for plaintiffs' use on their land adjoining the railway yards. The Board of Railway Commissioners had by their order dated 19th February, 1906, made under ss. 214 and 253 of the Railway Act, 1903, found as a fact that the defendants had refused to afford "reasonable and proper facilities" as required by s. 253 and directed the defendants to restore these spur track facilities within four weeks, which order was affirmed by the Supreme Court of Canada, 37 Can. S.C.R. 541:—Held, (1) An action lies for damages under the circumstances, the finding of fact by the Board being conclusive under s. 42 (3) of the Act, and this Court has jurisdiction to find and assess the damages. (2) Plaintiffs were entitled to damages from the date of the breach and not merely from the date of the Board's order. (3) The Board had no jurisdiction to deal with the question of damages and, not having assumed to do so, the plaintiffs were not estopped from bringing this action by any adjudication of the Board. (4) Damages should be allowed during the time taken up by the appeal to the Supreme Court, and Peruvian Guano Co. v. Dreyfus, [1902] A.C. 166, did not apply. Robinson v. Can. North. Ry. Co., 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 289, 19 Man. L.R. 300.

[Affirmed in 43 Can. S.C.R. 387, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 304, [1911] A.C. 739, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 412.]

SECTION MEN; LENGTH OF SECTIONS; NUMBER OF MEN TO BE EMPLOYED.

An application that the Brandon, Saskatchewan & Hudson Bay Ry. Co. be directed to employ two men and a foreman on each of the Boissevain and Minto sections of its line of railway. The application was granted under an order dated September 15, 1909. Subsequently the railway companies were notified that the Board would take up the question of fixing the length and number of men to be employed on the sections of the railways' lines:—Held

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that, under s. 269 of the Railway Act, the Board had no jurisdiction in the matter in question. In Re Section Men, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 375.

HIGHWAY CROSSINGS; VIADUCTS AND BRIDGES.

Held, affirming 42 Can. S.C.R. 613, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 38; that, under s. 238, and the amending Act of 1909 (8-9 Edw. VII. c. 32), ss. 237 and 238, the Railway Committee and the Railway Board had jurisdiction to make orders requiring two railway companies to construct a bridge over their lines and an elevated viaduct several miles in length, for the purpose of carrying four of the tracks of their railways through the city, the latter of which virtually superseded the former. The evidence shewed that the lines of rails were laid "upon or along or across a highway"—highway being defined by s. 2, sub-s. 11, of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, as including "any public road, street, lane or other public way or communication." As regards the respondent company, the lines were laid along an esplanade, which was deemed a public highway under 28 Vict. c. 24. As regards the appellants company, they were laid along a route as to which there was actual user by the public, whether by right or leave and license express or implied. It was accordingly within the words "public communication," and exposed to the danger from which the public were under s. 238 entitled to be protected:—Held, further, that the Board, where it has jurisdiction, may in its discretion make any order of this kind for the protection, safety and convenience of the public, except where it is restricted by s. 3 of the Act of 1906, which enacts that where the provisions of the Act of 1906, and of any special Act passed by the Parliament of Canada, relate to the same subject, the latter, so far as necessary, shall override the former. But Canadian Act, 56 Vict. c. 48, relied on by the appellants, which is a special Act within the meaning of s. 2, sub-s. 28, of the Act of 1906, does not relate to the same subject as the Act of 1906. The former empowers the companies affected thereby to construct and use certain specified works; the latter empowers the Railway Board to require railway companies to construct such works as it may deem necessary for the protection and convenience of the public. Effect can be given to both statutes, and s. 3 consequently does not in this case restrict in any way the power of the Board. [Toronto Viaduct Case.] Can. Pac. Ry. Co. v. City of Toronto and Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 378, [1911] A.C. 461.

TRAIN SERVICE; FOREIGN RAILWAYS.

An application to direct the respondent to furnish adequate station accommodation

and satisfactory train service on its line of railway. The respondent, a Canadian railway, incorporated by the Province of Quebec, was operated by the Delaware and Hudson Ry. Co., a foreign company, through its agent and subsidiary company, the Quebec, Montreal and Southern Ry. Co., another Canadian company:—Held, (1) That the respondent company was not a separate organization and that there was no separate management. (2) That under sub-s. 3 of s. 258 of the Railway Act, the Board had jurisdiction to direct the respondent, subsidized by the Parliament of Canada, to maintain and operate suitable stations with suitable accommodation or facilities. (3) That under s. 11 of 8 & 9 Edw. VII., Railway Act Amendment, the Delaware, Hudson and Quebec, Montreal and Southern Ry. Cos. were both subject to direction to maintain proper train service and facilities upon this section of the line. Thrift v. New Westminster Southern and Great Northern Ry. Cos., 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 205, followed. Stewart and Village of St. Cyprien v. Napierville Junction Ry. Co., 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 399.

AMALGAMATION AGREEMENTS; DOMINION AND PROVINCIAL RAILWAYS.

Application under s. 361 of the Railway Act for a recommendation by the Board to the Governor-in-council for the sanction of amalgamation agreements between Dominion and provincial railway companies. The Montreal Park and Island and Montreal Terminal Ry. Cos. were incorporated by the Parliament of Canada, and the Montreal Street Ry. Co. by a statute of the Province of Quebec. Agreements were made between the three companies apparently pursuant to the authority given in two special Acts of the Dominion incorporating the first two railway companies for the sale of these railways with their facilities and assets to the provincial railway:—Held, (1) That, under ss. 361 and 362 (which must be read together), the Board has no jurisdiction to deal with the amalgamations of railway companies incorporated under Dominion and provincial statutes. (2) That the proper mode of procedure would be to apply as provided by the special Acts for sanction of the agreements to the Governor-in-council. In re Amalgamation Agreements, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 150.

ROUTE MAP; LOCATION PLANS.

Application for approval of its location, "Prince Rupert westerly, mile 0 to mile 3.23." The applicant proceeded to construct the roadbed, but found that it could not obtain some \$400,000.00 under its contracts with the Government unless it was able to shew that the three and one-quarter

miles of railway had been constructed under the provisions of the Railway Act. The applicant contended that this being merely the yard of the company, no route map or location plan was required.—Held, (1) That the company not having complied with the provisions of ss. 157, 158 and 159 of the Railway Act, the application must be refused. (2) That the Board had no jurisdiction under 9 & 10 Edw. VII. c. 50, s. 2, empowering the Board to approve of works constructed without approval before December 31st, 1909, since the roadbed in question had been constructed subsequent to that date. In re Prince Rupert Location, Grand Trunk Pacific R.W. Co., 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 153.

**STREET RAILWAYS; PROVINCIAL RAILWAY;
"THROUGH TRAFFIC."**

"The Railway Act," R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, does not confer power on the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada to make orders respecting through traffic over a provincial railway or tramway which connects with or crosses a railway subject to the authority of the Parliament of Canada. *Davies and Anglin, JJ., contra. Per Fitzpatrick, C.J., and Girouard and Duff, JJ.*—The provisions of sub-s. (b) of s. 8 of the "Railway Act" are ultra vires of the Parliament of Canada. *Montreal Street R.W. Co. v. City of Montreal, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 203, 43 Can. S.C.R. 197.*

[Affirmed in [1912] A.C. 333, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 541.]

PROVINCIAL STREET RAILWAY.

By an order dated May 4, 1909, the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada (created by Dominion Railway Act, 3 Edw. VII. c. 58, and beyond the jurisdiction and control of any province), directed with regard to through traffic over the Federal Park Railway and the provincial street railway, both within and near the city of Montreal, that the latter should "enter into any agreement or agreements that may be necessary to enable" the former company to carry out its provisions with respect to the rates charged so as to prevent any unjust discrimination between any classes of the customers of the Federal Line.—Held, that the said order so far as it related to the provincial street railway was made without jurisdiction. *City of Montreal v. Montreal Street R.W. Co., [1912] A.C. 333, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 541.*

[*Montreal Street R.W. Co. v. City of Montreal, 43 Can. S.C.R. 197, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 203, affirmed.*]

FOREIGN CARRIERS; REDUCTION OF RATES.

Held, that the Board has no jurisdiction to order a reduction in rates from initial points in the United States. *Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos. (Musikoka Rates (No. 2)), 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 139 at pp. 147, 148, followed. Continental, Prairie & Winnipeg Oil Cos. v. Canadian Pacific, etc., R.W. Cos., 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 156.*

CONSTRUCTION OF PRIVATE SIDING.

Notwithstanding provisions in an agreement under which a private industrial spur or siding has been constructed entitling the railway company to make use of it for the purpose of affording shipping facilities for themselves and persons other than the owners of the land upon which it has been built, the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada, except on expropriation and compensation, has not the power, on the application under s. 226 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, to order the construction and operation of an extension of such spur or siding as a branch of the railway with which it is connected. *Blackwoods v. Can. North. Ry. Co., 44 Can. S.C.R. 92, applied. Duff, J., dissenting. Clover Bar Coal Co. v. Humberstone, etc., Ry. Cos., 45 Can. S.C.R. 346; 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 162.*

FOREIGN EXPRESS COMPANIES; LOCAL AND THROUGH TOLLS; JOINT THROUGH TARIFFS.

Application for a joint through tariff of tolls from points in the United States contiguous to Spokane to Regina, Sask., of \$2 per 100 lbs. on berries, small fruit and vegetables. The Great Northern Express Company agreed to accept 80 cents per 100 lbs. out of whatever toll the applicant might make with the respondent based upon 20,000 lbs. minimum to the point in question from Spokane. The respondent's tariffs on the said commodities from Spokane to Calgary, Regina and Medicine Hat were \$2 per 100 lbs., minimum 20,000 lbs., and to Strathcona and Saskatoon \$2.25 per 100 lbs., and by adding the local to Spokane made through tolls of \$3.10 and \$3.35 respectively. The applicant contended that the Board might require the respondent to reinstate the joint through tariff in effect with the Great Northern Express Company in 1908.—Held, (1) That under s. 336 the Board had no jurisdiction to order the initial foreign carrier to file or concur in joint tariffs at the request of the applicant. (2) That while the Board could not require the foreign carrier to either file or concur in filing joint tariffs, it might require the respondent to file same if the foreign carrier concurred and vice versa if

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[*Stockton and Mallinson v. Canadian Pacific R.W. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 165, distinguished.]

CONSTRUCTION PERIOD; OPENING ROAD FOR TRAFFIC.

Application to compel the respondent to open its line for traffic from Prairie Creek, westward. The respondent carried contractor's supplies and labourers for the construction of the railway, part of the supplies were sold and not used by the contractors. The respondent also carried passengers and accepted fares from the general public, publishing a time table that it was operating the main line of its railway between Edmonton and Fitzhugh:—Held, (1) That notwithstanding s. 261, that the railway should not be opened for traffic (other than for purposes of construction by the company) without leave of the Board, it was reasonable that it should carry ordinary supplies and labourers for contractors during the construction period. (2) That the respondent had violated s. 261 by establishing a general passenger service. (3) That by s. 317 the respondent was prohibited from unjust discrimination in favour of its contractors by carrying their supplies for sale in competition with other merchants. (4) That the respondent should cease unjust discrimination subject to a fine of \$100.00 for any and every case of default or continuation. (5) That the board had no jurisdiction to compel the respondent to open its railway for traffic; but if it applied for permission to do so it must carry freight and passengers under the provisions of the statute. *British Columbia and Alberta Municipalities v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 463.

WORKS CONSTRUCTED WITHOUT LEAVE.

The Board has no jurisdiction to approve of works constructed without its leave subsequent to December 31, 1909. The statute 9 & 10 Edw. VII. (Can.) c. 50, s. 2, does not apply to works constructed after that date. *Re Grand Trunk Pac. Branch Lines Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 12, 7 D.L.R. 885.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.

It is within the power of the Railway Board under the provisions of the Railway

Act, R.S.C. c. 37, to authorize a contract relieving the company from liability to one travelling in charge of live stock at a reduced fare, for injuries caused by the negligence of the company or otherwise. *Robinson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 8 D.L.R. 1002, 27 O.L.R. 290, 4 O.W.N. 309, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 444.

[Reversed in *Robinson v. G.T.R.*, 12 D.L.R. 696, 47 Can. S.C.R. 622, on other grounds.]

SPECIAL AND GENERAL ORDERS OF BOARD; ERECTIONS NEAR TRACK.

A special order of the Board of Railway Commissioners, under sub-s. (g) of s. 30, c. 37, R.S.C. 1906, providing that water stand pipes shall be placed not less than 7 feet 6 inches from the centre of the tracks of the C.P.R., is not abrogated by a subsequent general order, not retroactive in effect, which prohibited the placing of water stand pipes, so that there should be less than 2 feet 6 inches between them and the widest engine cab, so as to render the railway company liable to a brakeman who was injured by coming in contact, while riding on a ladder on the side of a car, with a stand pipe which was 7 feet 6 inches from the centre of the track, but not 2 feet 6 inches from the side of the widest engine cab. A general order of the Board of Railway Commissioners, under sub-s. (g), s. 30, c. 37, R.S.C. 1906, providing that thereafter no structure more than 4 feet in height shall be placed within 6 feet from the nearest rail of a railway track, and that no water stand pipe shall be placed so that there shall be less than 2 feet 6 inches between it and the widest engine cab, is not retroactive, and does not contemplate the removal of stand pipes within such prohibited distance erected under a special order of such board permitting the C.P.R. to maintain its stand pipes at a lesser distance. *Kutner v. Phillips*, [1891] 2 Q.B. 267, specially referred to. *Clark v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, (B.C.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 51, 2 D.L.R. 331.

[Referred to in *Kizer v. Kent Lumber Co.*, 5 D.L.R. 317].

EXPRESS COMPANIES; EXCLUSIVE OPERATION.

The Board cannot compel an express company to operate and compete over the line of a railway from which it has withdrawn by reason of the acquirement of the line by a railway operating an express service through its allied express company. *Continental, Prairie and Winnipeg Oil Cos. v. Canadian Pacific et al. Ry. Cos.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 156, followed. *Shippers by Express v. Canadian Northern Express Co. and Central Ontario Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 183.

TOLLS AND RATES; INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC.

The Board has no jurisdiction to regulate an international rate except in so far as the haul within Canada is concerned. Dominion Sugar Co., Canadian Freight Assn., 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 188.

RAILWAY ON STREET; COMPENSATION TO LANDOWNERS.

The Railway Board may make it a condition of the occupation of a street by a railway company's tracks running along that street, that the railway company should compensate landowners injuriously affected because of the operation of the railway on the highway, if such landowners have not been compensated in some other way. City of Hamilton v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co. [Re Shunting on Ferguson avenue, Hamilton], 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 196, 5 D.L.R. 60.

PROVINCIAL RAILWAY.

The St. John & Quebec Ry. Co., a provincial railway company having applied to the Board under ss. 227 and 229 of the Railway Act for authority to connect its tracks with those of the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. and operate its trains over them between certain points, to rearrange certain tracks of the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., construct and operate switches from its lines at certain points, and make other physical changes. The Board refused the application on the ground that the benefits of the provisions of the Railway Act allowing one railway company to use the lines and appliances of another can only be given to Dominion railways, and that the statutes 1 and 2 Geo. V. (1911) c. 11, and 2 Geo. V. (1912) c. 49, do not place the applicant railway under the jurisdiction of the Board. Preston & Berlin Street Ry. Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 142, followed. St. John & Quebec Ry. Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 360.

COMPLETION OF RAILWAY; LOCATION PLANS; APPROVAL; OPENING FOR TRAFFIC.

The Board has no jurisdiction to entertain an application for the completion of a line of railway where the route map has been approved. Its jurisdiction is confined to approval of the location plans and upon application to open the railway lines for traffic when constructed. Mervin Board of Trade v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co., 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 363.

STOP-OVER PRIVILEGES; DEMURRAGE.

It is entirely within the discretion of the carriers to grant or withhold stop-over privileges on carload and part carload shipments during its transportation to final

destination at concentration points for the purpose of storage, inspection or completion of carload; therefore, where the stop-over privilege is not granted, unjust discrimination not having been established, the Board is without jurisdiction to direct that this privilege shall be given by the carrier. Simcoe Fruit, etc., Assn. v. Grand Trunk etc. Ry. Cos., 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 370.

RAILWAY AND TRAFFIC BRIDGE; MUNICIPALITY; REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE.

The Board has no jurisdiction to decide a dispute between a municipality and a railway company as to which of them is liable for the repair and maintenance of a combined railway and traffic bridge, which ends on railway property, on both sides of a river, and whose approaches run over a municipal highway; the matter is entirely between the railway company and the provincial authorities, who aided in the construction of the bridge. Municipality of Assiniboia v. Can. North. Ry. Co., 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 365.

NON-EXISTENT RAILWAY; RECONSTRUCTION; RE-OPENING FOR TRAFFIC.

The Board has no jurisdiction to entertain an application where the wrong complained of happened ten years before the Board was constituted, nor can it compel a railway company, the successor in title of the respondent, to reconstruct and re-open for traffic, with proper facilities, a portion of its railway which has become non-existent. Chambers of Commerce Federation v. South Eastern Ry. Co., 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 367.

TOLLS; FOREIGN RAILWAY.

The Board, not having any jurisdiction over the tolls charged in a foreign country, no comparison can be made between them and those in Canada for the transportation of the same commodity. Imperial Rice Milling Co. v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 375.

OPENING ROAD FOR TRAFFIC.

The Board of Railway Commissioners cannot compel a railway company to open and operate for passenger and freight traffic a newly constructed road, as the determination as to when it shall be opened for traffic rests solely with the railway company. Re Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co., 3 D.L.R. 819.

OPENING ROAD FOR TRAFFIC.

Where a railway company had been carrying passengers over a newly constructed road that had not been opened for traffic by an order of the Board of Railway Commis-

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sioners under s. 261 of the Railway Act, the Board will refuse to make any order directing the company to open the road for traffic on that account, but will forbid the company from continuing to carry passengers except under the provisions of the Railway Act. Re Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co., 3 D.L.R. 819.

RAILWAY IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION.

A railway company may rightfully carry as freight over a road that is in course of construction, for an independent contractor, who was building it, ordinary construction and camp supplies necessary to such work and, as passengers, it may also carry labourers for employment thereon, notwithstanding the road has not been opened for general traffic by an order of the Board of Railway Commissioners under s. 261 of the Railway Act. Re Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Co., 3 D.L.R. 819.

JURISDICTION; PROVISIONAL DIRECTORS; IRREGULARITIES.

The Board of Railway Commissioners will not pass on any issue arising between provisional directors of a railway company and municipalities in regard to the legality of payments for calls on subscriptions made by the provisional directors, or other issues of such character. Re Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Co., 10 D.L.R. 723.

JURISDICTION; PARTIALLY ORGANIZED COMPANY; STATUS.

A railway company, whose organization has not been completed as required by the provisions of the Railway Act, but which is assuming to carry on business through its provisional directors, has no standing to file detailed plans of its undertaking with the Board of Railway Commissioners, it being necessary, on the part of the company to file evidence with the Board shewing that the provisions of the Railway Act relating to organization have been complied with as a condition precedent to its right to file such plans, or of its right to any recognition by the Board of any such partially organized company. Re Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Co., 10 D.L.R. 723.

WIDENING RIGHT-OF-WAY; RETROSPECTIVE ORDER.

The Board of Railway Commissioners cannot, seven years after the filing and approval of the location plans of a railway, by an order not based on s. 162 or 167 of the Railway Act (R.S.C. 1906, c. 37), permit the filing of a new plan to take effect as of the date of the original, so as to increase the width of the company's right-of-way. Chambers v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 48 Can. S.C.R. 162, 11 D.L.R. 669.

OVERHEAD BRIDGE; STREET RAILWAY.

The Board of Railway Commissioners has jurisdiction, under ss. 8 (a), 59, 237 and 238 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, as amended by 8 & 9 Edw. VII. c. 32, to require a tramway company to bear a portion of the cost of an overhead bridge on the elevation of a city street on which such company's car lines ran, at the point where it crosses a Dominion railway. British Columbia El. Ry. Co. v. Vancouver, etc., 48 Can. S.C.R. 98, 13 D.L.R. 308.

QUESTIONS OF LAW; LEAVE TO APPEAL.

Application for leave to set down an application for leave to appeal to the Supreme Court on questions of law arising upon an order of the Board approving of crossings by the applicants' line of railway of highways in the city of Prince Albert upon condition that the applicant compensate the landowners on the highways for damages (if any) suffered by them by reason of the location of the railway along the highway.—Held, that, the question of law being one of jurisdiction, the party who disputes the jurisdiction should apply to a judge of the Supreme Court for leave to appeal, but the Board should not, under its powers to submit questions of law to the Supreme Court, submit a question which is really one of jurisdiction. Application refused. [Canadian Northern Street Crossings, Prince Albert.] City of Prince Albert v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co., 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 200.

LEAVE TO APPEAL; JURISDICTION.

A Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada will not grant leave to appeal from the decision of the Board of Railway Commissioners on a question of jurisdiction if he has no doubt that such decision was correct. Leave refused. Halifax Board of Trade v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co. (Halifax Rates Case), 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 58.

B. Provincial Board.

WORKS FOR GENERAL ADVANTAGE OF CANADA; PROVINCIAL REGULATION.

When a railway of a company constituted by a Provincial Act is, after completion, declared by Parliament to be a work for the general advantage of Canada, it becomes subject to Federal jurisdiction; but if, by a Federal Act, the company is authorized to purchase and operate another provincial railway which is not declared to be a work for the general advantage of Canada, it remains subject, as to the latter, to provincial jurisdiction. Therefore, the Public Utilities Commission is competent to arbitrate on disagreements provided for by arts. 740 et seq. R.S.Q. 1909, which may

arise respecting the last-mentioned railway between the company and individuals. *Quebec Railway, Light, Heat and Power Co. v. Langlais*, 21 Que. K.B. 167.

MUNICIPAL RAILWAY BOARD; MUNICIPAL RAILWAY.

A formal agreement between municipalities which is not of a voluntary character but which is executed in conformity with a direction of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board as to the operation of a municipal railway is within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Board as to adjustment of differences arising thereunder between the municipalities in the accounting for the profits of the operation of the road, and an action in the High Court will be dismissed. *Town of Waterloo v. City of Berlin*, 7 D.L.R. 241, 4 O.W.N. 256, 23 O.W.R. 337.

[Affirmed in *Waterloo v. Berlin*, 12 D.L.R. 390, 28 O.L.R. 206.]

JURISDICTION OF ONTARIO BOARD; POWER TO PERMIT STREET RAILWAY TO DEVIATE LINE.

As the Toronto and York Radial Ry. Co. is not authorized by legislation to deviate its line from Yonge street, in the city of Toronto, to a private right of way, the Ontario Ry. and Municipal Board is without jurisdiction to permit it to do so. *Toronto v. Toronto and York Radial Ry. Co.*, 12 D.L.R. 331, 28 O.L.R. 180.

Note on jurisdiction of Board of Railway Commissioners, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 163, 174.

Note on jurisdiction of Railway Committee, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 111, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 411.

Note on jurisdiction of Board to order compensation to abutting landowners upon construction of railway upon highway, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 199.

Note on jurisdiction of Railway Board to order highway across railway, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 89.

Note on jurisdiction of Board of Railway Commissioners respecting railway crossings, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 413, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 144.

Note on jurisdiction of Board with respect of regulating rates and tariffs of through traffic, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 556.

BONDS AND SECURITIES.

For foreclosure of railway mortgages, see *Sale and Foreclosure*.

For appointment of receiver upon foreclosure, see *Receivers*.

For bonds and debentures respecting construction of railways, see *Railway Subsidy*.

MORTGAGE BY RAILWAY COMPANY; POWER OF COMPANY TO MORTGAGE THEIR ROAD.

The Grand Junction Railway Company, a corporate body, having the statutory power to borrow money, issue debentures, bonds, or other securities for the sum so borrowed, to sell, to hypothecate or pledge the lands, tolls, revenues and other property of the company, and also power to purchase, hold and take any land or other property for the construction, maintenance, accommodation and use of the railway, and to alienate, sell or dispose of the same, entered into a contract with one Brooks for the construction of their road. When Brooks required the iron necessary for the undertaking, he was unable to purchase it without the assistance of the company, and he thereupon authorized the officers of the company to negotiate for its purchase. In consequence, a Mr. Bell, solicitor of the company, as agent of Brooks, and with the approval, in writing, of Kelso, the president of the company, entered into a written agreement, dated Toronto, 9th June, 1874, with the defendants (Bickford and Cameron) for the purchase of the iron, which was to be paid for as delivered on the wharf at Belleville by the promissory notes of Brooks, and a credit for six months was to be given from the time of the several deliveries of the iron. By that agreement also, Brooks agreed to obtain from the railway company an irrevocable power of attorney enabling the Bank of Montreal, who advanced to Bickford the money necessary for the purpose of buying the iron, to receive the government and municipal bonuses, and to procure from the company a mortgage for \$200,000 on that portion of their road (44 miles) on which the iron was to be laid—the mortgage to be sufficient in law to create a lien on the 44 miles of railroad, as security for the due payment of the notes of the said Brooks, but not to contain a covenant for payment by the company. On the 30th June, 1874, a more formal agreement, under seal, was executed, which did not vary in any material respect the terms of the preceding agreement. On the same day, a power of attorney (upon which was endorsed by Brooks a written request to the company to give the said power of attorney), and a mortgage (upon which also was endorsed by Brooks a request to grant the said mortgage), were executed by the company under their corporate seal to one Buchanan, then manager of the Bank of Montreal, in Toronto, as a trustee. The Bank of Montreal having made advances to Bickford in the ordinary course of their business dealings to enable him to purchase the iron, it was all consigned

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to their order by the bills of lading, and, when delivered on the wharf at Belleville, was held by the wharfingers subject to the order of the bank, the whole quantity stipulated for by the contract being so delivered ready for laying on the track as required. The Bank of Montreal and Bickford caused to be delivered from time to time to Brooks, by the wharfingers at Belleville, all the iron he required to lay on the track, being about 2,000 tons, and about an equal quantity remained on the wharf unused. Brooks having failed to meet his promissory notes for the price of the iron, Bickford recovered judgment at law against him to the amount of \$164,852.96. The bank then sold the iron remaining on the wharf for the purpose of realizing their lien, when Bickford became the purchaser thereof at \$33.50 for the rails and \$50.50 for track supplies. Bickford was removing the said iron when the company filed a bill in chancery asking for an injunction to restrain the removal of iron. A motion to continue the injunction was refused on the 11th October, 1875. The defendants (Bickford, Cameron and Buchanan) then answered the bill, and on the 18th January, 1876, by consent, a decree was made referring it to the master to take the mortgage account, to ascertain and state the amount due to Bickford and Cameron for iron laid or delivered to or for plaintiff's use on the track, and also the amount due (if anything) in respect of iron delivered at Belleville, but since removed, and to report special circumstances, if requisite. The master found due upon the mortgage \$46,841.10, the price of iron actually laid on the track, and interest; and that nothing was due in respect of the iron delivered at Belleville but subsequently removed. On appeal to Vice-Chancellor Proudfoot the master's report was affirmed, and on an appeal to the Court of Appeal for Ontario, it was held that the mortgage was ultra vires, and the master's report was affirmed:—Held, on appeal, reversing the judgment of the Court of Chancery, that the proviso in the mortgage was in its terms wide enough to sustain the contention of the mortgagee to claim the price of all the iron delivered on the wharf at Belleville, and that the memorandum endorsed by Brooks on the mortgage should not be construed as cutting down the terms of the proviso, but was intended as written evidence of Brooks' consent to the mortgage and to the loss of priority in respect of the mortgage bonds to be delivered to him under the contract:—Held, also, reversing the judgment of the Court of Appeal for Ontario, that the statutory power to borrow money and secure loans cannot be considered as implying that the company's powers to mort-

gage are to be limited to that object; and, therefore, that the mortgage executed by the company on a portion of their road in favour of the trustee Buchanan, being given within the scope of the powers conferred upon the company to "alienate, sell, or dispose" of lands for the purpose of constructing and working a railway, was not ultra vires. Query—Whether the rights of a corporation to take lands, operating the railway, taking tolls, etc., are susceptible of alienation by mortgage in this country? Held, also, that under the pleadings and decrees in the cause, the objection that the mortgage was ultra vires was not open to the company in the master's office, or on appeal from the master's report. Bickford v. Grand Junction Ry. Co., 1 Can. S.C.R. 696.

[Commented on in Canada Life Ass. Co. v. Peel Manufacturing Co., 26 Gr. 477; considered in Re Farmers Loan Co., 30 O.R. 337; discussed in King v. Alford, 9 O.R. 643; McDougall v. Lindsay Paper Mill Co., 10 P.R. (Ont.) 247; Winnipeg & Hudson's Bay Ry. Co. v. Mann, 7 Man. L.R. 97; distinguished in Re Rockwood Elec. Div. Agr. Soc., 12 Man. L.R. 661, 667; followed in Charlebois v. G.N.W. Central Ry. Co., 9 Man. L.R. 11; referred to in Bégin v. Lévis County Ry. Co., Q.R. 27 S.C. 183; Blackley v. Kenny, 16 A.R. (Ont.) 522; Clarke v. Union Fire Ins. Co., 16 A.R. (Ont.) 161; Re Dominion Provident Ass., 25 O.R. 619; Farrell v. Carribou Gold Mining Co., 30 N.S.R. 203; Haley v. Halifax Street Ry. Co., 25 Can. S.C.R. 148; Hutton v. Federal Bank, 9 P.R. (Ont.) 568; Long v. Hancock, 12 A.R. (Ont.) 137; Re Munsie, 10 P.R. (Ont.) 98; Rowland v. Burwell, 12 P.R. (Ont.) 607; Toronto General Trusts v. Central Ontario Ry. Co., 6 O.L.R. 1; Whiting v. Hovey, 13 A.R. (Ont.) 7; Wiley v. Ledyard, 10 P.R. (Ont.) 182.]

RAILWAY BONDS: CONDITION PRECEDENT; CERTIFICATE OF ENGINEER.

The L. & K. Ry. Co. was incorporated in 1869 (32 Vict. c. 54 P.Q.), to construct a railway from Lévis to the frontier of the state of Maine, a distance of 90 miles. The company was authorized by that Act to issue bonds or debentures to provide funds for the construction of the railway. In 1872, by 36 Vict. c. 45 (P.Q.), power was given to issue bonds to the amount of three million dollars without limitation of time, and without restriction as to the length of the railway constructed. In 1874, a statute of the Legislature of Quebec (37 Vict. c. 23), declared that debentures to the amount of \$250,000 had already been issued, and limited for the future the issuing of bonds to the amount of £300,000 stg., to be issued

as follows:—The first issue of £100,000 at once; the second issue of £100,000 when 45 miles of the road should have been completed and in running order, as certified by the government inspecting engineer, and the third issue of £100,000 as soon as 30 additional miles—making in all 75 miles—should have been completed, with the same privilege for the three issues. In 1875 by the Act, 39 Vict. c. 57, the legislature amended the former Acts so as to modify the condition to be fulfilled by the L. & K. Ry. Co. before the third issue of £100,000 could be by them made. This condition was as enacted by the said Act, 39 Vict. c. 57, "so soon as the rails and fastenings required for the completion of the remaining forty-five miles or thereabouts of the company's line shall have been provided, then the remaining one thousand bonds of one hundred pounds each, to be termed the third issue, may be issued by the company." In that Act lastly cited, the preamble declared: "Whereas it appears that a total length of forty-five miles of the company's line having been completed, a first and second issue each of one hundred thousand pounds of the company's debentures have been made." In March, 1881, the L. & K. Ry. was sold by the sheriff at the suit of the plaintiffs, the W. M. Co., and bought by the Q.C.R. Co., respondents, for \$195,000. In April, 1881, the corporation of the city of Quebec (appellants), filed an opposition à fin de conserver for \$218,099, being the amount of 300 debentures of £100 sterling and interest of the second issue issued on the 25th January, 1875, numbered 1020 and upwards, payable on the 1st January, 1894, and for the payment of which the opponents alleged that the said railroad was hypothecated. The Q. C. Ry. Co., also opponents in the case, contested the opposition of the corporation of the city of Quebec, and claimed the issue of the bonds of the second issue held by the appellants was illegal. At the trial no certificate was produced, but the government engineer stated that he had reported to the Minister of Railways that there were only 43 miles of the road completed, and the secretary of the company testified that the total length of railway certified by the government engineer as being completed and in running order had never exceeded 43 miles. The learned Judge, at the trial, found as a fact that there were only 43 miles completed and held the bonds of the second issue invalid. This judgment was affirmed by the Court of Queen's Bench (appeal side). On appeal to the Supreme Court, it was:—Held, reversing the judgment of the Court below, that the effect

of the statute, 39 Vict. c. 57, is to make the bonds therein mentioned good, valid and binding upon the company, although the conditions precedent specified in 37 Vict. c. 23, might not have been fulfilled when they were issued. Ritchie, C.J., and Strong, J., dissenting. Per Fournier and Henry, JJ., that as there was evidence that a certificate or report had been given, oral evidence of the contents of the certificate or report was inadmissible and therefore respondents had failed to prove the illegality of the second issue. *City of Quebec v. Quebec Central Railway Co.*, 10 Can. S.C.R. 563.

[The J. C. of the Privy Council allowed leave to appeal in this case, but the appeal was settled before argument.]

RAILWAY BONDS; TRUST CONVEYANCE.

In virtue of the provisions of a trust conveyance, granting a first lien, privilege and mortgage upon the railway property, franchise and all additions thereto of the South-Eastern Railway Company, and executed under the authority of 43 & 44 Vict. (P.Q.) c. 49, and 44 & 45 Vict. (P.Q.) c. 43, the trustees of the bond-holders took possession of the railway. In actions brought against the trustees after they took possession, by the appellants for the purchase price of certain cars and other rolling stock used for operating the road, and for work done for, and materials delivered to, the company after the execution of the deed of trust, but before the trustees took possession of the railway:—Held, (1) affirming the judgments of the Court below, that the trustees were not liable. (2) That the appellants lost their privilege of unpaid vendors of the cars and rolling stock as against the trustees, because such privilege cannot be exercised when moveables become immovable by destination, as was the result with regard to the cars and rolling stock in this case, and the immovable to which the moveables are attached is in the possession of a third party or is hypothecated. Art. 2017, C.C. (3) But, even considered as moveables, such cars and rolling stock became affected and charged by virtue of the statute and mortgage made thereunder, as security to the bondholders, with right of priority over all other creditors, including the privileged unpaid vendors. Per Gwynne, J., that the appellants might be entitled to an equitable decree, framed with due regard to the other necessary appropriations of the income in accordance with the provision of the trust indenture, authorizing the payment by the trustees "of all legal claims arising from the operation of the railway, including damages caused by accidents and all other charges," but such

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a decree could not be made in the present action. Per Strong, J.: Quære—Whether the principle as to the applicability of current earnings to current expenses, incurred either whilst or before a railway comes under the control of the court by being placed at the instance of mortgagees in the hands of a receiver in preference to mortgage creditors whose security has priority of date over the obligation thus incurred for working expenses should be adopted by Courts in this country. Mont. L.R. 6 Q.B. 77, reversing Mont. L.R. 3 S.C. 238, affirmed. Wallbridge v. Farwell, Ontario Car and Foundry Co. v. Farwell, 18 Can. S.C.R. 1.

[Applied in Ahearn & Soper v. New York Trust Co., 42 Can. S.C.R. 270; followed in Connolly v. Montreal P. & I. Ry. Co., Q.R. 22 S.C. 340; Laine v. Bland, 26 Can. S.C.R. 429; referred to in Bank of Montreal v. Kirkpatrick, 2 O.L.R. 113; applied in Ahearn & Soper v. New York Trust Co., Q.R. 18 K.B. 83; relied on in Leonard v. Willard, Q.R. 23 S.C. 480.]

MORTGAGE OF RAILWAY BONDS AS SECURITY FOR ADVANCES.

W., having agreed to advance money to a railway company for completion of its road, an agreement was executed by which, after a recital that W. had so agreed and that a bank had undertaken to discount W.'s notes, indorsed by E. to enable W. to procure the money to be advanced, the railway company appointed said bank its attorney irrevocable, in case the company should fail to repay the advances as agreed, to receive the bonds of the company (on which W. held security) from a trust company, with which they were deposited, and sell the same to the best advantage, applying the proceeds as set out in the agreement. The railway company did not repay W. as agreed, and the bank obtained the bonds from the trust company, and having threatened to sell the same, the company, by its manager, wrote to E. & W. a letter requesting that the sale be not carried out, but that the bank should substitute E. & W. as the attorney irrevocable of the company for such sale, under a provision in the aforesaid agreement, and if that were done, the company agreed that E. & W. should have the sole and absolute right to sell the bonds for the price and in the manner they should deem best in the interest of all concerned and apply the proceeds in a specified manner, and also agreed to do certain other things to further secure the repayment of the moneys advanced. E. & W. agreed to this, and extended the time for payment of their claims and made further advances, and, as the last-mentioned agreement autho-

rized, they re-hypothecated the bonds to the bank on certain terms. At the expiration of the extended time the railway company again made default in payment, and notice was given them by the bank that the bonds would be sold unless the debt was paid on a certain day named; the company then brought an action to have such sale restrained.—Held, affirming the decision of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, that the bank and E. & W. were respectively first and second incumbrancers of the bonds, being to all intents and purposes mortgages, and not trustees of the company in respect thereof, and there was no rule of equity forbidding the bank to sell or E. & W. to purchase under that sale.—Held, further, that if E. & W. should purchase at such sale, they would become absolute holders of the bonds, and not liable to be redeemed by the company.—Held, also, that the dealing by the bank with the bonds was authorized by the Banking Act. 23 N.S.R. 172 affirmed. Nova Scotia Central Ry. Co. v. Halifax Banking Co. (1892), 21 Can. S.C.R. 536.

OPPOSITION À FIN DE CHARGE; PLEDGE.

The respondent obtained against the Montreal and Sorel Railway Company a judgment for the sum of \$675 and costs and having caused a writ of venditioni exponas to issue against the railway property of the Montreal and Sorel Railway, the appellants, who were in possession and working the railway, claimed under a certain agreement in writing to be entitled to retain possession of the railway property pledged to them for the disbursements they had made on it, and filed an opposition à fin de charge for the sum of \$35,000 in the hands of the sheriff. The respondent contested the opposition. The agreement relied on by the appellant company, was entered into between the Montreal and Sorel Railway and the appellant company, and stated amongst other things that "the Montreal and Sorel Railway Company was burdened with debts and had neither money nor credit to place the road in running order, etc." The amount claimed for disbursements, etc., was over \$35,000. The Superior Court, whose judgment was affirmed by the Court of Queen's Bench for Lower Canada, dismissed the opposition à fin de charge. On appeal to the Supreme Court the respondent moved to quash the appeal on the ground that the amount of the original judgment was the only matter in controversy and was insufficient in amount to give jurisdiction to the Court. The Court without deciding the question of jurisdiction heard the appeal on the merits, and it was:—Held, (1) That such an agreement

must be deemed in law to have been made with intent to defraud and was void as to the anterior creditors of the Montreal and Sorel Railway Company. (2) That as the agreement granting the lien or pledge affected immovable property and had not been registered it was void against the anterior creditors of the Montreal and Sorel Railway Company. Arts 1977, 2015 & 2094, C.C. (3) That Art. 419, C.C., does not give to a pledgee of an immovable who has not registered his deed a right of retention as against the pledger's execution creditors for the payment of his disbursements on the property pledged, but the pledgee's remedy is by an opposition à fin de conserver to be paid out of the proceeds of the judicial sale. Art. 1972, C.C. Great Eastern Railway Company v. Lambe, 21 Can. S.C.R. 431.

DEBENTURES; SECURITY; HYPOTHEC TO TRUST COMPANY; HOLDER OF COUPONS; EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF ACTION IN TRUSTEE.

The holder of coupons is bound by conditions in the debentures to which they had been attached both as to payment and the mode of recovering the same; he is, therefore, in the same position as the owner of the debenture before the coupons were detached and, in the present case, is, like said owner, subject to a condition of a deed by which the real estate of the railway company issuing the debentures were hypothecated as security for their payment, namely, that such trustee should have the exclusive right of enforcing payment both of capital and interest, and, the Legislature having passed an Act to ratify the contract between the company and the trustee, an action taken in the name of the holder of coupons, even when the same were payable to bearer, was not well founded and was dismissed. Levis County Ry. Co. v. Fontaine, Q.R. 13 K.B. 523.

RAILWAY COMPANY; TRUST DEED; REGISTRATION; TRUSTEE'S SALARY; PRESCRIPTION; SALARY OF DIRECTOR; PRIVILEGE OF BONDHOLDER.

Held (by the registrar, as referee) that the deposit of a trust deed by a railway company with the Secretary of State and notice thereof given in the Canada Gazette, as required by s. 94 of 51 Vict. c. 29, satisfies the requirements of Title XVIII. C.C. P.Q. with respect to registration. (2) The holding of a railway bond by one of several trustees of a railway company as collateral security for the payment of salary to such trustees is an interruption of prescription under Art. 2260 C.C. from the time it was deposited with such trustee. (3) The power of the Parliament of Canada to legis-

late upon the subject of railways extends to civil rights arising out of, or relating to, such railways. (4) A cestui que trust cannot act as trustee for his own trustee and recover remuneration for his services as such. (5) A director of a company is not entitled to any remuneration for his services, without a resolution of the shareholders authorizing the same. (6) The failure on the part of a bondholder to deposit his bonds within a certain period, in the hands of a named trustee in compliance with the terms of a scheme of arrangement, duly confirmed by the Court under the provisions of the Railway Act, deprives him of any privilege attached to his bonds, and he must be ranked only with the unsecured creditors. (7) Where bonds find their way into the hands of a creditor as a mere pledge for his debt, not being bought in open market, the creditor can only recover the amount of his debt and not the face value of the bonds. (8) Leave to amend under rule 86 of the practice of the Court becomes null and void if not acted upon within the period fixed for the purpose. (9) Under the law of the province of Quebec a hypothec cannot be acquired by the registration of a judgment upon the immovables of a person notoriously insolvent at the time of such registration, to the prejudice of existing creditors. (10) Under the facts of this case, trustees under a debenture holder's trust deed were held to be entitled to be indemnified in preference to all other creditors out of the trust property, for all costs, damages and expenses incurred by them in the performance of the trust. In re Accles Limited (1902), 17 T.L.R. 786, referred to. (11) The word "approved" written by the debtor upon an account against him, and dated, will not suffice to revive the debt already prescribed under the provisions of Art. 2267 C.C.P.Q. Royal Trust Co. v. Atlantic and Lake Superior Railway Co., 13 Can. Exch. R. 42.

SALE OF SECURITIES; RIGHT OF WAY CLAIMS; LEGAL EXPENSES INCURRED IN SETTLEMENT.

The plaintiffs sold the defendants stock and bonds of the P. & I. Ry. Co., with an agreement in writing which contained a clause stipulating as a condition that the vendees might declare the option of paying a further sum of \$30,000 in addition to the price of sale, in consideration of which the vendors agreed to pay all the debts of the P. & I. Ry. Co., except certain specially mentioned claims, some of which were in respect of settlement for the right of way. The final clause of the agreement was as follows:—"After two years from the date hereof the Montreal Street Railway Com-

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pany will assume the obligation of settling any right of way claims which the vendors may not previously have been called upon to settle and will contribute \$5,000 towards the settlement of any such claims which the vendors may be called upon to settle within the said two years. Any part of the said sum not so expended in said two years or required by the purchasers so to be, shall be paid over to the vendors at the end of the said period, it being understood that the purchasers will not stir up or suggest claims being made." The vendees exercised the option and paid the \$30,000 to the vendors who reserved their right to any portion of the \$5,000 to be contributed towards settlement of the right of way claims which might not be expended during the two years. An unsettled claim for right of way, in dispute at the time of the agreement was, subsequently, settled by the vendors within the two years. The question arose as to whether or not this claim, then known to exist, and legal expenses connected therewith was a debt which the vendors were obliged to discharge in consideration of the extra \$30,000 so paid to them, and whether or not the \$5,000 was to be contributed only in respect of right of way claims arising after the date of the agreement:—Held, affirming the judgment appealed from, 15 Que. K.B. 77, that the agreement must be construed as being controlled by the provisions of the last clause thereof; that said last clause was not inconsistent with the previous clauses of the agreement, and that the vendees were bound to contribute to the payment of such claims and legal expenses in respect of the right of way to the extent of the \$5,000 mentioned in the last clause. *Montreal Street Railway Company v. Montreal Construction Company*, 38 Can. S.C.R. 422.

**BONDS PLEDGED AS COLLATERAL SECURITY;
RIGHTS OF PLEDGEE; BONDHOLDERS.**

The pledgee of the bonds of a railway company, deposited with him as security for the payment of advances to the company, cannot use them as if he were a holder for value, and is not a bondholder within the meaning of the Railway Act, 3 Edw. VII. c. 58, ss. 111, 116. He cannot, therefore, cause them to be registered in his name, nor in that of parties to whom he has transferred them; nor deal with them as if they were his property, e.g., by detaching coupons therefrom, so as to change their appearance and reduce the extent of their nominal value. *Atlantic and Lake Superior Railway Co. v. De Galindez*, 14 Que. K.B. 161.

**MORTGAGE; WORKING EXPENDITURE; LIEN;
PRIORITIES.**

The Railway Act, 1888 (D.), after providing that a railway may secure its debentures by a mortgage upon the whole of such property, assets, rents and revenues of the company as are described in the mortgage, provides that such rents and revenues shall be subject in the first instance to the payment of the working expenditure of the railway. By the Railway Act, 1903 (D.), the lien is enlarged to apply to the property and assets of the company, in addition to its rents and revenues. A mortgage by the deferdants, made in 1897, was foreclosed and the property sold, the proceeds being paid into Court. In a claim for a lien thereon in priority to the mortgagee for working expenditure made after the commencement of the Act of 1903:—Held, that the lien under the Act of 1903 was not retroactive, and that as the lien under the Act of 1888 was limited to rents and revenues, and did not apply to the fund in Court, the claim should be disallowed. *Barnhill v. Hampton and Saint Martins Railway Co.*, 3 N.B. Eq. 371.

**CONVEYANCE IN TRUST FOR BONDHOLDERS;
INSURANCE MONEY.**

Defendant company conveyed to a trust company, in trust for bondholders, all rights accrued or thereafter to accrue to the company:—Held, that the conveyance covered a sum of money paid by an insurance company to their agent, and that the money in the hands of the agent was not subject to garnishee process at the instance of a judgment creditor of the company. Also that, as against an attaching creditor, the equitable title of the trust company was perfect without notice, and, therefore, there was no fund upon which the attachment could operate. Per Drysdale, J.: The mere circumstance that insurers doing business outside the jurisdiction of the Court send money to their agent within the jurisdiction with instructions to pay it to the defendant company, imposes no liability on the part of the agent to the defendant, in the absence of assent on the part of the agent to pay the money in accordance with the instructions received. The plaintiff in such case is not within the provisions of Ordinance 43, rule 1, and has no right to the money in question. *Terrell v. Port Hood Richmond Railway and Coal Company*, 45 N.S.R. 360.

**COLLATERAL SECURITIES; RAILWAY BONDS;
BANK; POWER OF SALE.**

As collateral security to a promissory note the makers deposited with a bank

certain railway bonds, and, by memorandum of hypothecation, authorized the bank, upon default, "from time to time to sell the said securities . . . by giving 15 days' notice in one daily paper published in the city of Ottawa . . . with power to the bank to buy in and re-sell without being liable for any loss occasioned thereby." Default having been made, notice of intention to sell was duly published, and, pursuant to the notice, the bonds were offered for sale at public auction, after two postponements at the request of the pledgors, but no sale was made for want of bidders. The bank afterwards made a private sale of the bonds without any further advertisement.—Held, that the words "by giving" in the memorandum were equivalent to "after giving" or "first giving" or "giving," and the condition of publication of the notice having been performed, the power to sell arose and might be exercised afterwards without a fresh notice.—Held, also, that there was nothing upon the evidence to shew that the purchasers were not bona fide purchasers for value or that they had any reason to suppose that the bank were not authorized to sell; and under these circumstances the construction of the power of sale should not be strained against the purchasers. Toronto General Trusts Corporation v. Central Ontario R.W. Co., 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 344, 7 O.L.R. 660.

[Reversed in 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 359, 10 O.L.R. 347, 5 O.W.R. 600, which see below.]

COLLATERAL SECURITIES; RAILWAY BONDS; BANK; POWER OF SALE.

As collateral security to a promissory note, the makers deposited with a bank 300 railway bonds, and, by a memorandum of hypothecation, authorized the bank, upon default, "from time to time to sell the said securities . . . by giving 15 days' notice in one daily paper published in the city of Ottawa . . . with power to the bank to buy in and re-sell without being liable for any loss occasioned thereby";—Held, reversing the judgment of Street, J., 7 O.L.R. 660, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 344, Osler, J.A., dissenting, that the power was to sell by auction, and that the bank had no power to sell by private contract. Semble, that, even if there was power to sell by private contract, the sale made to the respondents could not, upon the evidence as to the methods adopted, be supported, they having notice that the bank held the bonds as pledgees. Toronto General Trusts Corporation v. Central Ontario Ry. Co., 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 359, 10 O.L.R. 347.

RAILWAY MORTGAGE BONDS; INTEREST COUPONS; ARREARS; REAL PROPERTY LIMITATION ACT.

The restrictions placed upon the right to recover arrears of interest charged upon land imposed by ss. 17 and 24 of the Real Property Limitation Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 133, are not applicable to the case of coupons for the payment of interest on railway mortgage bonds, which are secured by mortgage deeds of trust. The coupons are, in effect, documents under seal—the bond under seal containing a covenant for payment of the coupons—and they, therefore, partake of the nature of a specialty, and are good for at least twenty years. Toronto General Trusts Corporation v. Central Ontario Ry. Co. et al., 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 339, 6 O.L.R. 534.

[Affirmed in 8 O.L.R. 604, 4 O.W.R. 357, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 70.]

INTEREST; ARREARS; FORECLOSURE; LIMITATION OF ACTIONS.

Bonds under seal issued by a railway company contained a covenant to pay half-yearly instalments of interest evidenced by attached coupons, and payment of principal and interest was secured by a mortgage of the undertaking, which also contained a covenant to pay;—Held, in foreclosure proceedings upon this mortgage, that the interest being a specialty debt and the mortgaged undertaking consisting in part of realty and in part of personality not subject to division, the holders of coupons, whether attached to the bonds or detached therefrom, were entitled to rank for all instalments which had fallen due within twenty years, and not merely for those which had fallen due within six years. Judgment of Boyd, C., 6 O.L.R. 534, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 339, affirmed;—Held, also, that even if the case were dealt with upon the footing of the mortgage being one of realty only, there was the right to rank, for there were no subsequent encumbrancers, and there had been shortly before the claims were filed a valid acknowledgment by the company of liability for all the interest in question. Toronto General Trusts Corporation v. Central Ontario Ry. Co., 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 70, 8 O.L.R. 604.

BONDHOLDERS; RIGHT TO VOTE; SCOPE OF.

A provincial Act applicable to the bonds of a railway company provided that, "In the event at any time of the interest upon the bonds remaining unpaid and owing, then at the next ensuing general annual meeting of the said company all holders of bonds shall have and possess the same rights and privileges and qualifications for directors and for voting as are attached to share-

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holders':—Held, that the bondholders' right to vote might be exercised at any time when interest was in arrear, and was not restricted to the one general annual meeting next after the interest fell into arrear:—Held, also, Osler and Maclaren, J.J.A., dissenting, that each bondholder had one vote for every \$100 of his bond, the shares being \$100 shares:—Held, per Osler and Maclaren, J.J.A., that each bondholder had as many votes as he had bonds and no more. *Weddell et al. v. Ritchie et al.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 347, 10 O.L.R. 5.

REGULARITY OF ISSUE; RIGHTS OF BOND-HOLDERS.

A railway company and its creditors exercising its rights are estopped from setting up irregularities in the issue of its bonds against trustees for bondholders who had no reason to suspect them. *Veilleux v. Atlantic and Lake Superior Ry. Co. et al.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 91, Que. R. 39 S.C. 127.

PLEDGE OF LOCOMOTIVES; POSSESSION; RIGHTS OF CREDITORS.

B., who was the principal owner of the South-Eastern Railway Company, was in the habit of mingling the moneys of the company with his own. He bought locomotives, which were delivered to, and used openly and publicly by, the railway company as their own property for several years. In January and May, 1883, B., by documents *sous seing privé*, sold, with the condition to deliver on demand, ten of these locomotive engines to F. et al., the appellants, to guarantee them against an endorsement of his notes for \$50,000, but reserved the right, on payment of said notes or any renewals thereof, to have said locomotives re-delivered to him. B. having become insolvent, F. et al., by their action directed against B., the South-Eastern Railway Company, and R. et al., trustees of the company, under 43-44 Vict. c. 49 (P.Q.), asked for the delivery of the locomotives, which were at the time in the open possession of the South-Eastern Railway Company, unless the defendants paid the amount of their debt. B. did not plead. The South-Eastern Railway Company and R. et al., as trustees, pleaded a general denial, and during the proceedings O'H. filed an intervention, alleging he was a judgment creditor of B., notoriously insolvent at the time of making the alleged sale to F. et al.:—Held, affirming the judgment of the Court below, that the transaction with B. only amounted to a pledge not accompanied by delivery, and, therefore, F. et al. were not entitled to the possession of the locomotives as against creditors of the company, and that in any case they were not entitled to

the property as against O'H., a judgment creditor of B., an insolvent. *Mont. L.R. 2 Q.B. 332* affirmed. *Fairbanks v. Barlow*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 217.

[Followed in *Vassal v. Salvias*, Q.R. 5 Q.B. 356.]

BONDS AND SECURITIES; COUPONS; ASSIGNMENT.

A declaration alleged that defendants, by their bond or debenture, &c., did bind themselves, &c., to pay the bearer of the said debenture on, &c., \$1,000, and interest thereon half-yearly at seven per cent. per annum on the 1st of March and September, at a named place, on presentation of the proper "coupons" therefor, and then annexed to the said bond, &c.; that the defendants delivered the bond to C. & Co., who thereby became the lawful holders of the said bond and coupons; that after the making of the said bond the coupon for \$35, being the instalment of interest due 1st September, 1873, was duly presented at the said place, and was not paid, but was dishonoured, and payment refused; and that the said coupon and all claims in respect thereof have been assigned to the plaintiff, who now sues for the recovery of the amount thereof:—Held, declaration bad, for that it did not appear what a "coupon" was, or that its assignment alone gave any right of action, the covenant to pay interest being contained in the bond. *McKenzie v. Montreal and City of Ottawa Junction Ry. Co.*, 27 U.C.C.P. 224.

By s. 13 of 34 Vict. c. 47, D., the defendants' Act of incorporation, they were empowered to issue bonds or debentures in such form and amount, and payable at such times and places as the directors might from time to time appoint, &c.; and by 35 Vict. c. 12, s. 2, O., the bonds or debentures of corporations made payable to bearer, or any person named therein as bearer, may be transmitted by delivery and such transfer shall vest the property thereof in the holder, to enable him to maintain an action in his own name. Defendants issued bonds or debentures, with coupons attached for the payment of the interest half-yearly, payable to bearer, and delivered them to C. & Co., the contractors for the building of the road. The coupons for the first instalment of interest not having been paid, the plaintiff brought an action thereon alleging an assignment to him, and that he was the lawful holder thereof:—Held, that the plaintiff held the coupons freed from any equities arising between the defendants and C. & Co. under an agreement creating a charge upon such instruments, and a plea setting up the forfeiture of such debentures under such agreement, was held

bad. *McKenzie v. Montreal and City of Ottawa Ry. Co.*, 29 U.C.C.P. 333.

BONDS AND SECURITIES; DELIVERY OF.

Declaration on a bond whereby defendants covenanted to pay R., or the holder, at, &c., £200, on, &c., and interest thereon semi-annually on the delivery at the Gore Bank of the warrants therefor to the bond annexed, and that the plaintiffs became the holders, and have always been ready and willing to deliver said warrants at, &c., but £12 for interest is now due:—Held, bad, in not averring an actual delivery of, or an offer to deliver, the warrants at the bank. *Osborne et al. v. Preston and Berlin Ry. Co.*, 9 U.C.C.P. 241.

BONDS AND SECURITIES; PRESENTMENT FOR PAYMENT.

The plaintiffs sued for interest on two bonds made by defendants on the 27th of January, 1855, for the payment to the plaintiffs or order of the principal money named, on the 1st of November, 1855, at the agency of the Bank of U.C. in Hamilton, together with interest thereon. Both counts alleged that, although defendants paid the principal on the 29th of January, 1861, with interest up to the 1st of November, 1855, yet they had not paid any interest after that day. In the second count it was averred that the bond was in defendants' possession and cancelled by them, and the plaintiffs, therefore, could not present it on the day appointed for payment; and that on that day defendants had no money at the agency, and gave no instruction to the manager there to pay. Defendants pleaded, to the first count, that they were always ready to pay the principal and interest according to the bond, and did pay the same when presented, but that the bond was not presented at the said agency on the day appointed for payment, nor at any other time; and that defendants never owed nor covenanted to pay the plaintiffs' interest after that day, when they were ready to have paid both principal and interest. And to the second count, that they had money at the said agency to pay the bond, but the plaintiffs had no one there, nor was anyone there on that day or at any time after to receive the same; and that they never owed, etc. (as in the last plea):—Held, on demurrer, both pleas good; and that the omission to aver presentment in the first count was cured by the plea. The eighth plea was leave and license; and was held bad, as no answer to an action of covenant. *McDonald et al. v. Great Western Ry. Co.*, 21 U.C.Q.B. 223.

MORTGAGE; BENEFICIAL OWNER; LIABILITY ON COVENANTS.

Sub-s. (a) (IV.) of s. 6 of 10 Edw. VII.

(Ont.) c. 51, providing that in a conveyance by way of mortgage a covenant by the grantor who conveys and is expressed to convey as beneficial owner that on default the mortgagee shall have quiet possession of the land free from all incumbrances, does not apply to a mortgage which does not expressly state that the grantors or mortgagors convey as beneficial owners. *National Trust Co. v. Brantford Street Ry. Co.*, 4 D.L.R. 301, 3 O.W.N. 1615.

[The case involved other questions upon which a new trial was granted, 11 D.L.R. 837, 4 O.W.N. 1341.]

BONUS.

See Railway Subsidy.

BOX CARS.

See Cars.

BRAKEMAN.

See Signals and Warnings; Employees.

BRANCH LINES AND SIDINGS.

As a work for general benefit of Canada, see Constitutional Law; Expropriation.

For limitation of actions for damages for removal of siding, see Limitation of Actions.

For jurisdiction of Railway Board to order establishment of sidings, see Board of Railway Commissioners.

BRANCH LINES; CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S CHARTER; LIMITATION OF TIME.

The charter of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company [44 Viet. c. 1 (D.)] and schedules thereto appended imposes limitations neither as to time nor point of departure in respect of the construction of branch lines;—they may be constructed from any point of the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway between Callender Station and the Pacific Seaboard, subject merely to the existing regulations as to approval of location, plans, etc., and without the necessity of any further legislation. On a reference concerning an application to the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada for the approval of deviations from plans of a proposed branch line, under s. 43 of the Railway Act, 1903, it is competent for objections as to the expiration of limitation of time to be taken by the said Board, of its own motion, or by any interested party. *Re Branch Lines C.P.R.; Canadian Pacific Railway Company v. James Bay Railway Company*, 36 Can. S.C.R. 42.

[Explained in *Montreal & Southern Counties Ry. Co. v. Woodrow*, 11 Q.P.R. 232.]

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EXTENSION OF SIDING INTO PRIVATE PROPERTY.

A spur track connected the main line of the Canadian Northern Railway with private property. This spur track or siding was constructed, under an agreement between the railway company and the private owners, by the latter, who were also to pay annual compensation for the use thereof—the railway company having a right to use the siding for shunting. The railway company desired to continue the siding so as to reach the property of S., and in order to do so had to cross the land of B. An order was made by the Board of Railway Commissioners of Canada giving leave to extend the track across B.'s land and authorizing the expropriation of a strip of B.'s land for the purpose:—Held, that the extension of the siding was within the purview of the Railway Act of Canada, and that the Board had power to make the order under ss. 221, 222 and 223; their order concluded the matter until it was reversed on appeal; and it was not open to a Judge, upon an application by the railway company under s. 217 for a warrant for immediate possession, to consider whether the right was disputable:—Held, however, that the company had not made out a right to the warrant under the terms of s. 217. *Re Can. North. Ry. Co. and Blackwoods*, 15 W.L.R. 454.

BRANCH LINE; CONTINUOUS LINE.

The Grand Trunk Ry. Co. constructed a branch line connecting its line of railway with that of the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.; both companies having terminal facilities in the city of London and no other connection at or near London, except this branch. The Grand Trunk Ry. Co. refused to interchange traffic by means of such branch line, claiming that, in the division of rates for traffic interchanged by this branch by the two companies, a larger portion should be assigned to them than would be a fair remuneration for the service to be rendered in transporting cars over this branch and its London terminal lines and loading and unloading them:—Held, that the Grand Trunk Ry. Co. was obliged to furnish for the carriage over its proportion of the continuous line (formed by this branch with the line of the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.), and for the receipt and delivery of such traffic and for the loading and unloading of cars for the purpose, the same facilities as in respect of traffic passing over its own lines only or transferred to or by it at distant points of the Canadian Pacific Ry. system, and that the apportionment of rates should

be deemed to be made on this basis that the division between the railway companies of the joint rates for traffic thus interchanged should be made upon the principle of giving reasonable compensation for the services and facilities furnished by the respective companies in respect of the particular traffic thus interchanged, and not by reference to the magnitude of the business of one company or the other at particular points or the respective advantages which each can offer to the other there, or a comparison of the loss which the one is likely to sustain with the gain likely to accrue to the other from the giving of the facilities which the law requires. Upon appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada:—Held, (1) That the Board had authority under the Railway Act, 1903, and particularly under ss. 253, 271, 266 and 267, to make the order in question under the circumstances in this case. (2) That ss. 266 and 267 of the Railway Act, 1903, are applicable under the circumstances of this case where one and the same through rate is charged to and from all points within the district lying in and about the city of London to which the order applies. (3) That the order appealed from does not involve the obtaining by the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. of the use of the tracks, station or station grounds of the Grand Trunk Ry. Co. at London, for which the Grand Trunk Ry. Co. should obtain compensation under the Railway Act, 1903, and particularly under s. 137. (4) That the Board was not "bound as a matter of law" to take into consideration, in estimating the remuneration or compensation to be allowed to the Grand Trunk Ry. Co. in consequence of or for what was required of that company by the said order:—(a) The magnitude of the business of the Grand Trunk Ry. Co. at London as compared with that of the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. at that point; (b) the comparative advantages which each of the said two companies can offer to the other there; (c) a comparison of the loss which one company is likely to sustain with the gain likely to accrue to the other company from the giving of these facilities which the law requires; (d) the amount which may have been expended by the Grand Trunk Ry. Co. in the acquisition of its terminal facilities at London or the value of its investments therein, otherwise than as evidence of the fair value of the service to be rendered and of the use of the facilities to be afforded under the said order. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. and London*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 327.

[Affirmed in 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 435; followed in *Can. Manufacturers Assn. v. Can. Freight Assn.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 303.]

OPERATION ALONG HIGHWAY; STREET RAILWAY; LEAVE OF MUNICIPALITY.

The Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Ry. Co. applied to the Board for leave to cross certain streets in the town of Thorold by a branch line already authorized by the Board. The municipality contended that the applicants' railway is a street railway or tramway, or operated as such, and that, under the Railway Act, 1903, s. 184, the leave of the municipality must be obtained by-law before a street railway or tramway can cross its streets.—Held, upon the evidence, that the proposed branch line is not a street railway or tramway, and that s. 184 only applies to operation along highways and not to crossings thereof. In re Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Ry. Co. [Thorold Street Crossings], 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 145.

PROVINCIAL RAILWAY; AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD.

Bertram & Sons applied to the Board for an order directing the Hamilton and Dundas Street Ry. Co. (incorporated by the Legislature of the Province of Ontario) to construct and maintain a siding from their railway to the premises of the applicants.—Held, that the application must be refused, as the Board had no jurisdiction over a provincial railway, and no power to make an order for the construction of a siding by it. Bertram & Sons v. Hamilton and Dundas Street Ry. Co., 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 158.

TRAFFIC ACCOMMODATION; RESTORING CONNECTIONS.

On an application to the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada, under the provisions of the Railway Act, 1903, for a direction that a railway company should replace a siding, where traffic facilities had been formerly provided for the respondents with connections upon their lands, and for other appropriate relief for such purposes.—Held, that, under the circumstances, the Board had jurisdiction to make an order directing the railway company to restore the spur-track facilities formerly enjoyed by the applicants for the carriage, despatch and receipt of freight in carloads over, to and from the line of railway. Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Robinson & Son, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 101, 37 Can. S.C.R. 541.

[Vide 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 289, 19 Man. L.R. 300, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 304, 43 Can. S.C.R. 387, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 412, [1911] A.C. 739, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 281, 5 D.L.R. 713.]

TRACK FACILITIES; DAMAGES FOR REFUSAL TO SUPPLY; LIMITATION OF ACTION.

Action for damages for taking away spur

track facilities formerly enjoyed and refusing to restore same for plaintiffs' use on their land adjoining the railway yards. The Board of Railway Commissioners had by order dated 19th February, 1906, made under ss. 214 and 253 of the Railway Act, 1903, found as a fact that the defendants had refused to afford "reasonable and proper facilities" as required by s. 253 and directed the defendants to restore these spur track facilities within four weeks, which order was affirmed by the Supreme Court of Canada, 37 Can. S.C.R. 541.—Held, (1) An action lies for such damages under the circumstances, the finding of fact by the Board being conclusive under s. 42 (3) of the Act, and this Court has jurisdiction to find and assess the damages. (2) Plaintiffs were entitled to damages from the date of the breach and not merely from the date of the Board's order. (3) The Board had no jurisdiction to deal with the question of damages and, not having assumed to do so, the plaintiffs were not estopped from bringing this action by any adjudication of the Board. (4) Damages should be allowed during the time taken up by the appeal to the Supreme Court and Peruvian Guano Co. v. Dreyfus, [1902] A.C. 166, did not apply. (5) S. 242 of the Act, limiting the time for bringing "all action or suits for indemnity by reason of the construction, or operation of the railway," does not apply to an action for a breach of a statutory duty in neglecting and refusing to supply reasonable and proper facilities. Robinson v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co., 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 289, 19 Man. L.R. 300.

[Affirmed in 43 Can. S.C.R. 387, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 304.]

DENIAL OF TRAFFIC FACILITIES; INJURY BY REASON OF OPERATION OF RAILWAY; LIMITATION OF ACTIONS.

Injuries suffered through the refusal by a railway company to furnish reasonable and proper facilities for receiving, forwarding and delivering freight, as required by the Railway Act, to and from a shipper's warehouse, by means of a private spur-track connecting with the railway, do not fall within the classes of injuries described as resulting from the construction or operation of the railway, in s. 242 of the Railway Act, 3 Edw. VII. c. 58, and, consequently, an action to recover damages therefor is not barred by the limitation prescribed by that section for the commencement of actions and suits for indemnity. Judgment appealed from, 19 Man. L.R. 300, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 289, affirmed, Girouard and Davies, JJ., dissenting. Canadian Northern

Ry. Cas. 304, [Affirmed.]

REMEDY.

The defendant's remedy in November, 1906, for breach of the railway Act, 1903, s. 42 (3) of the Act, and this Court has jurisdiction to find and assess the damages. (2) Plaintiffs were entitled to damages from the date of the breach and not merely from the date of the Board's order. (3) The Board had no jurisdiction to deal with the question of damages and, not having assumed to do so, the plaintiffs were not estopped from bringing this action by any adjudication of the Board. (4) Damages should be allowed during the time taken up by the appeal to the Supreme Court and Peruvian Guano Co. v. Dreyfus, [1902] A.C. 166, did not apply. (5) S. 242 of the Act, limiting the time for bringing "all action or suits for indemnity by reason of the construction, or operation of the railway," does not apply to an action for a breach of a statutory duty in neglecting and refusing to supply reasonable and proper facilities. Robinson v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co., 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 289, 19 Man. L.R. 300.

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MEASUREMENTS.

The removal of a track from a railway and the direct cost of the material used in its construction, by a railway company, is not recoverable as damages for breach of contract, but is recoverable as damages for breach of a statutory duty. Robinson v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co., 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 289, 19 Man. L.R. 300, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 289, affirmed, Girouard and Davies, JJ., dissenting. Canadian Northern

Ry. Co. v. Robinson, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 304, 43 Can. S.C.R. 387.

[Affirmed in [1911] A.C. 739, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 412.]

REMOVAL OF A SIDING; LIMITATION.

The appellant company having constructed a spur track or siding into the respondent's yard for the convenience of traffic, in November, 1904, cut it off, and on February 19, 1906, the Board of Railway Commissioners, under ss. 214 and 253 of the Dominion Railway Act of 1903, directed its restoration, which was carried out on September 28, 1906. In an action for damages for breach by the appellants of their statutory obligations between October 31, 1904, and September 28, 1906.—Held, that under s. 42 of the Act of 1903, the order of the Board, affirmed as it was by the Supreme Court on appeal, was conclusive as to the question of fact, that the facilities previously enjoyed by the respondent were of a kind to which they were entitled.—Held, also, that the special provisions of the Act as to one year's limitation (see s. 242 substantially re-enacted by s. 306 of the Railway Act of 1906), relate to damages sustained by the construction or operation of the railway and do not apply to the refusal of facilities by means of a siding outside the railway as constructed, which is not an act done in the operation of the railway. Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Robinson, 43 Can. S.C.R. 387, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 304, affirmed. Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Robinson, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 412, [1911] A.C. 739.

[Vide 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 281, 5 D.L.R. 716.]

MEASURE OF COMPENSATION; REMOVAL OF SPUR TRACK BY RAILWAY.

The measure of damages for the wrongful removal by a railway company of a spur track adjacent to a coal and lumber yard from which track, at small expense, coal and lumber could be unloaded from cars directly into such yard, is the additional cost of handling and hauling of such commodities from the freight yards of the company to the coal and lumber yard. The award of damages for the wrongful removal by a railway company of a spur track adjoining a coal and lumber yard from which coal and lumber could be unloaded from cars into the yard with little labour, based upon the owner's evidence of the additional cost of hauling coal and lumber from the company's freight yards, is not erroneous, though evidence that a transfer company would handle such commodities at a less sum per day for each team, if it appeared

that the coal and lumber owners' teams were better than those of the transfer company and would do more work per day. Demurrage charges upon cars, due to slowness in unloading them by reason of a longer haul, may be considered as an element of damages for the wrongful removal by a railway company of a spur track adjacent to a coal and lumber yard, from which tracks cars of coal and lumber could be quickly and cheaply unloaded directly into such yard, where, by reason of such removal, such commodities had to be hauled by the owner of such yard from a greater distance in a slower manner. Robinson v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co., (Man.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 281, 5 D.L.R. 716.

[Vide 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 101, 37 Can. S.C.R. 541, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 289, 19 Man. L.R. 300, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 304, 43 Can. S.C.R. 387, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 412, [1911] A.C. 739.]

INDUSTRIAL SPUR TRACK; EXTENSION.

An application to construct a branch line by extending an industrial spur across certain private property of the respondent company. The applicant relied upon a letter from the owners of the property that they were willing to grant the right of way for the spur over their land, and that arrangements could be made later. The respondent objected before the Board to the application being granted.—Held, that the Board had jurisdiction to make the order. Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Blackwoods et al., 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 40.

[Reversed in 44 Can. S.C.R. 92, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 45.]

PRIVATE SIDING; BRANCH OF RAILWAY.

The Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada has not the power (except on expropriation or consent of the owner), to order that a private industrial spur-track or siding, constructed and operated under an agreement between a railway company and the owner of the land upon which it is laid and used only in connection with the business of such owner, shall be also used and operated as a branch of the railway with which it is connected. Blackwoods, etc. v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co. et al., 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 45, 44 Can. S.C.R. 92.

PRIVATE SIDING; INDUSTRIAL SPUR TRACK; POWER TO CONSTRUCT.

Notwithstanding provisions in an agreement under which a private industrial spur or siding has been constructed entitling the railway company to make use of it for the purpose of affording shipping facilities for themselves and persons other than the owners of the land upon which it has been

built, the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada, except on expropriation and compensation, has not the power, on the application under s. 226 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, to order the construction and operation of an extension of such spur or siding as a branch of the railway with which it is connected. *Clover Bar Coal Co. v. Humberstone, Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. and Clover Bar Sand and Gravel Cos.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 162, 45 Can. S.C.R. 346.

[*Blackwoods Limited v. The Canadian Northern Railway Co.*, 144 Can. S.C.R. 92, applied, *Duff, J.*, dissenting.]

SIDINGS; PROXIMITY OF STATIONS.

The Board will not order railway companies to put in sidings every three or four miles between stations six or seven miles apart. *Pheasant Point Farmers v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 13, 7 D.L.R. 887.

BRIDGES.

A. Construction and Maintenance.

B. Injuries on Bridges.

For extending highways across railways by bridge, see *Highway Crossings*.

For bridge as a means of farm crossing, see *Farm Crossings*.

A. Construction and Maintenance.

CANAL BRIDGE; AGREEMENT BETWEEN CROWN AND COMPANY AS TO CONSTRUCTION.

In 1882 the O. and Q. Ry. Co., the suppliers' predecessor in title, applied to the Minister of Railways and Canals for leave to construct a railway bridge across the Otonabee River, in the town of Peterborough, undertaking at the same time to construct a draw in such bridge in case the Crown should at any time thereafter determine it to be necessary for the purposes of navigation. By order in council of 23rd October, 1882, and an agreement made in pursuance thereof on the 23rd of December, 1882, between the said company and the Crown, permission was given to the former to construct a bridge across the said river, on their undertaking to construct at their own cost a swing in the bridge, should the Government at any time thereafter consider that to be necessary, or in case of the carrying out of the proposed canal for the improvement of the Trent River navigation, and a swing in the said bridge not being necessary, that there should in that

case be a new swing bridge over the said canal, the cost of the swing and the necessary pivot therefor to be borne by the said company. The canal having been constructed, it became necessary to have a new swing bridge over the canal on the company's line of railway. This bridge was built, and the suppliant company discharged the obligation to which it succeeded to pay the cost of the pivot pier and of the swing or superstructure of the bridge. The cost of the maintenance and operation of the bridge being in dispute between the parties, the petition herein was filed to determine the question of liability therefor:—Held, that in the absence of any stipulation in the agreement between the parties as to which should bear the cost of such maintenance and operation, the suppliants having built the pivot pier and swing as part of their railway and property, should maintain and operate them at their own cost. *Canadian Pacific Railway Company v. The King*, 10 Can. Exch. R. 317.

[Affirmed in 38 Can. S.C.R. 211.]

SWING BRIDGE; COST OF CONSTRUCTION; MAINTENANCE.

The C.P.R. Co. applied for liberty to build a bridge over the Otonabee, a navigable river, undertaking to construct a draw in it should the Government deem it necessary. An order-in-council was passed providing that "the company . . . shall construct either a swing in the bridge now in question . . . the cost to be borne by themselves or else a new swing bridge over the contemplated canal (Trent Valley Canal) in which case the expense incurred over and above the cost of the swing itself and the necessary pivot pier therefor shall be borne by the Government." A new swing bridge was constructed over the canal by agreement with the company:—Held, that the words "the cost of the swing itself and the necessary pier" included, under the circumstances and in the connection in which they were used, the operation and maintenance also of the swing by the company. 10 Ex. C.R. 317, affirmed. *Canadian Pacific Railway Company v. The King*, 38 Can. S.C.R. 211.

HIGHWAY CROSSING; DIVERTING STREAM UNDER HIGHWAY; ERECTION OF SUBSTITUTIONAL BRIDGE; LIABILITY TO KEEP IN REPAIR.

A railway company, desiring to cross a highway at a point where it was carried by a bridge over a small stream, in pursuance of its statutory powers, diverted the stream to a point some distance away, and built a new bridge over it where it there intersected the highway:—Held that, whatever

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remedy the municipality might have if it had sustained damage by reason of the exercise by the railway company of its rights, the latter was under no liability, in the absence of special agreement, to keep the bridge substituted by it in repair. *Town of Peterborough v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 494, 32 O.R. 154.

[Affirmed in 1 O.L.R. 144, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 497; discussed in *Palmer v. Michigan Central Ry. Co.*, 6 O.L.R. 90; distinguished in *Hanley v. Toronto, Ham. & Buffalo Ry. Co.*, 11 O.L.R. 91; followed in *Palmer v. Michigan Central Ry. Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 239, 2 O.W.R. 477.]

DIVERSION OF STREAM; SUBSTITUTED BRIDGE; LIABILITY TO REPAIR.

An appeal by the plaintiffs from the judgment of Street, J., reported 32 O.R. 154, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 494, was argued before Armour, C.J.O., Osler, MacLennan, and Moss, J.J.A., on the 15th of January, 1901, and at the conclusion of the argument was dismissed with costs, the Court agreeing with the reasons for judgment in the Court below. *Town of Peterborough v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 497, 1 O.L.R. 144.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE; ESPLANADE TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT; RAILWAY COMMITTEE; JURISDICTION OF.

By the Esplanade Tripartite Agreement, dated 26th July, 1892, between the City of Toronto and the two railway companies (G.T.R. and C.P.R.), confirmed by statute 55 & 56 Vict. c. 48 (Dom.) the C.P.R. agreed to build a highway bridge over the tracks of the railway companies—the portion of the cost to be borne by each to be settled by arbitration or paid equally by the C.P.R. and the City, in case the G.T.R. was found to be exempt from, or entitled to indemnity against, liability for any portion of the cost. The rights of the G.T.R. as to such exemption or indemnity were, by the agreement, to be decided by the submission to the Court of a special case between the City and the G.T.R. After the bridge was built, in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the Railway Committee of the Privy Council, and while an action brought by the City against the G.T.R. and C.P.R., in lieu of such special case, was pending, an application was made by the City to the Railway Committee of the Privy Council for an order to authorize and ratify the construction of the bridge, and direct the terms upon which the cost of the work was to be borne:—Held, that the application must be refused, the question involved not being of a public nature, but the settlement

of a dispute of a private nature, which the parties by their agreement had left to be settled by the Courts. The *Merritt Crossing Case*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 263, followed. [*York Street Bridge Case*.] *City of Toronto v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* and *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 62.

VIADUCT; HIGHWAY PROTECTION; ACCESS TO HARBOUR.

Prior to 1888, the Grand Trunk Railway Company operated a portion of its railway upon the "Esplanade," in the City of Toronto, and, in that year, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company obtained permission from the Dominion Government to fill in a part of Toronto Harbour lying south of the "Esplanade" and to lay and operate tracks thereon, which it did. Several city streets abutted on the north side of the "Esplanade," and the general public passed along the prolongations of these streets, with vehicles and on foot, for the purpose of access to the harbour. In 1892, an agreement was entered into between the city and the two railway companies respecting the removal of the sites of terminal stations, the erection of overhead traffic bridges and the closing or deviation of some of these streets. This agreement was ratified by statutes of the Dominion and provincial legislatures, the Dominion Act (56 Vict. c. 48), providing that the works mentioned in the agreement should be works for the general advantage of Canada. To remove doubts respecting the right of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to the use of portions of the bed of the harbour on which they had laid their tracks across the prolongations of the streets mentioned, a grant was made to that company by the Dominion Government of the "use for railway purposes" on and over the filled-in areas included within the lines formed by the production of the sides of the streets. At a later date the Dominion Government granted these areas to the city in trust to be used as public highways, subject to an agreement respecting the railways, known as the "Old Windmill Line Agreement," and excepting therefrom strips of land 66 feet in width between the southerly ends of the areas and the harbour reserved as and for "an allowance for a public highway." In June, 1909, the Board of Railway Commissioners, on application by the city, made an order directing that the railway companies should elevate their tracks on and adjoining the "Esplanade" and construct a viaduct there:—Held, *Girouard and Duff, JJ.*, dissenting, that the Board had jurisdiction to make such an order; that the street pro-

longations mentioned were highways within the meaning of the Railway Act; that the Act of Parliament validating the agreement made in 1892 was not a "special Act" within the meaning of the Railway Act and did not alter the character of the agreement as a private contract affecting only the parties thereto, and that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, having acquired only a limited right or easement in the filled-in land, had not such a title thereto as would deprive the public of the right to pass over the same as a means of communication between the streets and the harbour. [Toronto Viaduct Case.] Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos. v. City of Toronto, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 38, 42 Can. S.C.R. 613.

[Affirmed in [1911] A.C. 461, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 378.]

VIADUCTS; HIGHWAY PROTECTION.

The Railway Committee of the Privy Council of Canada, in the exercise of powers preserved to it under s. 238 of the Canadian Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, on January 14, 1904, ordered the appellant and respondent railway companies to carry a bridge over their respective lines at Yonge street, in the City of Toronto. The Railway Board constituted by the Railway Act, 1903, consolidated in 1906, on June 9, 1909, ordered the said two companies to construct an elevated viaduct several miles in length, for the purpose of carrying four of the tracks of their railways through the said city:—Held, that under the said s. 238, and the amending Act of 1909 (8-9 Edw. VII. c. 32), ss. 237 and 238, the Railway Committee and the Railway Board had jurisdiction to make these orders, the latter of which virtually superseded the former. The evidence shewed that the lines of rails were laid "upon or along or across a highway"—highway being defined by s. 2, sub-s. 11, of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, as including "any public road, street, lane or other public way or communication." As regards the respondent company, the lines were laid along an esplanade, which was deemed a public highway under 28 Vict. c. 24. As regards the appellant company, they were laid along a route as to which there was actual user by the public, whether by right or leave and license express or implied. It was accordingly within the words "public communication," and exposed to the danger from which the public were under s. 238 entitled to be protected:—Held, further, that the Board, where it has jurisdiction, may in its discretion make any order of this kind for the protection, safety, and convenience of the public, except where it is restricted by s. 3 of the Act of 1906,

which enacts that, where the provisions of the Act of 1906, and of any special Act passed by the Parliament of Canada, relate to the same subject, the latter, so far as necessary, shall override the former. But Canadian Act, 56 Vict. c. 48, relied on by the appellants, which is a special Act within the meaning of s. 2, sub-s. 28, of the Act of 1906, does not relate to the same subject as the Act of 1906. The former empowers the companies affected thereby to construct and use certain specified works; the latter empowers the Railway Board to require railway companies to construct such works as it may deem necessary for the protection and convenience of the public. Effect can be given to both statutes, and s. 3, consequently, does not in this case restrict in any way the power of the Board. [42 Can. S.C.R. 613, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 38, affirmed.] Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. City of Toronto and Grand Trunk Ry. Co. (Toronto Viaduct Case), [1911] A.C. 461, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 378.

OVERHEAD BRIDGE; RAILWAY CROSSING; SENIORITY; EXPENSE OF REMOVAL; SPUR LINE.

On an application under s. 227 for leave to cross the main line of the respondent by an overhead bridge, the question arose as to who should bear the expense of removing the spur of the respondent and relaying it under the bridge. The location of the applicant was approved before the location of the respondent, but the respondent's spur had been constructed for some time before:—Held, (1) That "construction" and not "approval of location" gave priority. (2) That the respondent was senior to the applicant at the crossing and all the expense connected with the removal of the spur should be borne by the applicant. Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 432.

[Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 297, followed.]

NUMBER AND SPEED OF TRAINS; VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC.

Application for the construction of a highway bridge to be substituted for a level crossing over the main line of the respondent:—Held, (1) That the three main factors to be considered as creating the necessity for protection at a highway crossing are, the number of trains, and especially the rate of speed at which trains run over the crossing, the amount of vehicular and pedestrian traffic over the crossing, and the view which those using the highway have of trains approaching in both direc-

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COST OF OVERHEAD BRIDGE; MUNICIPALITY.

Leave was granted by the Board to a municipality to carry a highway over the right of way and tracks of two railways by means of a bridge where no highway existed and the development of a village had been retarded for want of a crossing upon condition that the municipality bear the whole cost of construction. An easement was granted over the right of way, with right of support by piers without payment of compensation to the railway companies. Village of Bridgeburg v. Grand Trunk and Michigan Central Ry. Cos., 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 10, 8 D.L.R. 951.

OVERHEAD BRIDGE; RAILWAY CROSSED BY HIGHWAY; SUITABLE STRUCTURE; MUNICIPALITY.

In dealing with an application by a municipality to direct a railway company to carry a new highway across its tracks by an overhead crossing, the Board's jurisdiction is confined to giving directions as to the structure when railway property is interfered with and upon the municipality passing a by-law providing a proper and suitable structure for the purpose an order will go approving of same, and in such case the whole cost of the new highway will be upon the applicant. Mission District Board of Trade v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 331.

HIGHWAY CROSSED BY RAILWAY; BRIDGE; RAILWAY YARD; AFFORTMENT OF COST.

Where an application was made by a local improvement district for a bridge carrying the highway over railway tracks, and the limits of an adjoining city were afterwards extended so that the highway became wholly within the city limits, the Board decided that the district should not

bear any portion of the cost of such bridge, that the city should contribute \$5,000 of the cost for that portion of the bridge which crosses the through tracks of the railway company, who must bear the whole cost of extending the bridge across their yard, 20 per cent. of the cost of the whole bridge to be paid out of the Railway Grade Crossing Fund and the balance by the railway company. Saskatchewan Local Improvement District No. 161 v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 337.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE; COST OF MAINTENANCE.

The usual rule in cases of repairing and maintaining highway bridges, apart from special circumstances, is, that the railway company is responsible for railway structures, and the municipality for structures handed over to it for municipal and highway purposes. Municipality of Assiniboia v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co., 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 365.

BRIDGES OVER HIGHWAYS.

A bridge crossing a river, connecting the separated parts of a public highway is part of the highway itself and is also a public place, and is within the operation of s. 248, sub-s. 2, of the Dominion Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37. County of Haldimand v. Bell Telephone Co., 2 D.L.R. 197, 3 O.W.N. 607, 21 O.W.R. 194, 25 O.L.R. 467.

DUTY TO ERECT; IRRIGATION WORKS.

Where an irrigation company had received, under the North-West Irrigation Act, 61 Vict. (Can.) c. 35, now R.S.C. 1906, c. 61, a license to take water to use in its business in the North-West Territory, and obtained authority to cross with its works road allowances not yet used as public highways reserved from its lands by the Crown for future use as public highways, such company is itself bound, it being the party for whose convenience and profit the road allowances had been interfered with, to build bridges when the road allowances afterwards become public highways on both sides of the works constructed across them by the company, even though it had never stipulated that it would maintain the necessary bridge or bridges at the points indicated in an accompanying plan, where their works crossed road allowances or public highways as provided by sub-s. (b), s. 11, of the said Irrigation Act, now sub-s. 1 (b) s. 15, R.S.C. 1906, c. 61, which it did in an application required of every applicant for license under the Act to file with the Commissioner of Public Works for the North-West Territories, by the aforesaid subsection for the right to construct any canal, ditch, reservoir, or other works referred to

in the memorial, across any road allowance or surveyed public highway, which may be affected by such works. *Rex v. Alberta Railway and Irrigation Co.*, 7 D.L.R. 513, [1912] A.C. 827.

[*Rex v. Alberta Ry. and Irrigation Co.*, 3 Alta. L.R. 70, affirmed on appeal; *Alberta Ry. and Irrigation Co. v. The King*, 44 Can. S.C.R. 505, reversed on appeal.]

OVERHEAD BRIDGE; CONTRACT TO MAINTAIN; CHANGE IN TRAFFIC CONDITIONS.

On it becoming necessary to repair or replace an overhead bridge carrying the tracks of a railway company over the road of another railway company, the latter is bound to provide a structure sufficient for the conditions of modern traffic, although the bridge displaced was ample for the needs at the time it was built, where, by contract, it was required at its own expense to maintain such bridge in a good and safe state, so as not to endanger the property, fixed or moveable, of the other company, and to save it from damage due to the construction or non-maintenance of the bridge. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 12 D.L.R. 475.

B. Injuries on Bridges.

NOTICE TO ENGINE DRIVERS TO STOP BEFORE APPROACHING BRIDGE; "RES IPSA LOQUITUR."

An action by plaintiff to recover damages for personal injuries sustained by being thrown out of his wagon, on a highway, in the city of Winnipeg, called Bridge street, at that part where it approaches the Louise Bridge, owing to his horses becoming frightened at an engine and train which had advanced to the bridge, and immediately alongside the public highway approach to the bridge. After taking fright, the horses became unmanageable and ran away, throwing the respondent out, and on to a pile of stones on the highway. The declaration alleged that there was a post some distance from the bridge and down the railway track, having the sign "stop" painted on it, and that it was the duty of the defendants to stop the engine at this sign, unless the bridge caretaker signalled that the line was clear. That on the occasion complained of, the engine came down to the bridge before stopping. The declaration then charged the defendants with neglecting and refusing to stop at the said sign, and with neglecting and refusing to obey the flag signals of the bridge caretaker: and that the defendants "so negligently, unskillfully and improperly managed the said engine and train that

they allowed the same to proceed towards and up to the said bridge, and immediately alongside the aforesaid public highway approach thereto, and caused and permitted steam to escape from the said engine with a loud noise, whereby, and by reason of the said negligent, unskillful and improper conduct of the said servants of the defendants, and by reason of the close approach of the said engine and train, and by reason of the escape of the said steam;" the horses, etc., became frightened, while turning out of the said bridge into the highway, and while upon the highway approach to the bridge the horses ran away, and the plaintiff was unable to control or manage them, and he was thrown from the wagon, etc., etc. A demurrer was filed to this declaration on the ground that it contained an allegation of duty which was a conclusion of law, and the declaration did not shew a violation on the part of the defendants of any common law duty, or statutory obligation. The cause was tried before Wallbridge, C.J., Manitoba. After the plaintiff's case was closed, a motion for non-suit was made. His Lordship declined to non-suit, but gave leave to defendants to move on the whole case. Witnesses were then called for the defence, and the jury gave a verdict for plaintiff for \$750. In Easter term, 1883, a rule nisi was taken out, to set aside the verdict and enter a non-suit, or for a new trial. The demurrer was overruled, on the ground that the allegations pointed to in the demurrer did not stand alone, but other and sufficient causes were shewn to impose upon the defendants that care and regard for the safety of the public from injury by their acts, the absence of which care and regard, constituted with the wrongful acts charged, the cause of action of which the plaintiff complained. The rule nisi was discharged, so far as it asked for a non-suit, but was made absolute for a new trial. On appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada:—Held, that the plaintiff was entitled to recover, but not having appealed from the rule ordering a new trial, that rule should be affirmed and the appeal dismissed with costs. Per Ritchie, C.J.: The evidence shewed that there was a man employed to watch the bridge, whose duty it was to signal trains crossing, and that he was there and discharged his duty. It was also shewn that the company had posts erected on the line approaching the bridge, put there for the purpose of indicating that the engines should stop there before approaching the bridge, to give the signal to enable them to cross the bridge in safety; but, instead of stopping there, on the occasion in question, the train went on and approached

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within a very few yards of the bridge and stopped, when those persons who were crossing the bridge were compelled to come immediately alongside, and within a few feet of the engine. The engine being there and blowing off steam, the horses of the plaintiff became frightened and ran away, causing the damages claimed. The accident was occasioned solely through negligence on the part of the defendants. If the engine had stopped at the indicated stopping place, the evidence shewed that the accident would not have happened. Running it down as close as possible to where the carriages had to cross the bridge was a piece of recklessness. There was no contributory negligence on the part of the plaintiff, no neglect or want of care on his part, as he had a right to cross the bridge at the time, and under the circumstances could not be anywhere else than where he was. Per Strong, J.: The case appears one in which the maxim "res ipsa loquitur" applies. The defendants by putting the post with a printed sign board on it, with a direction to engine drivers not to pass it, as indicating the point beyond which it was not safe to proceed until it was ascertained that the bridge was clear, by their own act had shewn that the omission to obey this direction would be negligence. Per Henry, J.: The mere fact that the post was established by arrangement between the city and railway authorities for engines to stop at, made the company liable for breaking the rule, there being no contributory negligence on the part of the plaintiff. Appeal dismissed with costs. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Lawson (1885), Cass. Can. S.C.R. Dig. 1893, p. 729.

BRIDGE ACCIDENT; NERVOUS SHOCK RESULTING FROM FRIGHT.

A railway company is liable in an action at the suit of one injured in an accident while a passenger in the company's train for damages and pecuniary loss consequent upon a fright resulting in a shock to the nervous system causing physical injury if the fright was the result of the accident, and was reasonable and natural. Kirkpatrick v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 35 N.B.R. 598.

DEFECTIVE BRIDGE; INTOXICATED PASSENGER.

The deceased was a passenger on the defendants' railway. At a certain point there was a defective bridge over which it was dangerous to run a train. At this bridge passengers were taken from one train and were obliged to walk across a part of the bridge and board another train at the opposite side. The deceased was intoxicated and asleep when the train arrived at the

bridge. His companion shook him and told him it was time to transfer. The deceased paid no heed. As the passengers left the car the conductor noticed the deceased, and that he was drunk and asleep, but made no effort to wake him or to transfer him to the other train. Shortly after this, and while the train still stood on the bridge, one of the railway employees heard a splash in the water in the river. Some days afterwards the body of the deceased was found some twelve miles below the bridge. The face bore marks of a severe bruise, which was, according to the evidence of the coroner and undertaker, sustained before death. Harvey, J., at trial consulted the plaintiff:—Held, on appeal (Stuart, J., dissenting), affirming the judgment of the trial Judge, that there was no evidence to go to the jury that the death of the deceased was caused by any negligence of the defendant company. Beck v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co., 2 Alta. L.R. 549.

[McArthur v. Dominion Cartridge Co., [1905] A.C. 72, and Hainer v. G.T.R. Co., 36 Can. S.C.R. 180, distinguished.]

BRIDGE OVER HIGHWAY; HEIGHT OF; INJURY TO PERSON.

The plaintiff was driving a load of hay on a public highway within the limits of a village, sitting on top of his load. A railway, at a point within the village, was carried over the highway by an iron bridge, and the plaintiff, while driving along the highway under the bridge, was struck on the head by the girders and knocked off the load and injured. The bridge, when constructed, was built at a height greater than that required by the 185th section of the Railway Act, 51 Vict. c. 29 (D.), but the municipality and their predecessors, owners of the road, subsequently so raised its level as to leave less than the statutory space between the road and the bridge:—Held, that the section must be construed as compelling the railway company to construct their bridges, in the first place, so as to leave the required space below them to the highway, and to maintain them at, at least, that height from the original surface of the highway, and not as obliging them to conform from time to time to new conditions created by the persons having control of the highway. Carson v. Village of Weston et al., 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 487, 1 O.L.R. 15.

[Gray v. Borough of Danbury (1887), 54 Conn. 574, specially referred to.]

INJURY TO INFANT PLAYING THEREON; NOTICE TO PUBLIC THAT BRIDGE NOT TO BE USED.

While the defendants were repairing a

highway bridge, having the entrance barricaded and a "No thoroughfare" notice, a boy, after working hours but while it was still light, went upon the bridge and, stepping upon a loose plank, fell upon the railway track beneath, and was killed. The jury, having found no negligence on the part of the boy, and that the company were negligent in not having a watchman, assessed the plaintiff's damages at \$800.—Held, upon appeal, that the defendants were not liable. *Ricketts v. Markdale*, 31 O.R. 610, doubted. *Farrell v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 249, 2 O.W.R. 85.

[Referred to in *Burtch v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 13 O.L.R. 632.]

OVERHEAD BRIDGE; TRAIN OF FOREIGN COMPANY; STATUTORY HEIGHT OF CAR.

When a car of a foreign railway company forms part of a train of a Canadian railway company, it is "used" by the latter company within the meaning of s. 192 of the Railway Act, 51 Vict. c. 29 (D.), so as to make that company liable in damages for the death of a brakeman caused by the car being so high as not to leave the prescribed headway between it and an overhead bridge. *Judgment of Meredith, C.J.*, affirmed. *Atcheson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 490, 1 O.L.R. 168.

[Referred to in *Deyo v. Kingston and Pembroke Ry. Co.*, 8 O.L.R. 588; *Stephens v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 11 O.L.R. 19.]

STATUTORY HEIGHT; OVERHEAD BRIDGE; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

Upon the proper construction of s. 192 of the Dominion Railway Act of 1888, a railway company, whether the owners or not of a bridge under which their freight cars pass, are prohibited from using higher freight cars than such as admit of an open and clear headway of seven feet between the top of such cars and the bottom of the lower beams of any bridge which is over the railway. *McLauchlin v. The Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* (1886), 12 O.R. 418, and *Gibson v. Midland Ry. Co.* (1883), 2 O.R. 658, distinguished. Contributory negligence may be a defence to an action founded on a breach of statutory duty. A brakeman, standing on the top of a freight car, part of a moving train, was killed by coming in contact with an overhead bridge:—Held, that as the evidence showed he was on top of the car contrary to the rules of the company, of which he was aware, the accident was caused by his own negligence, and the defendants were not liable, although there was not a clear headway space as required by the above section. *Deyo v. Kingston and Pembroke Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 42, 8 O.L.R. 588.

[Distinguished in *Muma v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 14 O.L.R. 147, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 444; referred to in *Street v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 18 Man. L.R. 342; followed in *Ruddick v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 484.]

DEFECTIVE BRIDGE; GRATUITOUS PASSENGERS; LIABILITY OF CARRIER.

In the absence of evidence of gross negligence, a carrier is not liable for injuries sustained by a gratuitous passenger. (*Moffat v. Bateman* (L.R. 3 C.P. 115) followed. *Harris v. Perry & Co.*, [1903] 2 K.B. 219, distinguished.) Although a railway company may have failed to properly maintain a bridge under their control so as to ensure the safety of persons travelling upon their trains, the mere fact of such omission of duty does not constitute evidence of the gross negligence necessary to maintain an action in damages for the death of a gratuitous passenger. *Judgment appealed from* (9 B.C. Rep. 453), affirmed. *Nightingale v. Union Colliery Company of British Columbia*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 197, 35 Can. S.C.R. 65.

[Commented on in *Barnett v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 20 O.L.R. 390; discussed in *Ryckman v. Hamilton, Grimsby, etc., Ry. Co.*, 10 O.L.R. 419; followed in *Rayfield v. B.C. Electric Co.*, 15 B.C.R. 366.]

Note on statutory height of bridges and penalties for violation, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 53.

Note on Bridges at Highways, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 497.

BUS LINE.

For access to station, see Stations.

CABS.

For right of access to stations, see Stations.

CARRIAGE OF LIVE STOCK.

For injuries to animals running at large, see Fences and Cattle-Guards.

For conditions limiting liability for the loss or damage to cattle in transit, see Limitation of Liability.

For notice of loss, or of claims, see Claims. For carriage of animals creating nuisance, see Nuisance.

LOSS OR INJURY TO LIVE STOCK; CONDITION OF BILL OF LADING.

Plaintiffs having carried on business for over twenty-five years, and having shipped live stocks frequently, should have known of the conditions mentioned in the com-

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pany defendant's bill of lading, and plaintiffs having failed to prove any fault or negligence on the part of the company defendant, the latter must be declared relieved of any responsibility for the loss of live stock in transit, under the terms of the bill of lading duly signed by plaintiffs. *Hatte et al. v. The Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 18 Rev. de Jur. 320.

LIABILITY FOR INJURY.

The carrier who accepts an animal for transportation takes it under his care and is in the position of a person using it. He is, therefore, liable under the provisions of Art. 1055 C.C. for damage which the animal causes. *Léonard v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 35 S.C. 382.

FERRYMAN; TRANSPORTATION OF LIVE ANIMALS; RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSS OF.

Where a traveller put his horses upon a ferry boat of the above description with side-rails only 15 inches high, saw the risk to which his animals were exposed, and kept them under his own charge during the crossing, he is not entitled to recover from the owner of the ferry boat the value of a horse which became frightened, jumped overboard and was drowned where the accident occurred through no fault of omission or commission on the part of the carrier or his employees, but from the restless disposition of the horse and the inability of the owner to keep him quiet. *Roussel v. Aumais*, 18 Que. S.C. 474.

LIABILITY FOR LOSS OF DOG.

The defendants are, by the Railway Act, 51 Vict. c. 29 (D.), common carriers of animals of all kinds; and in this case were held liable for the loss of a dog which was received by them for carriage by their railway and was not delivered to the plaintiff in accordance with the contract made with him. Distinction between the English and Canadian Railway Acts pointed out. Judgment of the County Court of Wentworth affirmed. *McCormack v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 185, 6 O.L.R. 577.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY; CARRIAGE OF LIVE STOCK.

The plaintiff delivered to the defendants, at Stony Point, eighty-six hogs, and on the following day he put on board the same car, at Thamesville, on the way, twenty more hogs, to be carried to Guelph. He got at Stony Point a drover's pass to pass him in charge of his stock. The agent there said that he allowed the plaintiff to label the car "Thamesville," on condition that the plaintiff would see the label changed, and

that if it had been labelled "Guelph" it would not have stopped at Thamesville at all. The plaintiff went as far as Thamesville with the hogs, and from thence went on by express. By some error the car went round by Hamilton; a delay of several days occurred, by which the hogs were injured, and several died; and when the car reached Guelph nine were missing altogether. The jury found that they were lost after leaving Thamesville, but how they could not say. Upon the shipping bill, as well as upon the plaintiff's pass, was endorsed a condition that upon a free pass being given, defendants would not be responsible for any negligence, default, or misconduct, gross, culpable, or otherwise, on the part of defendants or their servants, or of any other person causing or tending to cause the death, injury or detention of the goods.—Held, that the condition protected the defendants, for it sufficiently appeared that the loss must have happened from some cause within it; and, Quære, whether it was not a reasonable condition, the pass being given to enable the plaintiff to accompany and take care of the stock.—Held, also, that the plaintiff was to blame for not having the proper label put on at Thamesville, and for not remaining himself or sending someone with the hogs. *Farr v. Great Western Ry. Co.*, 35 U.C.Q.B. 534.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY; CARRIAGE OF LIVE STOCK.

To a declaration against defendants, setting out a special contract entered into with plaintiff to carry certain cattle, whereby plaintiff undertook "all risk of loss, injury, damage, and other contingencies in loading, unloading, transportation, conveyance, and otherwise, no matter how caused," and alleging the consequent duty on defendants' part to furnish suitable and safe carriages, and the breach of such duty, whereby some of the cattle were killed and others injured, defendants pleaded this special contract, and that while said cattle were being so conveyed a door of one of the cars became open, and some of the cattle fell out and were injured.—Held, on demurrer, a good plea, and that defendants were not liable. *Hood v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 20 U.C.C.P. 361.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY; CARRIAGE OF LIVE STOCK; INABILITY TO READ OR UNDERSTAND CONDITIONS.

Plaintiff sent some cattle from Beachville by defendants' railway, signing a paper which declared that he undertook all risk of loss, injury or damage, in conveyance and otherwise, whether arising from the negligence, default, or misconduct, criminal or

otherwise, on the part of defendants and their servants. He was told by the station-master that he would have to sign these conditions, which he did without taking time to read them. To an action for negligence in the carriage of the cattle, by which five of them were killed, defendants pleaded these conditions, which the jury found that the plaintiff had signed:—Held, that he was bound by them, though he might not have read or understood the paper. *O'Roarke v. Great Western Ry. Co.*, 23 U.C.Q.B. 427.]

[*Simons v. Great Western Ry. Co.*, 2 C.B.N.S. 620, distinguished, as being founded on the fraud practised on the plaintiff to induce him to sign.]

SPECIAL CONTRACT; INJURY TO PERSONS IN CHARGE TRAVELLING FREE.

The third parties shipped two car-loads of horses over the defendants' line, and placed G. and R. in charge. G. was killed and R. injured while on the defendants' train, through the negligence of the defendants, and in actions brought by the administrator of the estate of G. and by R. against the defendants judgments were recovered against the defendants for damages for the negligence. The defendants sought indemnity against the third parties, the owners and shippers of the horses. Special contracts for shipment of live stock were signed by the defendants' agent and by the third parties, the form of contract being that authorized by the Board of Railway Commissioners under the Railway Act of Canada. The rate of freight charged was that authorized under Canadian classification No. 14, dated the 15th December, 1908, and approved by the Board, in cases where the stock is shipped under the terms and conditions of the special contract, which classification contains certain general rules governing the transportation of live stock, including this, that the owner or his agent must accompany each car-load, and owners or agents in charge of car-loads will be carried free on the same train with their live stock, upon their signing the special contract approved by the Board. G. and R. were carried free, but neither signed the special contract, nor was any pass issued and delivered to either of them embodying its terms, and neither of them knew the contents of the special contract. Upon the face of each contract was written, "Pass man in charge." Among the conditions of the contract were, that the liability of the defendants should be restricted to \$100 for the loss of any one horse, and that in case of the defendants granting to the shipper or any nominee or nominees of the shipper a pass or privilege less than

full fare to ride on the train in which the property is being carried, for the purpose of caring for the same while in transit, and at the owner's risk, then, as to every person so travelling, the defendants are to be entirely free from liability in respect of his death, injury, or damage, and whether it be caused by the negligence of the defendants or their servants or employees, or otherwise howsoever. On the back of the contract, and as part of the document approved by the Board, provision was made for each person entitled to free passage to sign his name, followed by a note that agents must require such persons to write their own names on the lines above. The defendants' agent neglected to observe this direction:—Held, that the third parties owed no duty to the defendants to inform G. and R. of the terms of the special contract. (2) Looking at the express terms of the written contract, including the rule set forth in classification 14, intended for the guidance of both parties, and having regard to all the circumstances under which the contract was entered into, there was no implied agreement on the part of the third parties to indemnify the defendants, in order to give the transaction such efficacy as both parties must have intended it to have. There would have been no claim against which to be indemnified if the defendants' agent had performed his duty, and it would be contrary to principle to imply an agreement by the third parties to protect the defendants from the consequences of their own carelessness. *Goldstein and Robinson v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 141, 21 O.L.R. 575.

[Affirmed in 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 485, 23 O.L.R. 536.]

INJURY TO PERSONS IN CHARGE TRAVELLING ON PASS; CLAIM FOR INDEMNITY.

Held, affirming the judgment of Teetzel, J., 21 O.L.R. 575, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 141, that the third parties were not bound to indemnify the defendants in respect of the sums paid to the plaintiffs. Per Garrow, J.A.: The general rule as to the right of indemnity is, that the claim, unless expressly contracted for must be based upon a previous request of some kind, either express or implied, to do the act in respect of which the indemnity is claimed; and, there being no express covenant or contract of indemnity, it was impossible, in the circumstances, to imply one; to do so would not be in furtherance of an existing contract, but to make an entirely new and different one. *Birmingham and District Land Co. v. London and North Western Ry. Co.* (1886), 34 Ch.D. 261, 274, *Sheffield Corporation v. Barclay*, [1905] A.C. 392.

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397, and Dugdale v. Lovering (1875), L.R. 10 C.P. 196, specially referred to. Semble, per Garrow, J.A., that the failure to obtain the signatures of G. and R. was not material—they could not repudiate the contract which conferred the right which they were exercising; Hall v. North Eastern Ry. Co. (1875), L.R. 10 Q.B. 437. Per Meredith, J.A.: No sort of obligation, indemnity, insurance, or otherwise, on the part of the third parties, had been proved. Goldstein v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.; Robinson v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 485, 23 O.L.R. 536.

LIABILITY OF RAILWAY TO CARETAKER OF STOCK.

One travelling upon a railway in charge of live stock at a reduced fare, which is paid by the shipper of the live stock, is not bound by a special contract between the shipper and the railway company relieving the company from liability in case of his death or injury, of which he had no knowledge, to which he was not a party, and from which he derived no benefit, where the railway company failed to do what was necessary to bring the special conditions of the contract to the attention of the traveller. Robinson v. Grand Trunk Ry., 12 D.L.R. 696, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 264, 47 Can. S.C.R. 622.

[Robinson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 8 D.L.R. 1002, reversed; Robinson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 5 D.L.R. 513, restored.]

Note on liability of common carrier for loss of or damage to animals it undertakes to carry, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 189.

CARRIERS OF GOODS.

- A. Carriage of Freight.
- B. Express and Transfer Companies.
- C. Lien for Charges.

For carriage of live stock, see Carriage of Live Stock.

For rights and liabilities of Government railways, see Government Railways.

For conditions limiting liability, see Limitation of Liability.

For notice of claims, or of loss, see Claims. For limitation of actions, see Limitation of Actions.

For authority of freight agents, see Freight Agents.

A. Carriage of Freight.

INTERPRETATION OF AGREEMENT; CONTROLLABLE FREIGHT.

By an agreement providing that the defendants should ship by the lines of the

plaintiffs their controllable freight for points reached by the lines of the plaintiffs and their connections to the amount of \$35,000 per annum, if the controllable freight amounted to that; if not, then all of it. The defendants contended that the plaintiffs should supply them with cars for the carriage of the freight according to the custom or practice alleged to be usual in the case of a local line bringing freight to a trunk line consigned to a point on the trunk line or reached by its connections:—Held, restoring the judgment of Boyd, C., at the trial and reversing the Court of Appeal, Maclellan, J.A., dissenting. (1) That "controllable freight" means business, that is goods, which the shipper has not himself directed to be carried by a particular line or route to its destination. (2) That the alleged practice to supply cars was not to be imported into the special contract between the plaintiffs and defendants. (3) That the contract was plain, certain and unambiguous both on its face and when applied to the subject of it for fulfilment and execution, and its meaning was not rendered uncertain by anything extrinsic; and the evidence that the plaintiffs' officers for a time acted upon the defendants' understanding of the contract would not affect the legal construction of it. (4) That the plaintiffs were entitled to a reference to ascertain the amount received for any "controllable freight" shipped by the defendants contrary to the terms of the agreement. Michigan Central Ry. Co. v. Lake Erie and Detroit River Ry. Co., 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 83.

AGREEMENT TO FURNISH CARGOES; IMPOSSIBILITY OF PERFORMANCE; FORTUITOUS EVENT; DESTRUCTION OF BRIDGE.

A railway company undertaking to furnish full cargoes for ships, supplying the quantity that may be wanting in any case, is discharged from such obligation by any fortuitous event, as when a bridge on its line is burned down by a forest fire, so that the railway company is absolutely prevented from delivering the cargoes it had undertaken to furnish. Furness, Withy & Co. v. Great North Ry. Co., 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 440, Que. R. 32 S.C. 121.

[Affirmed in part and varied as to damages in 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 453 (Que. K.B.), 42 Can. S.C.R. 234, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 479.]

CARGOES FOR STEAMERS; CONTRACT; IMPOSSIBILITY OF PERFORMANCE; DESTRUCTION OF BRIDGE; VIS MAJOR.

A railway company, which agrees to provide full cargoes for steamers and to pay for any unfilled space on such steamers, is not relieved of its obligation by reason of

fortuitous event, when a bridge on its line has been destroyed by a fire of unknown origin and the railway company is thereby prevented from delivering, over its own line, the cargoes it had undertaken to provide. To free itself from liability the railway company would have to prove that there had been such a fire as would constitute vis major. Furness, Withy & Co. v. Great North. Ry. Co., 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 453 (Que. K.B.).

[Varied as to quantum of damages in 42 Can. S.C.R. 234, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 479.]

TRAFFIC AGREEMENT; FURNISHING CARGOES; FREIGHT RATES; FAILURE TO FIND FULL CARGOES; VIS MAJOR.

Appeal from the judgment of the Court of King's Bench, appeal side, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 453, affirming the judgment of the Superior Court, District of Quebec (10 Can. Ry. Cas. 440, Q.R. 32 S.C. 121), which maintained the plaintiffs' (respondents') action, in part, and increasing the amount awarded by that judgment to \$3,992, with interest and costs. Great Northern Ry. Co. v. Furness, Withy & Co., 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 479, 42 Can. S.C.R. 234.

CARRIAGE OVER CONNECTING LINES; AUTHORITY OF FREIGHT AGENT.

E., in British Columbia, being about to purchase goods from G., in Ontario, signed, on request of the freight agent of the Northern Pacific Ry. Co. in British Columbia, a letter to G. asking him to ship goods via Grand Trunk Railway and Chicago and N.W., care Northern Pacific Railway at St. Paul. This letter was forwarded to the freight agent of the Northern Pacific Ry. Co. at Toronto, who sent it to G., and wrote to him, "I enclose you card of advice and if you will kindly fill it up when you make the shipment send it to me, I will trace and hurry them through, and advise you of delivery to consignee." G. shipped the goods as suggested in this letter, deliverable to his own order in British Columbia.—Held, affirming the decision of the Court of Appeal, that on arrival of the goods at St. Paul the Northern Pacific Ry. Co. was bound to accept delivery of them for carriage to British Columbia and to expedite such carriage; that they were in the care of said company from St. Paul to British Columbia; that the freight agent at Toronto had authority so to bind the company; and that the company was liable to G. for the value of the goods which were delivered to E. at British Columbia without an order from G., and not paid for. 21 A.R. (Ont.) 322, affirming 22 O.R. 645, affirmed. Northern Pacific Ry. Co. v. Grant, 24 Can. S.C.R. 546.

[Referred to in Boyle v. Victoria Y.T. Co., 9 B.C.R. 322.]

CARRIERS OF GOODS; LIABILITY FOR ARTICLES STOLEN; FAILURE TO COUNT OR CHECK.

The plaintiff shipped a number of bundles of iron by defendants' railway from Montreal to London, subject to a condition that on its arrival, and on being detached from the train, the delivery was to be complete and the liability of defendants to terminate. On the arrival of the iron defendants forthwith sent the plaintiff advice notes of its arrival, on which were endorsed the above conditions, and from which it would appear that all the iron had arrived; and requested him to send for it without delay, and that it thenceforth remained at his risk. The plaintiff, who was the ticket clerk at the London station during all the time that the iron was there, saw the iron and could have counted the bundles and have seen that they were correct. Instead, however, of doing so and taking it away, he allowed it to remain in a place where, by an arrangement which had existed for some years between him and defendants, it was accustomed to be placed free of charge and for his sole convenience, and where he was enabled, from time to time, to send for and take such portions as he required.—Held, that under these circumstances defendants were not bound to shew that all the iron shipped had in fact arrived; that therefore no liability would attach upon them for an alleged deficiency; and, at all events, that this point could not now be raised, as it was not taken at the trial. Taylor v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 24 U.C.C.P. 582.

CARRIERS OF GOODS; LOSS OF GOODS AT STATION; JUS TERTII; RIGHT OF RECOVERY.

Plaintiff had sold certain goods to M., which were at the time lying at defendants' railway station, and defendants were fully aware of the sale, but notwithstanding they contracted with plaintiff to carry and deliver them for him as required, and gave him a shipping bill accordingly. In an action by plaintiff against defendants for the non-delivery.—Held, that the defendants could not set up M.'s title to the goods as against the plaintiff. It further appeared that beyond the fact of M. having notified defendants of his claim, and making a demand for the goods, he did nothing to indicate his intention of looking to them for damages, but in fact sued plaintiff and recovered the whole amount of his claim from him.—Held, that the case could not be brought within the principle of a bailee setting up the jus tertii against the bailor, as there was here no bona fide defending in right and title of such third person. Held, also, that plaintiff

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was entitled to recover the whole value of the property converted, and not merely the difference between the price at the time of refusal to deliver and tender of it back again. The tender in question was made in writing by defendants' solicitor, two days before the commission day of the assizes, offering for plaintiff's acceptance the fifty kegs of butter (the goods in question), sold by him to M., and for which M. had recovered against him, stating same to be at T. at plaintiff's own risk:—Held, wholly illusory, and not to partake of any of the incidents of a legal tender. *Brill v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 20 U.C.C.P. 440.

[See *Milligan v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 17 U.C.C.P. 115, 323; *Crawford v. Great Western Ry. Co.*, 18 U.C.C.P. 510, p. 3192.]

CARRIERS OF GOODS; NON-DELIVERY; NOTICE OF NECESSITY FOR PROMPT DELIVERY.

In an action by plaintiffs against defendants for damages occasioned by the non-delivery of a certain article of machinery contracted to be delivered by them for plaintiffs, it appeared that no notice had been given at the time of the contract to the defendants of the necessity for a prompt delivery of the machinery, nor of the use it was to be put to:—Held, on the authority of *Cory v. The Thames Iron Works Co.*, L.R. 3 Q.B. 181, affirming *Hadley v. Baxendale*, 9 Ex. 341, that the plaintiffs could only recover the value of the missing article, and were not entitled to the loss of profits arising from this non-delivery, or the wages of certain workmen employed upon the building in which the machinery was to be used. *The Ruthven Woollen Manufacturing Co. v. Great Western Ry. Co.*, 18 U.C.C.P. 316.

CARRIERS OF GOODS; IRON INJURED BY RUST IN RAILWAY YARD; FAILURE TO CHECK AMOUNT.

Defendants received 2000 bundles of hoop iron to be carried to London and delivered at their station there to the plaintiffs. On its arrival, the plaintiffs having no agent in London and living in Montreal, defendants sent to them their advice notes of the arrival, and unloaded the iron in their yard, where it remained for nearly three weeks and was injured by rust and exposure:—Held, that the defendants as common carriers were not liable. Eighteen bundles were missing, and defendants' officers, not having checked the number taken out of the cars, could only say that if the 2000 bundles arrived there it was all placed in the yard, and must have been stolen from there:—Held, that the defendants were liable for the

eighteen bundles. *Hall et al. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 34 U.C.Q.B. 517.

[See *Milligan v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 17 U.C.C.P. 115, p. 3203.]

CARRIERS OF GOODS; STOPPAGE IN TRANSIT; NOTICE.

Goods which came from Montreal in bond, were deposited in the customs warehouse at the Grand Trunk Ry. Station at Toronto. The consignees became insolvent, and the consignors gave notice of stoppage in transit to the railway company, after which the agent of the company gave an order for delivery on payment of charges to another person, who made the entry and received them from the customs:—Held, that such notice was sufficient, though in such cases it is advisable to give notice also to the customs officer; and that an action would lie against the company for such delivery. *Ascher v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 36 Q.B. 609.

CARRIERS OF GOODS; YARDS AND WAREHOUSES; DELAY IN DELIVERY; LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.

On 3rd of April, 1871, defendants received at Montreal a case of hats to be carried to Toronto, consigned to the plaintiffs. The goods arrived in due course at Toronto, and were placed in defendants' warehouse, but were not delivered to the plaintiffs until the 15th of June following, whereby the sale of the goods was lost, and their value very considerably deteriorated. It appeared, however, that the goods were carried under this special condition: "The company will not be responsible for any goods left until called for or to order, warehoused for the convenience of the parties to whom they belong, or by or to whom they are consigned; and that the delivery of the goods will be considered complete, and the responsibilities of the company will be considered to terminate, when placed in the company's shed or warehouse." But it also appeared that it was the custom of defendants to deliver to the consignees goods brought by them and warehoused, and to charge for the cartage in the freight:—Held, that the condition would only relieve defendants from liability as common carriers, but not as warehousemen; and that being bound in the latter capacity to deliver the goods, they were liable for the loss sustained by the detention. It appeared also that the address in the shipping bill was not very distinctly written and it was contended that this was the cause of the delay; but this was expressly left to the jury, who found for the plaintiffs, and the court would not interfere. *McCrosson et al. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 23 U.C.C.P. 107.

[See *Penton v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 28 U.C.Q.B. 367, p. 3188; *Hall v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 34 U.C.Q.B. 517, p. 3200; *Mason v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 37 U.C.Q.B. 163, p. 3194.]

CARRIERS OF GOODS; YARDS AND WAREHOUSES; DELIVERY TO BONDED WAREHOUSE; DELAY; LIABILITY.

Declaration, that the plaintiff delivered goods to defendants as common carriers, valued at £150, to be safely conveyed from Suspension Bridge to Toronto, within a reasonable time, for hire. Breach, that defendants did not, within such reasonable time, take care of and convey the said goods to Toronto, and never delivered them. The plaintiff, on the 24th July, 1856, received a notice that "the undermentioned goods consigned to you have arrived here this day; we will thank you to send for them as soon as possible, as they remain here at your risk and expense." The goods were spring goods, which had arrived from the Bridge on the 5th of April and 11th of March, and were placed by defendants in a bonded warehouse, being subject to duties. Being unreasonable at the time of receipt of the notice, plaintiff refused to take them:—Held, that the goods being bonded goods, subject to duty, and defendants having conveyed them within a reasonable time to the warehouse, where they were bound by law to deliver them, they were not bound to give notice of their arrival there, and their duty as common carriers had ceased. The last case confirmed. *O'Neill v. Great Western Ry. Co.*, 7 U.C.C.P. 203.

CARRIERS OF GOODS; YARDS AND WAREHOUSES; LOSS OF GOODS BY FIRE; LIABILITY AS WAREHOUSEMEN.

Plaintiff delivered to defendants, as common carriers, foreign goods in bond at Buffalo, to be carried to Brantford, valued at £69 3s. A receipt was given (26th April, 1854) for (amongst other things) a box at Buffalo for way station. The contract alleged was to carry the goods from Buffalo to Brantford, and there to deposit and keep them for the plaintiff, for reward, &c. Frequently, before defendants' freight station was burnt at Brantford (on the 8th or 9th May, 1854), and afterwards, the plaintiff applied for the goods, when the answer was "not arrived." On 9th of May the answer was, "burnt up." It was admitted that the goods arrived on the 5th or 6th of May, and were stored in a bonded warehouse in defendants' control, and were burnt up on the 8th or 9th, and that no notice of arrival was sent to the consignee:—Held, that under the contract as stated in the declaration and proved, defendants' lia-

bility as common carriers had ceased, and that of warehousemen commenced; and that whatever their liability was as warehousemen, they were not liable under the contract as alleged, and not bound to give notice. *Bowie v. Buffalo, Brantford, and Goderich Ry. Co.*, 7 U.C.C.P. 191.

LOSS BY FIRE IN WAREHOUSE.

In an action by S., a merchant at Merlin, Ont., against the Lake Erie and Detroit River Ry. Co., the statement of claim alleged that S. had purchased goods from parties in Toronto and elsewhere to be delivered, some to the G.T.R. Co., and the rest to the C.P.R. and other companies, by the said several companies to be, and the same were, transferred to the Lake Erie, etc., Co., for carriage to Merlin, and that on receipt by the Lake Erie Company of the goods it became their duty to carry them safely to Merlin, and deliver them to S. There was also an allegation of a contract by the Lake Erie for storage of the goods and delivery to S. when requested, and of lack of proper care whereby the goods were lost. The goods were destroyed by fire while stored in a building owned by the Lake Erie Co. at Merlin:—Held, reversing the decision of the Court of Appeal, that as to the goods delivered to the G.T.R. Co. to be transferred to the Lake Erie Co., as alleged, if the cause of action stated was one arising ex delicto it must fail, as the evidence shewed that the goods were received from the G.T.R. Co. for carriage under the terms of a special contract contained in the bill of lading and shipping note given by the G.T.R. Co. to the consignors, and if it was a cause of action founded on contract it must also fail as the contract under which the goods were received by the G.T.R. Co., provided among other things, that the company would not be liable for the loss of goods by fire; that goods stored should be at sole risk of the owners; and that the provisions should apply to and for the benefit of every carrier:—Held, further, that as to the goods delivered to the companies other than the G.T.R. Co. to be transferred to the Lake Erie Co., the latter company was liable under the contract for storage; that the goods were in its possession as warehousemen, and the bills of lading contained no clause, as did those of the G.T.R. Co., giving subsequent carriers the benefit of their provisions; and that as the two courts below had held that the loss was caused by the negligence of servants of the Lake Erie Co., such finding should not be interfered with:—Held, also, that as to goods carried on a bill of lading issued by the Lake Erie Co., there

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was an express provision therein that owners should incur all risk of loss of goods in charge of the company, as warehousemen; and that such condition was a reasonable one as the company only undertakes to "warehouse goods of necessity and for convenience of shippers. 17 P.R. (Ont.) 224, reversed. Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway Company v. Sales et al. 26 Can. S.C.R. 663.

[Vide Richardson v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 19 O.R. 369; referred in Elmsley v. Harrison, 17 P.R. (Ont.) 725; Hunter v. Boyd, 6 O.L.R. 639; applied Neil v. American Express Co., Q.R. 20 S.C. 258; approved Laurie v. Can. North. Ry. Co., 21 O.L.R. 178; distinguished Allen v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 19 O.L.R. 510, 21 O.L.R. 416.]

CONNECTING LINES; DAMAGE TO GOODS; ADMISSION AND PROMISES OF SERVANTS.

The consignee of goods carried by two successive carriers has recourse only against the latter for the damaged condition in which they may be delivered upon establishing his negligence. Proof that 50 cases of oranges, out of 200 were damaged when the shipment was transferred from the first to the second carrier raises a violent presumption that they were in a damaged condition and relieves the second carrier from liability for damages. (2) A transportation company is not bound by the admissions or promises of its employees unless it is shown that those employees were authorized to make such admissions or promises. Coté v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., Q.R. 28 S.C. 529 (Sup. Ct.).

GOODS IN BOND; ARRIVAL AT DESTINATION; NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES; PAYMENT OF DUTY; COLLECTOR'S WARRANT FOR DELIVERY; NEGLIGENCE OF CUSTOMS OFFICER IN MISLAYING WARRANT.

De Toumancourt v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 6 E.L.R. 367 (Que.).

GOODS LOST IN TRANSIT; SHIPPING DIRECTIONS.

Plaintiffs shipped a number of cases of goods by the Dominion Atlantic Railway addressed to M. & Co. at Winnipeg, Man., giving directions, by words written across the face of the shipping bill, to "Ship. C.P.R." At St. John, N.B., where the system of the Dominion Atlantic Railway terminated, the goods were handed over to the defendant company, who issued a new shipping bill acknowledging the receipt of the goods from (name blank) in apparent good order and condition, to be forwarded to the consignee subject to terms and conditions set out on the shipping bill, which was stated to be "delivered by the company and accepted by consignee or his agent," as the basis upon which the receipt for that

property mentioned was given. Several of the cases having been lost in transit:—Held, affirming the judgment of the trial Judge, that the directions given by plaintiffs to the Dominion Atlantic Ry. Co. to "ship C.P.R." constituted the company to which the goods were first delivered, plaintiffs' agents, to enter into a new contract with defendant company at St. John, and established a privity of contract between plaintiffs and the defendant company, and that the latter company was liable directly to plaintiffs for the loss of the goods while in their custody. McKenzie et al. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 43 N.S.R. 452.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY; DELIVERY OF GOODS TO CONNECTING LINES.

Declaration upon a contract by defendants to carry goods from St. Mary's to Hamilton within a reasonable time, alleging non-performance. Plea, that the goods were carried upon certain special conditions, providing, in substance, that goods addressed to points beyond defendants' railway would be forwarded by public carriers, and defendants' responsibility should cease on notice to such carriers that the goods were ready for them; and that defendants should not be responsible for any damage or detention after said notice, or beyond their limits, nor for "claims arising from delay or detention of any train, whether in starting, or at any station, or in the course of the journey." And the defendants alleged that they had no station at Hamilton, and that they conveyed the goods to their nearest station thereto, and handed them over to the Great Western Ry. Co., which conveyed them to Hamilton. Replication, that the plaintiff sues not only for the neglect and delay in the plea alleged, but for unreasonable delay by defendants at St. Mary's, and for neglect to carry from thence to their station nearest to Hamilton. Rejoinder, repeating the conditions set out in the plea, and alleging that defendants only agreed to carry on those conditions:—Held, on demurrer, that the rejoinder was bad, for not stating any facts to bring defendants within the conditions; and that the plea was bad for not averring that defendants conveyed the goods to their nearest station to Hamilton, and gave notice to the Great Western Ry. Co., within a reasonable time. Devlin v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 30 U.C.Q.B. 537.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY; DESTRUCTION OF GOODS IN TRANSIT; CONNECTING LINES.

Plaintiff's correspondents in Chicago delivered there to the Michigan Southern Ry. Co. certain merchandise, to be transported to Toronto for plaintiff, that company at the time of delivery giving a receipt-note to

the effect that they had received from plaintiff's correspondents the merchandise in question, consigned to plaintiff at Toronto, to be transported over their line of road to their terminus, and delivered to the company whose line might be considered a part of the route, to be carried to the place of destination; the Michigan company not to be liable as common carriers for the goods whilst at any of their stations awaiting delivery to the company which was to forward them; and that no company or carrier forming part of the line over which the freight was to be carried, should be responsible for demurrage or detention at its terminus, or beyond or on any part of the line, arising from any accumulation or over pressure of business; and that "the company" should not be liable for the destruction or damage of the freight from any cause whilst in the depot of the company, or for any loss or damage from "providential" causes, or from fire, whilst in transit or at the stations. There was an arrangement between the Michigan company and defendants that the latter should carry their freight from the terminus of their line to certain points in Canada, and this freight arrived in Detroit, the terminus of the Michigan company, who telegraphed defendants' agent the day before its destruction by fire, that it was in store, and requested them to forward it. Defendants had such an accumulation of freight on hand that they could not transport it all over their line, and could not therefore receive plaintiff's goods, which were destroyed by fire at the Michigan company's station in Detroit, the day after the defendants were advised of their arrival. In an action against defendants for the value of the goods, charging a refusal on their part to receive them:—Held, that the plaintiff could not recover, for that under the receipt-note given by the Michigan company, they became the carriers; but that they only undertook to carry over their own line, and were plaintiff's agents to deliver over his merchandise to defendants to be carried to Toronto; but that the arrangement between them and defendants created no privity between defendants and plaintiff, so as to enable him to sue defendants for not carrying it out; and that, even if defendants were bound to receive the merchandise at Detroit, for carriage to Toronto, the evidence shewed that they were not liable for not receiving, owing to the overcrowded state of their premises, and the pressure of freight upon them:—Held, also, that plaintiff could not, in any case, recover more than nominal damages, as the value of the goods would not be the damages naturally flowing from a breach of contract to carry, in disregard of defendants' common law obligation to do

so; for that the loss by fire arose from the omission to insure, and it would by no means follow that, even if defendants had received the property, it might not have been on the express condition of exemption from liability in that event:—Held, also, that the condition that "the company" should not be liable for loss from providential causes, or from fire from any cause whatever, etc., applied to the Michigan company alone, and not to defendants also. Crawford v. Great Western Ry. Co., 18 U.C.C.P. 510.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY; FRUIT FROZEN IN TRANSIT.

Held, that s. 20, sub-s. 4, of the Railway Act, 1868, 31 Vict. c. 68, D., as amended by 34 Vict. c. 43, s. 5, D., is not, by virtue of s. 7 of the latter Act, made applicable to the Great Western Ry. Co.; and therefore that they were not deprived of the protection afforded by one of their special conditions—which stated that fruit was to be carried only at the risk of the owners, and that they would not be liable for injury occasioned by frost—although the jury found that the fruit in question, which was being carried by them, became frozen owing to their negligence. Scott et al. v. Great Western Ry. Co., 23 U.C.C.P. 182.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY; GOODS OF COMBUSTIBLE NATURE.

Defendants received at Petrolia two carloads of coal oil to be carried to London. The shipping notes stated, "The G.W. Ry. will please receive the undermentioned property, to be sent subject to their tariff, and under the conditions stated above and on the other side," one of which conditions was that the defendants would not be liable for the loss or damage to goods of a combustible nature. One of the cars never arrived, and defendants could give no account of it; the other reached London, and was damaged there, as was supposed, and all the oil in it lost:—Held, that defendants were liable, for the condition related only to risk of carriage. Fitzgerald et al. v. Great Western Ry. Co., 39 U.C.Q.B. 525.

PERISHABLE ARTICLES; LOSS THROUGH UN-AVOIDABLE DELAY.

Defendants, an express company, undertook to forward a quantity of fresh fish for plaintiffs from Port Mulgrave, in the Province of Nova Scotia, to New York, and the evidence shewed that defendants spared no effort to have the fish forwarded with all possible despatch, but on account of the journals of the car upon which they were placed heating, the car was delayed at two points, and when the fish arrived at their destination they were spoiled, and that the

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accident which caused the delay was one which could not have been avoided:—Held, that the trial Judge erred in not submitting to the jury questions tendered on behalf of the defendants, and intended to secure the finding of the jury as to where the defendants were negligent or failed in their undertaking, such finding being material to the decision of the case. The jury found in answer to the only question submitted that defendant company did not deliver the fish within a reasonable time, looking at all the circumstances of the case:—Held, that the latter finding was against the weight of evidence and could not stand, and that there must be a new trial. *Matthews v. Canadian Express Co.*, 44 N.S.R. 202.

MISDELIVERY; "ORDER"; PRODUCTION OF SHIPPING BILLS.

The plaintiff knowing that the defendants sometimes delivered goods without production of the shipping bills where not consigned "to order," consigned certain goods to the "I. C. Company," not yet incorporated, and the defendants delivered them to an individual carrying on business in that name and at the ostensible office of the company, without production of the bill:—Held, that the defendants were not liable for misdelivery. There is no law in Ontario requiring carriers to take up shipping bills before the delivery of goods. *Conley v. Canadian Pacific Ry.*, 32 O.R. 258, affirmed by a Divisional Court, 1 O.L.R. 345.

DESTRUCTION OF GOODS BY FIRE; TERMINATION OF TRANSIT; WAREHOUSEMEN.

The defendant company between the 30th April and the 4th May received goods at Winnipeg from the plaintiffs for carriage. The goods were addressed to the plaintiffs, in some instances, "Prince Albert," in others, "Prince Albert via Qu'Appelle," in others, "Prince Albert, Qu'Appelle," in others, "Duck Lake, Qu'Appelle," in others, "C/o George Hanwall, Qu'Appelle." Of the places named, only Qu'Appelle was a station on the company's line. The goods were destroyed by fire about noon, on the 13th May. They had arrived at Qu'Appelle from day to day between the 5th and noon of the 12th May, and were apparently on the same days put in the company's freight sheds. The plaintiff's agent at Qu'Appelle was aware each day of the arrival of the goods:—Held, following *Mayer v. G.T.R.*, 31 U.C.C.P. 248, that the company's duties as common carriers had ceased before the fire, and that they were liable, if at all, only as warehousemen. *Walters v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 1 Terr. L.R. 88.

NON-ACCEPTANCE BY CONSIGNEES; LIABILITY AS WAREHOUSEMEN.

A railway company ceases to be liable as a carrier, and the transitus is at an end when the consignees refuse to accept the goods. Upon such refusal the railway company became involuntary bailees of the goods, with the duty to the owners of taking reasonable care of them and delivering them to the owners when required. An amendment to the record allowing the plaintiffs (who had sued the defendants as carriers for non-delivery) to claim against the defendants as warehousemen, ordered. *Frankel v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 136.

[Reversed in part in 33 Can. S.C.R. 115, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 155.]

NON-ACCEPTANCE BY CONSIGNEE; LIABILITY AS WAREHOUSEMEN; LIABILITY FOR GROSS NEGLIGENCE.

F. Bros., dealers in scrap iron at Toronto, for some time prior to and after 1897 had sold iron to a Rolling Mills Co. at Sunnyside in Toronto West. The G.T.R. had no station at Sunnyside, the nearest being at Swansea, a mile further west, but the Rolling Mills Co. had a siding capable of holding three or four cars. In 1897 F. Bros. instructed the G.T.R. Co. to deliver all cars addressed to their order at Swansea or Sunnyside to the Rolling Mills Co., and in October, 1899, they had a contract to sell certain quantities of different kinds of iron to the company and shipped to them at various times up to January 2nd, 1900, five cars, one addressed to the company and the others to themselves at Sunnyside. On January 10th the company notified F. Bros. that previous shipment had contained iron not suitable for their business and not of the kind contracted for and refused to accept more until a new arrangement was made, and about the middle of January they refused to accept part of the five cars and the remainder before the end of January. On February 4th the cars were placed on a siding to be out of the way and were there frozen in. On February 9th F. Bros. were notified that the cars were there subject to their orders and two days later F., one of the firm, went to Swansea and met the company's manager. They could not get at the cars where they were and F. arranged with the station agent to have them placed on the company's siding and he would have what the company would accept taken to the mills in teams. The cars could not be moved until the end of April when the price of the iron had fallen, and F. Bros. would not accept them, but after considerable correspondence and negotiation they took them

away in the following October and brought an action against the G.T.R. Co. founded on the failure to deliver the cars. It appeared that in previous shipments the cars were usually forwarded to the rolling mills on receipt of an order therefor from the company but sometimes they were sent without instructions, and on February 3rd the station agent had written to F. Bros. that the cars were at Swansea and would be sent down to the rolling mills:—Held, affirming the judgment of the Court of Appeal, that the Rolling Mills Co. were consignees of all the cars and that they had the right to reject them at Swansea if not according to contract. Having exercised such right the railway company were not liable as carriers, the transitus having come to an end at Swansea by refusal of the company to receive them. The Court of Appeal, while relieving the railway company from liability as carriers, held them liable as warehousemen and ordered a reference to ascertain the damages on that head. Held, reversing such decision, Mills, J., dissenting, that the action was not brought against the railway company as warehousemen, and as they could only be liable as such for gross negligence and the question of negligence had never been raised nor tried, the action must be dismissed in toto, with reservation of the right of F. Bros. to bring a further action should they see fit. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. of Canada v. Frankel Brothers*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 155, 33 Can. S.C.R. 115.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY; LIABILITY BEYOND INITIAL CARRIER'S LINE.

In 1874, the plaintiff, at Toronto agreed with defendants to forward all his goods for the season of 1874, via the defendants' railway and Lake Superior Line of steamers to Duluth, and thence to Fort Garry, the defendants to forward the goods from Toronto to Duluth at 75 cts. per 100 lbs., and the rate from Duluth to Fort Garry to be \$2.90 per 100 lbs., subject to changes of tariff of the Northern Pacific Ry., and Kitson's line of Red River steamers. The goods in question were shipped by plaintiff under a shipping note, addressed to himself at Fort Garry, "G.G. Allen, C.O.D.," subject to the following amongst other conditions: That when goods are addressed to consignees beyond the places of the company's stations, they will be forwarded by public carriers or otherwise, as opportunity may offer, &c.; but that the delivery by the company will be complete, and their responsibility cease when such carriers have received notice that the company is prepared to deliver to them the goods for further conveyance; and they will not

be responsible for any damage or detention, &c., after such notice, or beyond their limits. The goods were carried by defendants to Collingwood, and thence by the Lake Superior steamers to Duluth, where they were delivered to the N.P.R. Co. and carried by them and K.'s steamers to Fort Garry, and there delivered to G.G. Allen, but without the payment of the price. The plaintiff then made a claim against defendants for such delivery without payment, and so opened his case at the trial, but on its appearing that payment was to be made to the express company, and on the plaintiff stating that his claim was for the delivery without his order or endorsement of the shipping note, his claim was rested on this ground:—Held, that plaintiff could not recover, for that the defendants' contract was only to carry to Duluth, and on the delivery there to the N.P.R. Co., their liability was at an end. Semble, that even if defendants' contract extended to Fort Garry, there would be no liability, for the evidence shewed that it was never intended that the goods should not be given up except on a formal order by the plaintiff or endorsement of the shipping bill. *Rennie v. Northern Ry. Co.*, 27 U.C.C.P. 153.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY; LIABILITY BEYOND INITIAL LINE; NOTICE OR CONDITION.

The plaintiff signed a paper requesting the defendants to forward certain goods received from him at Toronto, to Indianapolis, in Indiana, "subject to their tariff and under the conditions stated on the other side." On the other side, headed "General notices and conditions of carriage," the company "gave public notice," that in certain events specified they would not be responsible. The tenth paragraph, after stating the course which would be pursued by them with respect to goods addressed to consignees resident beyond the places at which defendants had stations, proceeded, "and the company hereby further give notice, that they will not be responsible for any loss, damage, or detention," to goods beyond their limits. It was found by the jury that all the goods had been delivered by defendants to a railway connecting at Detroit with their line and running to Indianapolis:—Held, that the latter part of the sentence could not be regarded as a notice as distinguished from a condition; and that, whether a notice or a condition, it formed part of a special contract on which defendants received the goods, and by which they were exempted from liability. The plaintiff was at Indianapolis when the goods (except the missing box sued for) arrived there, and remained until some time in the month following:—Held, that

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he was resident there within the condition, and having named himself as the consignee at that place, he was estopped from denying such residence. *La Pointe v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 26 U.C.Q.B. 479.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY; NOTICE OF CLAIMS; STORING GOODS PENDING TRANSFER TO CONNECTING LINES.

Defendants on the 5th of October, 1874, received goods at Montreal for the plaintiffs, addressed to the plaintiffs at Peterborough, "by the Grand Trunk Ry. Co. to Port Hope, thence by the Midland Ry." One of the conditions on which the defendants received the goods was, that no claim for damages to, loss of, or detention of goods, should be allowed "unless notice in writing, and the particulars of the claim for said loss, damage, or detention, are given to the station freight agent at the place of delivery within thirty-six hours after the goods in respect of which the said claim is made, are delivered." The goods got to Port Hope on the 8th of October, but by some mistake one case was not given by the defendants to the Midland railway till the 9th of November, and the plaintiffs were advised of its arrival at Peterborough on the 11th. On the 12th the plaintiffs wrote to the defendants' agent at Montreal, and to the station agent of the Midland railway at Peterborough, that they had been advised of its arrival but that they refused to accept it, because the delay had been most unreasonable, they had suffered loss through the detention, and had been compelled to re-order goods; and they required the defendants to compensate them for the loss sustained, and the value of the package: Held, that these letters were not a compliance with the condition:—Held, also, that the "place of delivery," mentioned in the condition above stated, was Peterborough, the place of delivery to the plaintiffs, not Port Hope, where the goods were to be delivered to the Midland railway; and that such notice should be given to the station freight agent at Peterborough, who would be the person agreed upon to receive it:—Held, also, that such notice was required, though the place of delivery was off the defendants' line:—Held, also, that the defendants were under no obligation to give notice of the delivery of the goods by them to the Midland railway. Another condition was, that goods addressed to places beyond the defendants' line, and respecting which no direction to the contrary should have been received would be forwarded by the defendants as opportunity might offer, by public carriers or otherwise, or might be suffered to remain in the defendants' warehouse, at the risk

of the owner; but that the delivery by the defendants should be considered complete, and their responsibility cease, when the other carriers should have received notice that the defendants were prepared to deliver the goods to them; and that the defendants would not be responsible for any loss or detention after arrival at their station nearest the place of consignment. The third count alleged that the goods were delivered to the defendants to be carried from Montreal to Peterborough, subject to this condition, (setting it out) amongst others, and averred that the defendants did not forward the goods to Peterborough within a reasonable time, but on the contrary detained them at Port Hope in their warehouse:—Held, that defendants were charged as carriers, and were so acting, not as warehousemen. *Mason et al. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 37 U.C.Q.B. 163.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY; NOTICE OF CLAIMS; WHARFINGER NOT FREIGHT AGENT.

One condition required the plaintiffs to give notice in writing of their claim to the defendants' station freight agent within twenty-four hours after the delivery of the goods. It appeared that Halifax, the place to which the goods were sent, was beyond the limits of defendants' railway, and where they had no station, but that all freight carried over their railway for delivery there, was transmitted to one B., a wharfinger, who received the same as he did the goods of other persons, making for his own benefit a special charge thereon:—Held, that B. was not a station freight agent within the meaning of the condition. *Fitzgerald et al. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 28 U.C.C.P. 587.

[See *Fraser et al. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 26 U.C.Q.B. 488; *Gordon et al. v. Great Western Ry. Co.*, 25 U.C.C.P. 488; *Smith v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 35 U.C.Q.B. 547.]

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY; SHIPMENT OF GLASS AND CHINA; VALIDITY OF STIPULATION.

Defendants received certain plate glass to be carried for the plaintiff, who signed a paper, partly written and partly printed, requesting them to receive it upon the conditions endorsed, which provided that they would not be responsible for damage done to any china, glass, etc., delivered to them for carriage; and defendants gave a receipt with the same conditions upon it:—Held, that such delivery and acceptance formed a special contract, which was valid at common law, and exempted defendants from injury to the goods, even though caused by gross negligence. *Hamilton v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 23 U.C.Q.B. 600.

[Followed in *Spettigue v. Great Western Ry. Co.*, 15 U.C.C.P. 315, and *Bates v. Great Western Ry. Co.*, 24 U.C.Q.B. 544. Remarks as to the necessity and justice of legislative redress in such cases. *Bates v. Great Western Ry. Co.*, 24 U.C.Q.B. 544.]

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY; STATUTORY REGULATION.

Sub-s. 4, s. 20, of the Railway Act of 1868, 31 Vict. c. 68, D., does not extend to all cases in which negligence is charged against the railway company, but to cases only of neglect coming within the provisions of sub-ss. 2 and 3. They are not prevented therefore from stipulating for a limited liability in other cases. *Scarlett v. Great Western Ry. Co.*, 41 U.C.Q.B. 211.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY; STATUTORY REGULATION OF.

Sub-s. 4, of s. 20, of the Railway Act, 1868, D., gives an action against certain railway companies for neglect to carry goods, etc., but the Act does not apply to the *Great Western Ry. Co.*, the defendants. By s. 5 of 34 Vict. c. 43, D., this sub-section "is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words: 'From which action the company shall not be relieved by any notice, condition, or declaration, if the damage arises from any negligence or omission of the company or of its servants'; and by s. 7, 'The provisions of this Act are made applicable to every railway company.—Held, that the sub-section of the earlier Act, as thus amended, did not apply to defendants; but that the effect of the later Act was merely to add the newly enacted words to the sub-section, and 'The provisions of this Act,' therefore did not include the amendment. To a declaration for breach of contract to carry goods within a time agreed on, or within a reasonable time, from G. to B., defendants pleaded setting up a special condition of the contract, that defendants 'should not be liable under any circumstances for loss of market or other claims arising from delay or detention of any train, whether at starting for any of the stations, or in the course of the journey, nor for damages occasioned by delays from storms,' etc. Replication, that the damages sued for arose from negligence and omission of the defendants and their servants within the Railway Act of 1868, s. 20, sub-s. 4, D., as amended by 34 Vict. c. 43, s. 5, D., in this, that the car in which the goods were placed was negligently allowed to remain at a station unattached to any train, and was negligently attached to a train on a different branch of defendants' railway from that be-

tween G. and B., and was carried thereon to W., at a distance from B., and allowed to remain there a long time.—Held, on demurrer, replication bad, for it was not a traverse of the plea, but the allegation of negligence was dependent upon the previous reference to and reliance on the statute. Quære, whether the replication of negligence alone would have been an answer to the plea, independent of the statute. *Allen v. Great Western Ry. Co.*, 33 U.C.Q.B. 483.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY; TERMINATION OF LIABILITY UPON NOTICE TO CONNECTING LINES.

The declaration charged defendants, in the first count, on a contract to carry certain wool from Cobourg to Boston within a reasonable time, subject to certain conditions endorsed on a receipt given by defendants—amongst others, that defendants should not be responsible for damages occasioned by delays from storms, accidents, or unavoidable causes—and alleging as a breach the neglect to carry. In the second count the contract was stated to be to carry within a reasonable time, and so that the wool should be imported into the United States before the 17th of March, when the Reciprocity Treaty would expire. Breach, that defendants did not so carry, by which the plaintiffs were disabled from importing the wool into the States unless upon payment of duties. As to the first count, it appeared by the defendants' receipt, put in by the plaintiffs, that there was an additional condition, that as to goods addressed to consignees resident beyond the places where defendants had stations (as these goods were), defendants' responsibility should cease upon their giving notice to the carriers onward, that they were prepared to deliver the goods to them for further transport.—Held, a substantial qualification of the contract declared on, which therefore was not proved as alleged. As to the second count, the same receipt applied, which named no day for carriage into the United States, but there was verbal evidence of an agreement to forward by the 17th March.—Held, that though this term might thus be added to the written contract, it would not dispense with the condition above mentioned, which shewed a substantial variance from the contract declared on. The plaintiffs, therefore, were held not entitled to recover on either count. *Fraser v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 26 U.C.Q.B. 488.

YARDS AND WAREHOUSES; GRAIN ELEVATOR; LIABILITY FOR GRAIN DESTROYED BY FIRE. Defendants undertook to carry for plain-

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tiffs a quantity of oats to T., which they did, delivering them at an elevator there belonging to S., who received them to hold for plaintiffs. Of the quantity thus delivered plaintiffs received part before the elevator was destroyed by fire, as it subsequently was. There was a very large amount of grain besides the plaintiffs' in the elevator at the time of its destruction, most of which settled down in a conical mass on the wharf on which the building stood, the remainder falling into the water. Plaintiffs desired to remove what remained of their grain, alleging that they could select it from the general mass, from their knowledge of the portion of the building in which it had been stored; but defendants, who were the bailees of the greater part, assumed charge of the whole for the benefit of all, and refused to allow plaintiffs to do so, stating that it would be sold for the general benefit, which it accordingly was, when the plaintiffs' share of the proceeds was found to amount to only about \$28.—Held, that plaintiffs could maintain trover against defendants in respect of their grain so disposed of by defendants, inasmuch as the latter had no control over it, and ought not to have prevented plaintiffs from removing it if they could find it.—Held, also, that this was a case in which no greater than the actual damages sustained should have been assessed; and, the jury having awarded excessive damages, the Court ordered a new trial, unless plaintiffs would reduce their verdict to a sum named. *Moffatt et al. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 15 U.C.C.P. 392.

LOSS WHILE IN POSSESSION OF INTERMEDIATE CARRIER; LAKE AND RAIL ROUTES; THROUGH ROUTE.

An action to recover damages for non-delivery of a carload of tools lost in transit by the wrecking during a snow storm on Isle Royale, Lake Superior, of the steamship *Monarch*, one of the steamships of the Northern Navigation Company. The goods were shipped from Kakabeka Falls in a Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.'s car via Stanley Junction, and Canadian Northern Ry. Co. to Port Arthur, placed on board the steamship for transportation to Point Edward, thence via Grand Trunk Railway for delivery to the plaintiffs at St. Catharines.—Held, reversing the trial Judge, and affirming the Court of Appeal, that the defendants contracted only to deliver the goods at Port Arthur to the Northern Navigation Company, which they did, and were, therefore, not liable for non-delivery. *Jenckes Machine Co. v. Can. North. Ry. Co.*, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 440, 14 O.W.R. 307.

[Distinguished in *Laurie v. Can. North. Ry. Co.*, 21 O.L.R. 178.]

INJURY TO PERISHABLE GOODS BY DELAY; CONNECTING LINE; PRIVILEY; FOREIGN CONTRACT.

A carload of pineapples purchased by the plaintiffs in New York was consigned by the vendors to the plaintiffs at Ottawa, on the 22nd June. The goods were delivered to the New York Central Railroad Co., and the route specified was by the defendants' railway, which connected with the New York Central line. The fruit did not arrive at Ottawa until the 25th June, which was a Saturday, and no notice of its arrival was given to the plaintiffs until the morning of the 27th. The fruit was then badly damaged by heating; a substantial portion of the injury took place between Saturday afternoon and Monday morning, and some injury during the journey; the delay in the journey took place partly upon the New York Central line, and partly upon the defendants' line.—Held, *Riddell, J.*, dubitante, that the defendants were liable for the deterioration of the fruit. Judgment of the County Court of the county of Carleton reversed. Per *Boyd, C.*: The defendants received the fruit either as common carriers or as under a new contract conformable to the terms of the original carriers' bill of lading, and in either aspect were liable for negligence in handling the car or in the lack of due diligence in giving notice of its arrival. The goods were manifestly of a perishable character, and called for reasonable diligence in giving notice of their arrival; till such notice was given, the defendants were liable as carriers. Per *Middleton, J.*: The contract made with the initial carrier, applicable to the whole journey, defines the terms upon which the subsequent carrier undertakes to carry, and must be deemed to be the contract between the parties: if it were otherwise, the defendants, when they undertook the carriage of the goods, received them as common carriers, and there was no restriction upon their common law liability. The liability of the defendants, according to clause 5 of the United States form of contract, under which the goods were shipped, was that of carriers until the expiry of 48 hours after notice that the goods were ready for delivery; and, apart from contract, the goods being of a perishable nature, it was the defendants' duty to give notice promptly, and their liability as carriers continued while that duty remained undischarged. *Corby v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* (1905), 6 O.W.R. 81, 492, approved and followed. *Corby v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 494, 23 O.L.R. 318.

LIABILITY FOR LOSS OF GOODS; GOODS LADEN BY SHIPPER ON CAR ON SIDING.

The liability of common carriers under Art. 1674 C.C. begins only from the time of delivery of the goods, and when a shipper, for his own convenience, puts them himself on board the cars of a railway company, on a siding near his warehouse, the delivery to the company takes place when it seals the cars, or otherwise takes charge of them, and hands the shipper a bill of lading. It incurs no liability for loss from pilfering, etc., that occurs before that. *Spedding v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 46, Q.R. 40 S.C. 463.

PROVISION IN BILL OF LADING FOR PROTECTING GOODS AGAINST FROST; CONNECTING CARRIER.

Where, under a bill of lading which required protection of goods from frost, a carrier has had possession, for an unreasonably long time during very cold weather, of a consignment of figs, which were found to be frozen upon arrival at their destination, a prima facie case of negligence on the part of that carrier is established which casts the onus upon it, in order to escape liability of shewing that the consignment was in a damaged condition when received from the connecting carrier. *Albo v. Great North Ry. Co.*, (B.C.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 82, 2 D.L.R. 290.

UNREASONABLE DELAY IN DELIVERING GOODS BY CONNECTING CARRIER.

Where it appears that the climate at the point of shipment precludes the frosting of a consignment of figs at the time of their delivery to an initial carrier, and that a connecting carrier had possession of them for an unreasonably long time in very cold weather without offering any acceptable explanation for the delay, a strong presumption arises that if they were damaged by frost it was while in the latter's possession. *Albo v. Great North Ry. Co.*, (B.C.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 82, 2 D.L.R. 290.

CONSIGNEE REFUSING TO ACCEPT DELIVERY.

A consignee is justified in refusing to accept a consignment of figs, which, through the negligence of the carrier, were frozen in transit. *Albo v. Great North Ry. Co.*, (B.C.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 32, 2 D.L.R. 290.

DAMAGE; PAYMENT OF PART; EFFECT.

The payment by a common carrier of damages for injuries to a portion of a consignment of goods is not an admission of liability in respect to other portions thereof. (Per Irving, J.A.) *Albo v. Great North Ry. Co.*, (B.C.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 82, 2 D.L.R. 290.

[*Hennell v. Davies*, [1893] 1 Q.B. 367, followed.]

BILL OF LADING; ASSIGNMENT OF.

The declaration alleged that the plaintiff by his agents delivered to the defendants 8,000 bushels of his corn, to be carried from Chicago to Stratford, &c., and to be delivered to the Bank of Montreal or their assigns; that the bank assigned the corn to the plaintiff, yet that defendants neglected for an unreasonable time to carry and deliver it, whereby the plaintiff lost a market and was afterwards obliged to sell for a less price than he would otherwise have done. It appeared that the corn was shipped by M. & Co., "as agents and forwarders," on account of whom it might concern, to be delivered to the Bank of Montreal or their assigns, and the bill of lading was endorsed by the agent of the bank to the plaintiff, with whom the defendants treated as the owner, and delivered it to him after some delay caused by a charge made and afterwards remitted by them. It was objected that the consignor or consignee could only sue upon this contract, not the plaintiff; that the bank could not assign to him; and if they could, the right of action would not pass. There was no evidence to shew what interest the bank had in the corn:—Held, there being no plea denying plaintiff's property in the corn, that he was admitted to have been the owner when it was shipped; that the bill of lading did not transfer the property to the bank, in whom no other right was shewn; that their endorsement was therefore unnecessary, and that he was entitled to maintain the action. *Semble*, however, that if he had first acquired his title by such endorsement, he might have sued defendants for any negligence occurring after they had recognized him as owner. *Kyle v. Buffalo & Lake Huron Ry. Co.*, 16 U.C.C.P. 76.

BILL OF LADING; THROUGH RATE; PRIVILEGE OF CONTRACT.

Plaintiffs bought twenty-four bales of cotton in Cincinnati, through their agent B., who delivered it there to the C.H. & D.Ry. Co. The bill of lading contained a heading "contract for a through rate." Under the general heading of the C.H. & D. Ry. Co., it stated that the cotton was forwarded by B., and that the shipping marks were: "G. & M.—for Gordon, Mackay & Co., Thorold, Ont., via Detroit & G.W.Ry.," and in the margin were added the words, "Through at 40c. per 100 lbs. &c., to D. via—." The cotton was delivered without instructions to defendants, at D., by the teamster of a line connecting with the C.H. & D. Ry. Co., and was burned

while in transit on defendants' line to T.:—Held, that the bill of lading shewed a contract with the C. H. & D. Ry. Co. for a through rate to T., and therefore that defendants were not liable to the plaintiffs. The nonsuit was affirmed. *Gordon et al. v. Great Western Ry. Co.*, 34 U.C.Q.B. 224.

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DELIVERY TO CARRIERS.

In the absence of direct evidence the contents of a box of military supplies was sufficiently shewn in an action by the Crown against a railway company for its loss, by the testimony of the officer in charge of the supplies, that he selected them from the general stores and turned them over to a person of excellent character, whose duty it was to box and ship them, and that the latter delivered a heavy box to the railway company, which receipted for it, and that such person could not be produced at the trial, as his term of enlistment had expired, and his whereabouts was unknown.

Rex v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., (Alta.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 270, 5 D.L.R. 176.

SHIPMENT OF PERISHABLE GOODS IN BOX CAR.

Where butter is shipped in a box car and the weather is such that a refrigerator car is necessary to keep it in good condition, and the plaintiff's agents, the consignees, caused a delay in delivery by failing to pay the freight charges, the defendants are not liable for injury to the butter where an unreasonable time is not occupied in making delivery. *Lessard v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.* (Alta.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 277, 7 D.L.R. 901.

REFUSAL TO ACCEPT SHIPMENT.

Where a shipper entrusted goods to a carrier for delivery to a consignee and the consignee refuses to accept the goods and on being informed thereof by the carrier, the shipper acquiesces in such refusal and instructs the carrier to return the goods immediately, the carrier is responsible for the value of such goods if he deliver them to another party, even if he does so on the consignee's order presented by a third party who holds himself out as the shipper's agent. *Zimmerman v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 8 D.L.R. 990, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 78, 43 Que. S.C. 297.

CONNECTING CARRIERS; LIABILITY.

In the case of a shipment forwarded to its destination by different successive carriers, each one is liable only for his handling of it, and is in no wise the warrantor of the others. Hence, if it arrives in a damaged condition, the consignee or owner has no action against the last carrier, unless the latter have, himself, by neglect or otherwise, caused the damage. *McCready v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 179, Q.R. 43 S.C. 160.

INJURY TO PERISHABLE GOODS BY DELAY IN TRANSPORTATION AND WANT OF VENTILATION IN CAR.

Vernon Fruit Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 12 W.L.R. 445 (Sask.).

DAMAGES; LOSS OF GOODS BY CARRIER; TENDER OF LOST ARTICLES; NOMINAL OR SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE.

Action for the value of 50 kegs of butter delivered by plaintiff to defendants to carry from G. to T. Defendants relied upon a tender of the butter to plaintiff, as preventing the recovery of more than nominal damages. The tender was made in writing by defendants' solicitor, two days before the Assizes, offering for plaintiff's acceptance the 50 kegs of butter, which had been sold

by plaintiff to M., and for which M. had recovered against the plaintiff, stating same to be at T., at plaintiff's own risk:—Held, wholly illusory, and not to partake of any of the incidents of a legal tender, and that plaintiff was entitled to recover the full value of the property. *Brill v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 20 U.C.C.P. 440.

DAMAGES; NEGLIGENCE IN CARRIAGE OF GOODS; NOMINAL OR SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGES.

In an action for not carrying goods safely, whereby they were lost, issues in fact were left to a jury, reserving the question of nominal or substantial damages for the opinion of the Court:—Held, that the only question for the Court was, whether the plaintiff should be limited to nominal damages, or recover the actual value of his goods; and that the question of mitigating the damages upon the facts proved, could not be considered. *Robson v. The Buffalo and Lake Huron Ry. Co.*, 10 U.C.C.P. 279.

FRAUD AND DECEIT; MISREPRESENTATION OF RATES.

Certain bars and bundles of iron came by ship from Glasgow to Montreal, consigned to the plaintiff. His agent gave to defendants' agent an order to get them from the ship, and afterwards received from the latter a receipt, specifying the number of bars and bundles and the gross weight, but with a printed notice at the top of it, that "rates and weight entered in receipts or shipping bills will not be acknowledged." All the iron received by defendants for the plaintiff was delivered at Guelph, but there was a very considerable deficiency in the weight. So far as appeared, the iron had not been weighed either on being taken from the ship, or afterwards:—Held, that defendants were not estopped by their statement of weight in the receipt, and were not liable to the plaintiffs. *Horseman v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 31 Q.B. 535, in appeal from 30 U.C.Q.B. 130.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY; LIABILITY BEYOND INITIAL CARRIER'S LINE.

Defendants were charged with negligence and delay in the carriage of certain furs belonging to the plaintiff, from Toronto to New York, in pursuance of their contract. Defendants' railway extended only to the Suspension Bridge, and it appeared that the goods were delivered to them, addressed to R., at New York, and a receipt given, which specified that they were received to be forwarded to such address, subject to their tariff, rules and regulations. In these conditions it was stated that when goods

were intended, after being conveyed by their railway, to be forwarded by some other means to their destination, the company would not be responsible after they were so delivered. The goods were sent on by defendants to the Bridge, and there delivered to the New York Central Ry. Co., which placed them in the bonded warehouse of the American customs, until certain documents were procured, without which they could not be sent on. The plaintiff was asked by defendants for such papers, but they were not furnished for some time, and the furs were spoiled by the delay:—Held, that defendants were not liable, for there was no contract by them to convey the goods to New York as alleged, but their undertaking was only to carry them over their own line, and deliver them to the company which was to take them on. *Rogers v. Great Western Ry. Co.*, 16 U.C.Q.B. 389.

B. Express and Transfer Companies.

DELAY IN DELIVERY OF MERCHANDISE.

A cartier who has no notice of special cause for the delivery of the goods within a given time, is not liable for general damages for delay. *Clarke v. Holliday*, 39 Que. S.C. 499.

LICENSED EXPRESSMAN; CARRYING GOODS FOR HIRE; LIABILITY FOR LOSS BY FIRE.

The defendant, duly licensed as an expressman by virtue of a city by-law, was engaged to carry for hire a load of furniture to the railway station in one of his wagons. Before delivery the goods were destroyed by fire, not caused by the act of God or the King's enemies, and not arising from any inherent quality or defect of the goods themselves:—Held, that the defendant was acting as a common carrier, and, as such, not having limited his liability by any condition or contract, was responsible for the loss. *Brind v. Dale*, 2 C. & P. 207, doubted; *Farley v. Lavery*, 54 S.W. Reporter 840 (U.S.), concurred in. *Culver v. Lester*, 37 C.L.J. 421 (McDougall, Co. J.).

EXPRESS COMPANIES; COST OF TRANSPORTATION.

The appellant agreed with the agent of the company, respondent, at a fixed price for the transportation of goods from France. The respondent having carried a package to Montreal, to the appellant's address, refused to deliver it unless he paid \$11.84 for disbursements and cost of transportation, and this without the production of bills of lading and waybills, of which the originals had been sent to New York:—Held, reversing the judgment of Charland,

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J., that the respondent company could not arbitrarily, and as a condition of delivery, impose upon the plaintiff the payment of this sum, except upon verification and subsequent rebate for overcharge, if any, and that it was liable to indemnify him for such damages as he may have suffered on account of the non-delivery of the package. *Poin-dron v. American Express Co.*, 12 Que. K.B. 311.

NON-DELIVERY AND CONVERSION OF GOODS; TERMINATION OF TRANSITUS; CONDITIONAL REFUSAL OF CONSIGNEE TO ACCEPT.

Trees consigned by the plaintiffs to one C. at Aylmer, Quebec, were delivered by a railway company, by mistake, at Aylmer, Ontario. The defendants, pursuant to a message received from the railway company, "Ship by express C.'s trees to Aylmer, Quebec," carried the trees as far as Ottawa, and were about to send them on by wagon to Aylmer, Quebec, when C., who was the only person known in the transaction by the defendants, appeared at Ottawa, and said to the defendant's agent that he would not accept the trees until he saw one F. There were no further communications between the defendants and C. The defendants held the goods and sought out the consignors and notified them of C's refusal:—Held, in an action by the consignors for damages for non-delivery and conversion of the trees, that the defendants' contract was not one to deliver the goods to C. at Aylmer and not elsewhere, and his refusal to accept, even if not absolute, was such as dispensed with any further action on the part of the defendants till they had a message from C. that he was ready and willing to receive; and this never having come, the defendants acted reasonably in holding the goods and notifying the consignors, and were not liable for the loss. The findings of the jury not having supplied material for a final disposition of the case, the Court, acting under *Con. Rule 615*, instead of directing a new trial, set aside the findings and gave judgment on the whole case for the defendants, deeming that if the proper questions had been put to the jury they could have been answered only in one way. *Smith et al. v. Canadian Express Co.*, 12 O.L.R. 84 (D.C.).

EXPRESS COMPANY; CONDITIONS OF CARRIAGE; KNOWLEDGE OF CONSIGNOR.

The assent necessary to form a contract cannot exist on the part of a party who is in ignorance of its purpose. Hence, the acceptance by the shipper of the receipt of an express company who carries goods

for him does not constitute an agreement on his part to conform to the conditions printed on the back which are neither read over nor explained to him, especially if he is unable to read or write. The carrier is liable for the loss of goods carried up to their value at their destination but not for the profit that the owner might have made by selling them if nothing took place when the contract for carriage was made to make him aware that such would be the consequence of his failure to execute it. *Black v. Canadian Express Co.*, Q.R. 36 S.C. 499.

EXPRESS COMPANIES; CONNECTING LINES; GOODS DAMAGED DURING TRANSIT.

An express company is not responsible for the damages to goods entrusted for carriage, when the accident happened on another and connecting line of transfer, and the bill of lading contained a clause by which the company was relieved from any liability if the loss or injury happened at a place beyond its lines or control. *Neil v. American Express Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 111, 20 Q.R.S.C. 253.

PERISHABLE GOODS; DELAY IN TRANSMISSION; LIABILITY.

The defendants undertook to forward a consignment of fish from Selkirk, Manitoba, to Toronto, Ontario, subject to certain conditions expressed in the contract:—Held, that the defendants' engagement implied that a safe and rapid transit would be furnished for the whole distance, and that contract was broken when the perishable goods were transferred to a freight train at Winnipeg, by which delivery was delayed; and this was negligence for which the defendants were liable as common carriers. *James Co. v. Dominion Express Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 309, 13 O.L.R. 211.

[Approved in *Dominion Express Co. v. Rutenberg*, Q.R. 18 K.B. 53.]

TRANSFER COMPANY; LOSS OF BAGGAGE; CONDITIONS OF RECEIPT.

Defendants were an incorporated company, a main part of whose business was to carry and deliver baggage or luggage for customers, to and from railways, steamboats, and other public conveyances. The plaintiff, who was a passenger on a steamer, on his arrival at the wharf in Toronto handed the steamer check for his trunk to his father-in-law, R., to have the trunk sent up to R.'s house. R., who was an employee in the customs, handed the check to H., also a customs officer, and asked him to pass the trunk and have it sent up to the house. H. gave D., the defendant's agent, on the

wharf, the check and twenty-five cents which R. had given him, told him to have the trunk sent up to R.'s house, and walked away. D. then gave the money to S., a soliciting agent of the defendants, and proceeded to take the steamer check off the trunk. H. returned in about fifteen minutes after he had left the check and the money with D., and asked him for a receipt for the trunk. S. then wrote out the receipt and handed it to H., who looked at but did not read it, nor was his attention called to any terms upon it. He knew, however, that the defendants were in the habit of giving receipts upon taking over baggage for transfer. About an hour and a half thereafter H. handed the check to R., who passed it on to the plaintiff, who did not read it till about ten days afterwards. The receipt was a document which had legibly printed on its face a notice by which the defendants agreed to receive and forward the article for which the receipt was given, subject to a condition that they should "not be liable for any loss or damage of any trunk . . . for over \$50." The receipt was in a form generally used by the defendants in the course of their business, and no proof was given that their agents, who did the work of receiving and receipting for baggage had authority to receive it on any other footing. The trunk was lost or stolen; but without negligence on the part of the defendants. The defendants tendered to the plaintiff \$50 as in full discharge of their liability under their contract, which the plaintiff refused, and brought this action:—Held, that the plaintiff was entitled to recover the full value of the trunk and its contents, inasmuch as the defendants, who as common carriers were liable to their customer for the full value of the property entrusted to their care in the absence of notice, brought home to the customer, that their liability was limited to a certain sum, had failed to discharge the onus which lay upon them to shew that the plaintiff at the time when he made his contract with the defendants had received notice that their liability was limited, or that the stipulation limiting their liability had been at any time accepted by him as a term of his contract. *Harris v. Great Western Ry. Co.* (1876), 1 Q.B.D. 515; *Henderson v. Stevenson* (1875), L.R. 2 H.L. Sc. 470, and other cases bearing on the liability of carriers for loss or damage to luggage discussed. Per Meredith, J.A., that the question whether the plaintiff had accepted the condition limiting the defendants' liability was one of fact, and the finding of the trial Judge in favour of the defendants should not be reversed unless plainly shewn to be wrong on the evidence. Judgment of a Divisional

Court reversing the judgment of Boyd, C., at the trial, affirmed. *Lamont v. Canadian Transfer Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 387, 19 O.L.R. 291.

C. Lien for Charges.

WRONGFUL SALE OF GOODS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF FREIGHT.

Conditions in a shipping receipt relieving the carrier from liability for loss or damage arising out of "the safe keeping and carriage of the goods," even though caused by the negligence, carelessness or want of skill of the carrier's officers, servants or workmen, without the actual fault or privity of the carriers, and restricting claims to the cash value of the goods at the point of shipment, do not apply to cases where the goods have been wrongfully sold or converted by the carrier. A shipping receipt with terms as above was for carriage by the defendants' line and other connecting lines of transportation and made the freight payable on delivery of the goods at the point of destination. The defendants had previously made a special contract with plaintiff but delivered the receipt to his agent at the point of the shipment with a variation of the special terms made with him in respect to all shipments to him as consignee during the shipping season of 1899, the variation being shewn by a clause stamped across the receipt, of which the plaintiff had no knowledge. One of the shipments was sold at an intermediate point on the line of transportation on account of non-payment of freight by one of the companies in control of a connecting line to which the goods had been delivered by the defendants:—Held, that the plaintiff's agent at the shipping point had no authority, as such, to consent to a variation of the special contract, nor could the carrier do so by inserting the clause in the receipt without the concurrence of the plaintiff; that the sale, so made at the intermediate point, amounted to a wrongful conversion of the goods by the defendants, and that they were not exempted by the terms of the shipping receipt from liability for their full value. As the evidence shewed definitely what damages had been sustained, and there being no good reason for remitting the case back for a new trial, the Supreme Court of Canada, in reversing the judgment appealed from (9 B.C. 82), ordered that the damages should be reduced to those proved in respect of the goods sold and converted. *Armour, J.*, however, was of opinion that the judgment of *Craig, J.*, at the trial, including damages for the loss on other goods, should be restored. *Wilson v. Canadian Development Company*, 33 Can. S.C.R. 432.

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SEIZURE FOR UNPAID TOLLS; TERMINATION OF CARRIER'S LIEN; DEMAND; CONVERSION.

By s. 345 of the Dominion Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, a railway company may, instead of proceeding by action for the recovery of tolls upon goods carried, "seize the goods for or in respect whereof such tolls are payable, and may detain the same until payment thereof," etc.—Held, that a railway company are not, by this enactment, given a lien on property carried, to such an extent and of so general and wide an application as to allow them to re-take goods which have been delivered, and as to which the ordinary carrier's lien has terminated; the section does nothing more than confirm and establish the carrier's lien; there is the right to seize and detain, but the right must be exercised and enforced before there is an absolute and unconditional delivery of the goods to the consignee. *Semble*, that in this case there was not a sufficient demand for the tolls due to the defendants, on account of which they seized goods which they had previously delivered to the consignee, the demand being for a gross sum, including a sum for tolls:—Held, also, that the defendants, having converted the goods, were liable for damages; and the measure was the value of the goods. *Clisdell v. Kingston and Pembroke Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 78, 18 O.L.R. 251.

ACTION FOR FREIGHT; REMEDIES OF CONSIGNEE; ACCEPTANCE BY CONSIGNEE.

Defendants purchased a quantity of cement for shipment to them at Regina, and it was so shipped by the consignors. The contract of shipment provided that delivery should be made in the railway company's shed at destination or when the goods had arrived at the place to be reached on the company's railway. The goods arrived at Regina and were with the consent of the defendant placed for unloading at a point indicated by the defendant's manager. The goods were subsequently taken away by another party who had purchased them from defendant and who did not pay the freight, and the defendant refusing to pay the same the plaintiff brought action to recover the charges:—Held, where goods are with the consent or by the authority of the purchaser consigned by the vendors as consignors to be carried by a railway company as common carriers to be delivered to the purchaser as consignee, and the name of the consignee is known to the carrier, the ordinary inference is that the contract of carriage is between the carrier and consignee, the consignee being the agent of the consignee to make it, and the

contract in this case was therefore between the carrier and the consignee. (2) That the plaintiff company could therefore maintain an action for recovery of the freight charge from the consignee. (3) That the plaintiff completed its contract and became entitled to recover its charges when the car containing the goods was placed for unloading with the knowledge and consent of the consignee. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Forest City Paving & Construction Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 295, 2 Sask. L.R. 413.

WRONGFUL SALE OF GOODS FOR UNPAID CHARGES.

A carrier sued for conversion of goods by the consignor in respect of an alleged neglect of duty on the part of the auctioneer employed by the carrier to sell the goods for unpaid charges, and for alleged failure to account for all of the goods sold, may properly bring in the auctioneer as a third party and claim indemnity and relief over against him under Ont. Rule 209 (C.R. 1897). *Swale v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.* (No. 2), 2 D.L.R. 84, 3 O.W.N. 664, 21 O.W.R. 225, 25 O.L.R. 492.

[*Swale v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 1 D.L.R. 501, 3 O.W.N. 601, 20 O.W.R. 997, reversed.]

WRONGFUL SALE OF GOODS.

An auctioneer to whom goods in bulk are entrusted by a carrier to sell for unpaid charges against them impliedly contracts with the warehousemen employing him, that he will exercise reasonable care in selling the goods. *Swale v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.* (No. 2), 2 D.L.R. 84, 3 O.W.N. 664, 21 O.W.R. 225, 25 O.L.R. 492.

[*Gagné v. Rainy River Lumber Co.*, 20 O.L.R. 433, specially referred to.]

SALE OF GOODS TO PAY CHARGES; FAILURE TO DELIVER SURPLUS GOODS; NEGLIGENCE OF AUCTIONEER; BILL OF LADING LIMITING AMOUNT OF RECOVERY.

Swale v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 10 D.L.R. 815, 24 O.W.R. 224.

CARRIAGE OF GOODS; "SWITCHING CHARGES."

Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Laidlaw Lumber Co., 2 O.W.N. 548, 18 O.W.R. 340.

CONTRACT FOR CARRIAGE OF GOODS; ACTION FOR DAMAGES FOR BREACH BY FAILURE TO DELIVER IN TIME; LIEN FOR FREIGHT; EVIDENCE.

Ludwig v. Beede, S.W.L.R. 973 (Y.T.)
Note on liability of railway company for goods which it undertakes to carry, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 226.

Note on connecting lines as affected by conditions in bill of lading limiting liability, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 117.

Note on liability of carrier for loss of goods when conditions with reference to insurance of goods not complied with by shipper, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 134.

Note on duties and liabilities of carriers of goods, see Carriers of Goods, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 172.

CARRIERS OF PASSENGERS.

- A. Passenger Train Service.
- B. Duty of Protection; Trespassers.
- C. Ejection from Train.
- D. Injuries to Passengers.

For rights and liabilities of Government railways, see Government Railways.

For injury to passenger by reason of defective bridge, see Bridges.

For injuries occasioned by reason of defective station grounds, see Stations.

For ejection of passenger for violating conditions of ticket, see Tickets and Fares.

For injuries to employees, see Employees.

For agreements respecting train service, see Train Service.

For loss of baggage, see Baggage.

A. Passenger Train Service.

PASSENGER TRAIN SERVICE; CONTRACT WITH GOVERNMENT; BREACH; WAIVER.

By an agreement the plaintiffs were to lease their line of railway to the defendants upon the condition, *inter alia*, that the defendants would run a passenger train each way each day between stations A and B. The lease was not executed, but the defendants went into possession of and operated the line. The plaintiffs alleged in their bill that at the time of the agreement, as was known to the defendants, they were under contract with the government of New Brunswick to run a passenger train each way each day between A and B, but the contract was not set out in full. In 1897 a lease was executed by the plaintiffs and defendants by which it was provided that the defendants would run a passenger train one way each day between A and B, "and if and whenever it may be necessary to do so in order to exonerate the [plaintiffs] from its liability to the government of New Brunswick then the [defendants] will run at least one train carrying passengers each way each day." On July 31, 1899, the

Attorney-General of New Brunswick gave notice to the plaintiffs that their contract with respect to running a passenger train each way each day between A and B must be enforced, but no further proceedings with respect to the matter were taken by the government, though the defendants continued to run a passenger train but one way each day. It did not appear whether the notice of the Attorney-General might not have been given at the plaintiff's instance. On a motion for an interlocutory mandatory injunction in this suit which was brought to compel the defendants to run a passenger train each way each day between A and B:—Held, that no case was made out for relief by mandatory injunction, which will only be granted where necessary for the prevention of serious damage, and that the question raised was merely one of pecuniary damages between the plaintiffs and defendants, for which the defendants were well able to account to the plaintiffs, and which by the lease of 1897 the plaintiffs had agreed to accept in event of their liability, if any, to the government, and that it did not appear that such liability had arisen. *Tobique Valley Ry. Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 282, 2 N.B. Eq. 195.

SECOND-CLASS PASSENGER; ACCOMMODATION; SMOKING CAR.

A railway passenger holding a second-class ticket is entitled to reasonable accommodation of the kind usually furnished to passengers of that class and cannot be compelled to travel in a smoking car. *Judgment of Britton, J.*, affirmed, *Osler, and Garrow, J.J.A.*, dissenting as to the conclusions of fact. *Jones v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 418, 9 O.L.R. 723.

WANT OF AIR BRAKES; PASSENGER TRAIN.

There is no common law liability for negligence on the part of a carrier by reason of a train not being furnished with air brakes as required by the Railway Act, 3 Edw. VII. c. 58, s. 211 (D.), where the train is not a passenger train, and the accident not occurring through the want of brakes, but by reason of the engine driver's failure to see and act on the conductor's signal. *Muma v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 444, 14 O.L.R. 147.

DANGEROUS PLATFORM.

Where passengers are impliedly invited by a railway company to make use of a platform as a means of access to the railway cars, it is the duty of the railway company to have the platform in a reasonably safe condition at all points, or parts where such

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passengers are entitled to be or stand; consequently where the plaintiff sustained injuries by attempting to board a passenger car of the defendant railway company by falling over the unprotected end of the platform, the night being dark and the platform badly lighted, without any carelessness or contributory negligence on her part:—Held, by Stuart, J., that the company were liable for negligence in not having the platform in a reasonably safe condition; and semble, that it made no difference whether the platform were well lighted or not. Circumstances to be considered in estimating damages for personal injuries, etc., discussed. Per Curiam:—While an act or a circumstance under ordinary conditions may not constitute negligence, under other circumstances or in other conditions it may amount to negligence, or in other words that there may be negligence in the combination:—Held, therefore, that the combination of circumstances in this case, namely, a long night train drawn up at a short platform inadequately lighted, so that passengers attempting to board the train were not free from danger of accident, constituted actionable negligence on the part of the railway company. Judgment of Stuart, J., affirmed. *Swan v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 251, 1 Alta. L.R. 427.

PASSENGER SERVICE; RAILWAY IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Upon an application for an order to compel the railway company to institute and operate an adequate daily first-class passenger service on its line between Winnipeg and Edmonton during the period of construction:—Held, (1) that under s. 261 of the Railway Act, the Board has no jurisdiction to open a railway for the carriage of traffic other than for the purposes of construction, until application has been made therefor by the railway company. (2) That since the Government by the provisions of the special Act incorporating the Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co. (4 & 5 Edw. VII. c. 98), has power to fix by order-in-council the date of the completion of the railway, it may be that the Board cannot open the railway until such order is issued, the special Act overriding the Railway Act under s. 3 of the latter Act. *Central Saskatchewan Boards of Trade v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 135.

TIME TABLES; REGULAR STATIONS; IMMEDIATE HANDLING OF MARKET PRODUCE.

Complaint by the New Westminster and Surrey Boards of Trade that the respondent railway company started its morning train

at 8 a.m. instead of 7 a.m., as formerly, and did not stop at all regular and flag stations and other stopping places on the Guichon Branch or transfer cars containing market produce from its main line to the market place immediately upon the arrival of its train at New Westminster. The respondent made the changes complained of so that its trains should arrive at New Westminster and Vancouver on schedule time. The applicants contended that farmers living on the Port Guichon Branch by these changes were either compelled to stop daily shipments of milk and other farm produce to the New Westminster market or, if able to do so, their shipments arrived too late:—Held, (1) that upon the evidence and the report of the Chief Operating Officer the respondent should be required to start its trains from Port Guichon at 7 a.m., stopping as formerly at all regular and flag stations and other stopping places between Port Guichon and Cloverdale. (2) That its yard engine should be used to transfer cars containing market produce to the market immediately on the arrival of respondent's train at New Westminster. *New Westminster and Surrey Board of Trade v. Great Northern Ry. Co.*, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 324.

DUTY TO OPEN VESTIBULE DOORS AT STATIONS.

It is the duty of a railway company operating a vestibuled passenger train to open the vestibuled door of the day coach at which passengers may expect to alight at their points of destination, or to direct the passengers as to the mode of exit, so that they may get off the train while it is standing at the station. Where a railway company negligently omitted to open the vestibule door of a day coach on arrival at a passenger's destination and the passenger, in his efforts to get off the train, went to the next coach to find an open vestibule from which to alight, and the train was, by that time, pulling away from the station at a speed of three or four miles an hour, there was nothing in the rate at which the train was proceeding to make it manifestly dangerous for the plaintiff to attempt to get off, and such course on his part was not contributory negligence. [Keith v. Ottawa and New York Ry. Co., 5 O.L.R. 116, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 26, applied.] Where a railway company negligently closes a passenger's natural means of getting off a train, without notice to him, such company is guilty of negligence in starting the train before the passenger has sufficient time to get off by the means he adopts, provided such means be reasonable. Where the negligence of a railway company, operating a

passenger train, forced a passenger into an emergency as to getting off the train at his destination, the fact that the means or method of exit which he, in such emergency, adopts, is not the wisest possible under the circumstances, does not necessarily imply contributory negligence on his part. *McDougall v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, (Ont.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 316, 8 D.L.R. 271.

B. Duty of Protection; Trespassers.

DETACHMENT OF CAR; DUTY OF NOTICE.

Beyond the obligations, arising from the contracts for transport, to protect the persons and preserve the property of passengers, a liability attaches to common carriers for any loss occasioned by the negligence of their officials. And it is negligence for employees of a railway company, who detach one car from a train in the course of transit to give notice of such action in that car alone and fail to do so in the others to one of which a passenger interested may have temporarily betaken himself. *Great Northern Ry. Co. v. Tainar*, Q.R. 18 K.B. 72.

ASSAULT ON PASSENGER; DUTY OF CONDUCTOR.

If a passenger on a railway train is in danger of injury from a fellow-passenger, and the conductor knows, or has an opportunity to know, of such danger, it is the duty of the latter to take precautions to prevent it, and if he fails or neglects to do so the company is liable in case the threatened injury is inflicted. *Pounder v. North-Eastern Ry. Co.*, [1892] 1 Q.B. 385, dissented from. Judgment of the Court of Appeal, 5 Ont. L.R. 334, affirmed. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Blain*, 34 Can. S.C.R. 74.

[Leave to appeal from this judgment was afterwards refused by the Privy Council, [1904] A.C. 453.]

ASSAULT BY FELLOW-PASSENGER; DUTIES OF CONDUCTOR.

(1) Not only in the exercise of his general authority but with reference to the rules of the defendants, a conductor has the right to preserve order on a train, and, if necessary, to eject therefrom persons who are in a state of intoxication, or disorderly, or who are infringing the reasonable rules of the railway company, and it is his duty to exercise that right in order to ensure the comfort and safety of passengers under his charge. (2) A railway company, through the conductor, is charged with the duty of preserving order on a train, and is liable for injuries sustained by a passenger in con-

sequence of violence inflicted by a fellow-passenger, provided the railway company has had notice through its employees of the danger of violence, and has failed to reasonably discharge its duty. *Blain v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 69.

[Affirmed in 5 O.L.R. 334, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 85; varied in 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 143, 34 Can. S.C.R. 74.]

ASSAULTS ON PASSENGERS; DUTIES OF CONDUCTOR.

The plaintiff, a ticket holder and passenger on one of the defendants' trains, was, without any provocation, assaulted several times by a drunken man. The conductor did not see the assaults, but was told of them, and of the assailant's threats to continue them, and yet refused to restrain the latter or to put him off the train:—Held, that the defendants' duty to the plaintiff as a passenger was to carry him to his destination, and use reasonable care and diligence in providing for his comfort and safety while so conveying him; and that it was for the jury to decide whether the conductor had acted reasonably and diligently, and judgment upon a verdict of the jury in the plaintiff's favour was affirmed.—Held, also, that evidence was rightly rejected of improper relations between the plaintiff and the wife of his assailant, alleged as provocation for the assaults. *Pounder v. North-Eastern Ry. Co.*, [1892] 1 Q.B. 385, discussed. *Blain v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 85, 5 O.L.R. 334.

[Varied in 34 Can. S.C.R. 74, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 143.]

DANGER OF ASSAULT UPON; DUTY OF RAILWAY TO PROTECT.

If a railway company through its officers know that an assault upon a passenger is probable it is the former's duty to take reasonable precautions to prevent it, and if it fails to do so it is liable for its neglect to do so. *Pounder v. North-Eastern Ry. Co.*, [1892] 1 Q.B. 385, doubted. At the trial damages were claimed and allowed for a second and third attack upon the plaintiff, and this judgment was affirmed by the Court of Appeal for Ontario, but held also that there was no evidence that either the plaintiff or defendants had any reason to anticipate the second attack, and a new trial was granted unless plaintiff would accept a reduction of damages from \$3,500 to \$1,000. Judgments of Falconbridge, C.J., at the trial (2 Can. Ry. Cases 69) and of the Court of Appeal for Ontario (2 Can. Ry. Cases 85), varied. *Canadian*

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[Second appeal dismissed in 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 429, 36 Can. S.C.R. 159; leave to appeal refused by Privy Council, [1904] A.C. 453.]

ASSAULT BY FELLOW-PASSENGER.

B., a passenger on a railway train, was thrice assaulted by a fellow-passenger during the passage. The conductor was informed of the first assault immediately after it occurred and also of the second, but took no steps to protect B. In an action against the railway company, B. recovered damages assessed generally for the injuries complained of. The verdict was maintained by the Court of Appeal but the Supreme Court of Canada ordered a new trial unless B. would consent to his damages being reduced (34 Can. S.C.R. 74, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 143). In the reasons given for the last-mentioned judgment written by Mr. Justice Sedgewick for the Court, it was held that damages could be recovered for the third assault only but the judgment as entered by the registrar stated that the Court ordered the reversal of the judgment appealed from and a new trial unless the plaintiff accepted the reduced amount of damages. Such amount having been refused a new trial was held on which B. again obtained a verdict, the damages being apportioned between the second and third assaults. On appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada from the judgment of a Divisional Court maintaining this verdict:—Held, Taschereau, C.J., and Davies, J., dissenting, that as the decree was in accordance with the judgment pronounced by the Court when its decision was given, and as it left the whole case open on the second trial, the jury were free to give damages for the second assault and their verdict should not be disturbed:—Held, per Taschereau, C.J., that the decree of the Court should have been framed with reference to the opinion giving the reasons for the judgment and, if necessary, could be amended so as to be read as the Court intended. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Blain, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 429, 36 Can. S.C.R. 159.

INSULTING LANGUAGE AND CONDUCT BY SERVANTS TO PASSENGERS; LIABILITY.

Common carriers are liable, for insulting language and conduct of their servants to their passengers, in damages measured by circumstances, such as the sex and social standing of the party aggrieved, and the nature and gravity of the offence. Hence, when a railway conductor, in a controversy

with a lady passenger, as to the fares of her children, says he does not believe her, and persists in speaking to her, though told to desist, and, when she moves away, follows her with the annoyance, the company will be condemned to pay her \$100, the full amount of her action. Tudor v. Quebec and Lake St. John Ry. Co., 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 387, Q.R. 41 S.C. 19.

TRAVELLING ON LOCOMOTIVE; PASSENGER MERE LICENSEE; DUTY OF CARRIER.

The relation of common carrier and passenger does not exist when a person travels on the locomotive of a coal train without the permission of some officer who has authority to give such permission, and if injured, such a person has no right of action unless injured through the culpa of the carrier. Nightingale had a contract with defendant company to repair a bridge, and while riding on the locomotive of the company's coal train on his way to the work, he was killed by reason of the train falling through a bridge. The engineer in charge of the train (there being no conductor) had no authority to take passengers, and had instructions not to allow people to travel on the engine without permission from some competent authority, but the company's officers and servants and other persons authorized by the manager and master mechanic used to ride on the coal train. A few days before the accident Nightingale and the defendants' manager had gone down to the bridge on the engine of a coal train and returned the same way the same day. In an action by Nightingale's representative to recover damages from the company for his death, the jury held that the company had undertaken to carry Nightingale as a passenger:—Held, on appeal, setting aside judgment in plaintiff's favour, that there was no evidence to support such a finding, and that Nightingale was a "mere licensee." Per Hunter, C.J.: The power which a Judge has to take a case away from the jury should be exercised only when it is clear that plaintiff could not hold a verdict in his favour; if the matter is reasonably open to doubt the Judge should let the case go to the jury, and then decide, if necessary, whether there is any evidence on which the verdict can be supported. Nightingale v. Union Colliery Company of British Columbia, Limited Liability, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 47, 9 B.C.R. 453.

[Affirmed in 35 Can. S.C.R. 65; commented on in Barnett v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 20 O.L.R. 390; discussed in Ryckman v. Hamilton, Grimsby, etc., Ry. Co., 10 O.L.R. 419; followed in Rayfield v. B.C. Electric Co., 15 B.C.R. 306.]

DEFECTIVE BRIDGE; GRATUITOUS PASSENGERS; LIABILITY OF CARRIER.

In the absence of evidence of gross negligence, a carrier is not liable for injuries sustained by a gratuitous passenger. *Moffatt v. Bateman*, L. R. 3 C.P. 115, followed. *Harris v. Perry & Co.*, [1903] 2 K. B. 219, distinguished. Although a railway company may have failed to properly maintain a bridge under their control so as to ensure the safety of persons travelling upon their trains, the mere fact of such omission of duty does not constitute evidence of the gross negligence necessary to maintain an action in damages for the death of a gratuitous passenger. Judgment appealed from (9 B.C. Rep. 453) affirmed. *Nightingale v. Union Colliery Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 197, 35 Can. S.C.R. 65.

[Commented in *Barnett v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 20 O.L.R. 390; discussed in *Ryckman v. Hamilton, Grimsby, etc. Ry. Co.*, 10 O.L.R. 419; followed in *Rayfield v. B.C. Electric Co.*, 15 B.C.R. 366.]

COLLISION; GRATUITOUS PASSENGER; FREE PASS; LIABILITY.

The plaintiff brought an action for damages for injuries received in an accident while travelling on an unconditional free pass upon the defendants' railway. The only evidence of negligence was that there was a head-on collision between two cars on the defendants' line managed by the defendants' servants.—Held, that this being prima facie evidence of negligence, and even of gross negligence, if such were necessary, as to which quære—the plaintiff was entitled to recover. *Ryckman v. Hamilton, Grimsby & Beamsville Elect. Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 457, 10 O.L.R. 419.

[Adopted in *Sayers v. B.C. Elec. Ry. Co.*, 12 B.C.R. 109; referred to in *British Columbia Elec. Ry. Co. v. Crompton*, 43 Can. S.C.R. 7, 14 B.C.R. 226; *Lumsden v. Temiskaming and North. Ry. Co.*, 15 O.L.R. 469; *North. Counties Ins. Trust v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 13 B.C.R. 131; *Robinson v. Can. North. Ry. Co.*, 19 Man. L.R. 315.]

COLLISION; INJURY TO PERSON ON TRAIN; LICENSEE OR TRESPASSER.

In a collision between a van or car of the defendants and a backing train of the Pere Marquette Railway Company, the plaintiff, who was standing on the platform of one of the Pere Marquette coaches, the foremost one in the train as it moved reversely, and who was on the coach not as a paying passenger, but getting a gratuitous "lift" for a short distance, was injured. The collision was caused by the negligence

of the defendants:—Held, that the plaintiff was a licensee, and, not being wrongfully where he was, was entitled to recover damages against the defendants. *Harris v. Perry & Co.*, [1903] 2 K. B. 219, and *Sievert v. Brookfield* (1905), 35 S.C.R. 494, followed. And *semble*, per *Boyd, C.*, that, in the circumstances, the defendants would not be exempt from liability, though the plaintiff was nothing else than a mere trespasser. At the trial the jury found, in answer to questions, that the plaintiff was not upon the train or platform by permission of the Pere Marquette Railway Company. The jury were not asked to find whether he was there with the permission of the trainmen in charge of the train:—Held, that it was open to the jury to find, and they should have found, upon the direct evidence as to that occasion, that the plaintiff was there with the knowledge and consent of the man conducting the backing operations, and also, on the uncontradicted evidence, that he and others had been there on many other occasions; and this was sufficient to justify a verdict for the plaintiff. At the trial, the parties consented to the Court determining any point necessary for the determination of the rights of the parties not covered by the questions submitted:—Held, that the judgment for the defendants entered upon the findings of the jury should be set aside, and judgment entered for the plaintiff for the damages assessed by the jury; the necessity for a new trial being obviated by the consent. Judgment of *Meredith, C.J.C.P.*, reversed. *Barnett v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 46, 20 O.L.R. 390.

[Affirmed in 22 O.L.R. 84, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 192; reversed in [1911] A.C. 361, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 205.]

COLLISION; INJURY TO PERSON ON TRAIN; TRESPASSER.

The Pere Marquette Railway Company, under an arrangement with the defendants, used the yard and station ground of the defendants at London. A Pere Marquette train came into the defendants' station at London, discharged its passengers, and was proceeding backwards to its destination for the night, when the plaintiff jumped on board, intending to ride a short distance towards his home. He stood upon the rear platform of a car, and was in that position when a collision took place between the train he was on and a car of the defendants, upon a "lead" of the defendants, on which the train was lawfully proceeding, by reason of the negligence of the defendants, whereby the plaintiff was injured:—Held, *Meredith, J.A.*, dissenting, that the plaintiff,

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whatever his position as regards the Pere Marquette Railway Company, whether trespasser, occupant at sufferance, or licensee, was not a trespasser upon the rights of the defendants; for the time being the defendants had no right of occupation or passage upon the place where the collision occurred; and the defendants were liable to the plaintiff in damages for the injuries caused by their negligence. Judgment of a Divisional Court, 20 O.L.R. 390, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 46, affirmed; *Barnett v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 192, 22 O.L.R. 84.

[Reversed in [1911] A.C. 361, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 205.]

COLLISION; TRESPASSER; BREACH OF DUTY.

In an action against the appellant railroad company for damages for personal injuries resulting from collision caused by the negligence of the appellants' servants it appeared that the collision took place on the property of the appellants to which the train carrying the plaintiff, which belonged to another company, had access by their leave and license. It further appeared that the plaintiff was a trespasser on the appellants' property and also on the said train, which to his knowledge was not at the time in use as a passenger train and in which he had taken up a precarious position on the platform and step of a carriage in disobedience of a by-law of both companies.—Held, that the appellants were not liable, for no breach of duty had been shown. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Barnett*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 205, [1911] A.C. 361.

TRESPASSER; USE OF PULLMAN FOR PURPOSE OF GETTING OFF TRAIN.

A passenger in a day coach who finds the ordinary mode of exit at the rear vestibule closed at his destination, and who thereupon enters the adjoining Pullman car in search of an opened vestibule, is not a trespasser as to such Pullman coach so as to disentitle him to damages for personal injuries received in alighting therefrom. *McDougall v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, (Ont.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 316, 8 D.L.R. 271.

TRANSPORTATION OF EMIGRANT; DETENTION.

Where immigrants of Chinese origin are merely passing through Canada, under a contract with a railway company for their transportation to a point or destination beyond the limits of Canada, the railway company (under the provisions of 63-64 Vict. c. 32, since repealed by 3 Edw. VII. c. 8), were justified in detaining them, and in refusing them permission to remain on Canadian territory, they not having com-

plied with the provisions of the Act 63-64 Vict. (C.), c. 32, then in force, applicable to Chinese immigrants entering Canada with intention to remain therein. In re *Wing Toy et al.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 410, Q.R. 13 K.B. 172.

DERAILMENT; RAILWAY MAIL CLERK AS PASSENGER.

The action for damages for injury caused by negligence of a common carrier of passengers is in tort. A duty is imposed by law upon a common carrier of passengers to carry them safely and securely so that no damage or injury shall happen to them by the negligence or default of the carrier. A breach of this duty is one for which an action lies which is founded on the common law, and requires not the aid of contract to support it. It is now settled by law that corporations are liable for negligence whether they derive any ultimate pecuniary benefit or not from the performance of the duty imposed on them. If the passenger be carried in performance of a contract, it is immaterial whether he himself negotiated the contract or paid the fare, or whether any fare were paid, or if paid whether it went into the pocket of the defendants. The C. & E. Railway Company were the owners of a line of railway between the city of Calgary and the town of Edmonton, but owned no rolling stock and employed no staff for the operation of the road. They entered into an agreement with the C.P.R. Co., the defendants, "for the regulation and interchange of traffic and the working of traffic over the railways of the said companies, and for the division and apportionment of tolls, rates and charges, and generally in relation to the management and working of the railways," of the two companies, whereby the defendant company agreed to operate the railway line on behalf of the C. & E. Company "with a staff and organization appointed by the C.P.R. Co. (the defendants), and to provide a service of such efficiency and speed and operate the property of the C. & E. Co. as agents for and on account of the C. & E. Co., as may be required or directed by that company or its officers." The contract also provided that the defendant company should not be required to maintain the road "below a point of efficiency necessary to the safe and proper handling of such train service, as may be required for the proper operation of the railway." All the expenses of operating the road were to be paid in the first instance by the defendant company, but were to be charged against the C. & E. Co. under a special clause in the agreement for the apportionment of the tolls and re-

cepts. The rolling stock used in operating the road bore the name of the defendant company. The officials employed in operating it wore caps indicating that they were servants of the defendant company. The defendant company sold tickets entitling the holder to travel over the C. & E. line, and issued a "Time Bill" giving the time tables of the western division of the defendant company, in which the line between Calgary and Edmonton was referred to as the "Edmonton Section," and this time bill was endorsed with the names of the leading officials of the defendant company. The plaintiff was a railway mail clerk in the employ of the Government of Canada, whose duty it was to handle and attend to the Government mail matter being carried on the C. & E. line between Calgary and Edmonton. This mail matter and the plaintiff were both carried under a contract between the Postmaster-General of Canada and the C. & E. Co., and the C. & E. Co. received from the Government of Canada the moneys paid for carrying the mail matter, and no part of such money was received by the defendant company. While being carried on a train on the C. & E. line towards Edmonton, the plaintiff was injured by the derailment of the train, which fell into a ravine, and he brought action for damages against the defendants:—Held, that plaintiff being lawfully in the mail car with the knowledge and consent of the defendants, and a passenger under the charge and care of the defendants, of which there was evidence to go to the jury, a duty was imposed upon the defendants to carry him safely and securely, so that by their negligence or default no injury should happen to him; that for a breach of this duty an action would lie independently of any contract, and that the question whether or not the defendant company received a reward for carrying the plaintiff did not affect the rights of the parties:—Held, also, against the contention that the defendant company were merely agents for the C. & E. Co., and that the officials and workmen operating the road were the servants, not of the defendants, but of the C. & E. Co., and that the latter company, if anyone, were responsible; that there was evidence to shew that the officials and workmen were the servants of the defendant company, and that the defendant company were not merely agents but were independent contractors:—Held, also, against the contention that the defendants were the agents of the C. & E. Co. in operating the road, and were, therefore, liable only for a misfeasance but not for a nonfeasance; that the omission to take proper care in respect to

the condition of the bridge, and the track, and the running a train over the track and bridge while in an unsafe condition, would be a misfeasance and not a nonfeasance, and that, therefore, even if the defendants were merely agents of the C. & E. Co. they would still be liable. *Kenny v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 474, 5 Terr. L.R. 420.

C. Ejection from Train.

EJECTION OF PASSENGER; REFUSAL TO PAY FARE.

By s. 248 of the General Railway Act, 51 Vict. c. 29, any passenger on a railway train who refuses to pay his fare may be put off the train:—Held, reversing the decision of the Court of Appeal, 20 A.R. 476, and of the Queen's Bench Division, 22 O.R. 667, *Fournier, J.*, dissenting, that the contract between the person buying a railway ticket and the company on whose line it is intended to be used, implies that such ticket shall be produced and delivered up to the conductor of the train on which such person travels, and if he is put off a train for refusing or being unable so to produce and deliver it up, the company is not liable to an action for such ejection. 20 A.R. (Ont.) 476, affirming 22 O.R. 667, reversed. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Beaver*, 22 Can. S.C.R. 498.

[Leave to appeal to Privy Council refused, 23 Can. Gaz. 320. See *Quebec Central Ry. Co. v. Lortie*, 22 Can. S.C.R. 336; *Jones v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 18 Can. S.C.R. 696; *Oldright v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 22 A.R. (Ont.) 286, post 848; *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Chalifoux*, 22 Can. S.C.R. 721; *Haist v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 26 O.R. 19, 22 A.R. (Ont.) 504.]

EJECTION OF DRUNKEN PASSENGER.

The deceased was a passenger on the defendants' train from Detroit to Buffalo. Between Detroit and Bridgeburg he drank heavily, and when near Bridgeburg began to annoy passengers, and the conductor compelled him to leave the train at that station, which was 700 feet from the end of the International Railway Bridge over the Niagara River, and the deceased, who was not given into the charge of anybody, being intoxicated, strayed after the train on which his luggage remained, and fell over the bridge and was drowned. It would have been easy to have taken care of deceased and to have prevented him interfering with the passengers. At Bridgeburg the train was only 5 minutes' run from the City of Black Rock, and only 20

minutes' run from Buffalo. Held, that the defendant company were liable for the death of the deceased. *Held*, that the defendant company were liable for the death of the deceased. *Held*, that the defendant company were liable for the death of the deceased.

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DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

TRAMWAY.

A passenger on a Buffalo street car was thrown from the car by the driver. The passenger was injured. The driver was liable for the injury. *Held*, that the driver was liable for the injury.

RIGHT OF WAY.

The plaintiff was injured by the defendant's train. The defendant was liable for the injury. *Held*, that the defendant was liable for the injury.

minutes' run from Buffalo, its destination:—Held, that the defendants were liable, inasmuch as the act of the deceased was what it might reasonably be expected that a man in his condition would do upon being put off the train when and where he was put off, and that the damages were not too remote. *Delahanty v. Michigan Central Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 311, 7 O.L.R. 690.

[Reversed in 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 451, 10 O.L.R. 388, 6 O.W.R. 252.]

DISORDERLY PASSENGER; EXPULSION FROM TRAIN; DROWNING WHILE FOLLOWING TRAIN.

A passenger travelling from Detroit to Buffalo on defendants' train, who was somewhat excited from liquor, but physically capable of taking care of himself, was guilty of several disorderly acts, amongst others of molesting fellow-passengers. He was put off the train at Bridgeburg, a station near the Canadian end of the International Railway Bridge crossing the Niagara River, and about a mile distant from his destination. He followed the train on foot and after a scuffle with the bridge guard jumped or fell off the bridge into the river and was drowned:—Held, that the defendants were justified in putting him off the train, and were neither obliged to put him under restraint and carry him to Buffalo, nor to place him in charge of some one at Bridgeburg. On the evidence it was impossible to say whether deceased fell off the bridge accidentally or threw himself off; or that his death was the natural or probable result of his being removed from the train:—Held, also, that there was no evidence of any negligence on the part of the defendants to be submitted to a jury. Judgment of Britton, J., 7 O.L.R. 690, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 311, reversed. *Delahanty v. Michigan Central Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 451, 10 O.L.R. 388.

RIGHT TO PARTICULAR SEAT; AUTHORITY OF CONDUCTOR; SMOKING CAR.

The plaintiff, Brazeau, entered a smoking car of the defendant company and took a vacant seat although told by the persons sitting near that it was taken and vacated temporarily. Upon his refusing to vacate the seat after having been, by the conductor, twice required to do so, the conductor removed him forcibly without using unnecessary force and placed him in the passageway pointing him to vacant seats:—Held, (1) That the plaintiff could not recover damages for an assault or removal from the seat; the conductor having full authority to determine what seat a pas-

enger is to occupy. (2) That railway companies are not bound to furnish smoking cars or any particular description of car beyond what the passenger's ticket calls for. *Brazeau v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 477, 11 O.W.R. 136.

EJECTION FROM TRAIN; THREATS AND FORCE; TRESPASSER.

The respondent (plaintiff) while leaving a train of the appellants (defendants), on which he and one Sharpe had been stealing a ride, met with an accident by falling from the train, resulting in the loss of his right arm. The plaintiff said that the conductor did not touch him, but used threatening language in ordering him off the train, while the witness Egerton stated that the conductor put the plaintiff off the train by force. The conductor and witnesses called for the defendants gave evidence that no physical force was used, the conductor denied speaking to the plaintiff. The jury found that the defendants were to blame because the conductor had no right to put them (the plaintiff and Sharpe) off the train while moving and assessed the damages to the plaintiff at \$2,000. A new trial was ordered by the Court of Appeal on the following grounds; (1) the damages were excessive; (2) the verdict was against the weight of evidence, and (3) on account of the uncertainty as to the meaning of the answers of the jury. Meredith, J.A., dissenting. Per Osler, J.A.:—But for the evidence of Egerton the action should have been dismissed. Upon appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada the order for a new trial was affirmed. Fitzpatrick, C.J., and Davies, J., dissenting. Per Anglin, J.:—Putting aside the evidence of Egerton, the case involves two questions of fact, which should be submitted to the jury. (1) Did the plaintiff leave the moving train under compulsion of the conductor's order, having reasonable ground for believing that if he did not obey, he would be put off by physical force? (2) Having regard to the circumstances, the place at which the train was given and the speed at which the train was moving, was the conduct of the conductor in giving this order proper and reasonable? Per Anglin and Duff, J.J.:—The evidence as to the rate of speed was distinctly conflicting, and was not such that "only one conclusion can be drawn." The power conferred by Rule 817 O.J.A. is discretionary, and, where the Court of Appeal has declined to exercise it, a second appellate tribunal should only interfere in a very extreme case. Per Fitzpatrick, C.J., dissenting:—No appeal lies in this case from the exercise of judicial discretion within s. 45 of the Supreme Court Act and from which there is

no appeal. *Toronto Ry. Co. v. McKay*, *Cout. Cas. 419*. Per *Davies, J.*, dissenting:—The appeal should be allowed and the action dismissed. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Lloyd Brown*, 12 *Can. Ry. Cas. 228*.

D. Injuries to Passengers.

INJURY TO PASSENGER; DERAILMENT.

Held, reversing the judgments of the Superior Court and Court of Queen's Bench for (L.C.), that where the breaking of a rail is shewn to be due to the severity of the climate and the suddenly great variation of the degrees of temperature, and not to any want of care or skill upon the part of the railway company in the selection, testing, laying and use of such rail, the company is not liable in damages to a passenger injured by the derailment of a train through the breaking of such rail. *Fournier, J.*, dissenting, on the ground that as the accident was caused by a latent defect in the rail in use, the company was responsible. *Mont. L.R. 2 S.C. 171*, *Mont. L.R. 3 Q.B. 324*, reversed; *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Chalifoux*, 22 *Can. S.C.R. 721*, 24 *C.L.J. 501*.

[Applied in *Guinea v. Campbell*, *Q.R. 22 S.C. 261*; referred to in *Quebec & Lake St. John Ry. Co. v. Duquet*, *Q.R. 14 K.B. 484*; *Quebec Central Ry. Co. v. Lortie*, 22 *Can. S.C.R. 343*.]

NEGLECT IN ALIGHTING; TRAIN LONGER THAN PLATFORM.

L. was the holder of a ticket and a passenger on the company's train from Levis to Ste. Marie, Beuce. When the train arrived at Ste. Marie station, the car upon which L. had been travelling was some distance from the station platform, the train being longer than the platform, and L., fearing that the car would not be brought up to the station, the time for stopping having nearly elapsed, got out at the end of the car, and, the distance to the ground from the steps being about two feet and a half, in so doing he fell and broke his leg, which had to be amputated. The action was for \$5,000 damages, alleging negligence and want of proper accommodation. The defence was contributory negligence. Upon the evidence the Superior Court, whose judgment was affirmed by the Court of Queen's Bench, gave judgment in favour of L. for the whole amount. On appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada:—Held, reversing the judgments of the Courts below, that in the exercise of ordinary care, L. could have safely gained the platform by passing through the car forward, and that the accident was wholly attributable to

his own default in alighting as he did, and therefore he could not recover; *Fournier, J.*, dissenting. *Quebec Central Ry. Co. v. Lortie*, 22 *Can. S.C.R. 336*.

[Referred to in *Guay v. Can. North. Ry. Co.*, 15 *Man. L.R. 279*.]

PASSENGER ALIGHTING FROM TRAIN WHERE NO PLATFORM.

If there is a platform at a railway station, the railway company is bound to bring the passenger car of a train stopping there up to the platform to permit passengers to step down on it in alighting, or to provide some other safe means for passengers to alight. The plaintiff was a passenger on one of defendants' trains. On stopping at the station where she wished to get off, the train was left so that the car in which the plaintiff was, stood entirely behind the station platform. The conductor having offered plaintiff his hand to assist her in alighting, she took it and jumped to the ground, three feet below. The ground at that point sloped slightly downwards from the track and was slippery with snow or ice. The plaintiff received serious injury in consequence of the jump. She was two months advanced in pregnancy, was very unwell for the next six days and then had a miscarriage, from which she suffered great weakness for a considerable time. Plaintiff did not know at the time she jumped that there was a platform at the station:—Held, (1) The defendants were liable in damages for the injury suffered by plaintiff, as the conductor had been guilty of negligence. (2) The plaintiff was not bound to disclose her pregnancy to the conductor, so that he might know that special care was necessary in aiding her to alight. *Guay v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 15 *Man. L.R. 275*.

COLLISION; NEGLIGENCE OF CONDUCTOR.

While the plaintiff was being conveyed as a passenger on a car of the defendants, he was injured in consequence of the car being run into from behind by another car on the same track. The motorman and conductor of the other car had, contrary to the express rules of the company, exchanged places, and the conductor in operating the car, either through negligence or incompetence, allowed the collision to take place:—Held, that the negligence of the motorman in abandoning his post to the conductor was the effective cause of the accident, and that the defendants were liable in damages for the injury to the plaintiff, although the conductor, whose act was the immediate cause of the accident, was not acting within the scope of his employment at the time. *Engelhart*

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(*Wright v. Midland Ry. Co.* (1873), L.R. 8 Ex. 137; *Thomas v. Rhymney Ry. Co.* (1871), L.R. 6 Q.B. 266, and *Taylor Manchester, etc., Ry. Co.*, [1895] 1 Q.B. 134, followed. *Vance v. G.T.P. Ry. Co.* (1910), 17 O.W.R. 1000, distinguished.)

NEGLECTANCE IN MANNER OF RUNNING TRAINS;
ORDINARY INCIDENT IN RAILWAY TRAVELLING.

Plaintiff was a passenger by a night train on the defendant company's railway between Montreal and Toronto. After retiring to the berth assigned to her—an upper one—she endeavoured to make some change in the manner in which the berth was made up. She next tried to reach the other end of the berth from the inside, but, just as she leaned to the inside of the car, there was a violent lurch and jerk which threw her into the middle of the passage way, on her back, inflicting severe injuries. On the trial of the action brought by plaintiff to recover damages for the injuries sustained by her, the learned trial Judge withdrew the case from the jury for the reasons (1) that there was no evidence of negligence on the part of the defendant, and (2) that the plaintiff's evidence was consistent with the view that her own efforts to better her condition, in her fear arising from the motion of the car, resulted in the accident:—Held, there being doubt as to the proper inference to be deduced from the facts in proof, there being two reasonable but different views that might be taken, that the case was improperly withdrawn from the jury, and plaintiff was entitled to an order for a new trial with costs:—Held, that, apart from the question of plaintiff's negligence in attempting to turn in her berth, or the occasion for making such a change, there was evidence for the jury of negligence on the part of defendant. Seemable, that a train should not be managed in such a way, whether by excessive speed in going around curves or otherwise, that a passenger should be thrown from the berth by the swaying and lurching of the car, this being not at all an ordinary incident in railway travelling. *Smith v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 231, 34 N.S.R. 22.

[Reversed in 31 Can. S.C.R. 367, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 255; followed in *Loughheed v. Hamilton*, 1 A.L.R. 17, 7 W.L.R. 204; referred to in *Jackson v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 1 Sask. L.R. 88.]

NEGLECTANCE; INJURY TO PASSENGERS IN SLEEPING BERTH.

S., an elderly lady, was travelling on a train of the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. from Montreal to Toronto. While in a sleeping berth at night, believing that she was riding with her back to the engine she tried to turn around in her berth, and the car going around a curve at the time she was thrown out on to the floor and injured her back. On the trial of an action against the company for damages it was not shewn that the speed of the train was excessive or that there was any defect in the roadbed at the place where the accident occurred to which it could be attributed:—Held, reversing the judgment of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, that the accident could not be attributed to any negligence of the servants of the company which would make it liable in damages to S. therefor. *The Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Smith*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 255, 31 Can. S.C.R. 367.

FALLING FROM PLATFORM OF VESTIBULE CAR;
MOVING TRAIN.

Railway companies are not insurers of their passengers. Where a passenger while passing through a vestibule from one car to another on a moving train fell from the platform through a door partially opened by some unknown means and was killed:—Held, that there was no evidence from which the jury might reasonably have inferred negligence on the part of the defendants, causing the accident, and the defendants were entitled to a non-suit. *Campbell v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 258.

[Inapplicable in *Bell v. Winnipeg Electric Street Ry. Co.*, 15 Man. L.R. 344.]

NEGLECTANCE IN STOPPING TRAIN; OPPORTUNITY TO ALIGHT.

A railway company which has undertaken to carry a passenger to a station on its line must stop its train at that station long enough to give the passenger a reasonable opportunity of getting off. If the train stops and the passenger, after making reasonable efforts to do so, is unable to get off before it starts again, and jumps off and is injured, the company is liable in damages; provided, however, that when the passenger jumps off the train is not moving at such a rate of speed as to make the danger of jumping obvious to a person of reasonable intelligence. *Keith v. Ottawa and New York Ry. Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 23, 3 O.L.R. 265.

[Affirmed in 5 O.L.R. 116, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 26.]

ALIGHTING FROM TRAIN WHILE IN MOTION; NEGLIGENCE; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

The fact of a passenger getting off a train while it is in motion is not necessarily negligence. In every case it is a question to be decided by the jury whether the passenger acted as a reasonable man would do under the circumstances. Where a train, scheduled to stop at a named station, did not on arriving there stop a sufficient length of time to enable the passengers to get off, and a passenger in attempting to do so, after the train had started again, fell and was injured, and it was found by the jury on the evidence that he acted as a reasonable man would do under the circumstances, the Court declined to interfere with the finding. *Keith v. The Ottawa and New York Ry. Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 26, 5 O.L.R. 116.

[Referred to in *Simpson v. Toronto and York Radial Ry. Co.*, 16 O.L.R. 31; applied in *McDougall v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 316, 8 D.L.R. 271.]

DEFECTIVE DOOR APPLIANCES; INJURY TO CHILD PASSENGER.

The plaintiff, a boy four years of age, with his parents, was being carried as a passenger on a steam-boat of the defendants. The child and his mother were in a house on the boat's deck, leading from which out on to the deck were doors fitted with appliances intended to keep them fastened back, when they should happen to be flung wide open. While the plaintiff was in the act of passing through one of the door-ways to get out on the deck to his father, the door swung to and jammed his fingers, so that the tips of some of them had to be amputated. The plaintiff's father and elder brother swore that the fastening of the door was out of order, and would not hold it back. There was evidence to shew that the doors of the house were frequently being opened and shut by passengers and others, and that a very few minutes before the accident a passenger had gone through the door-way in question, leaving the door on the swing. It was also proved that the fastenings had been put on the door in order to hold them open in warm weather for the purpose of ventilation. In an action on the case for negligence brought on the part of the plaintiff by his father as his next friend against the company to recover damages for the injury above mentioned:—Held, that there was no duty cast upon the defendant company to provide the doors with the appliances mentioned or to maintain them in good working order; and, even if they were,

the evidence went to shew that the proximate cause of the accident was the act of the passenger in leaving the door on the swing, for which the company could not be held liable. *Cormier v. Dominion Atlantic Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 304, 36 N.B.R. 10.

CROWDED TRAINS; STANDING ON PLATFORM; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

The plaintiff when travelling by a train of the defendants was forced by overcrowding to resort to the platform outside one of the cars, and for better protection sat down on the second step, and while so sitting was thrust out by a swerve of the train, which made the people standing on the platform press up against him suddenly. This caused him to lose his balance, and one of his legs protruding, was struck by some fixture on the track, and he sustained injuries:—Held, that the defendants were liable. *Burris v. Pere Marquette Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 251, 9 O.L.R. 259.

[*Metropolitan Ry. Co. v. Jackson* (1877) 3 App. Cas. 193, specially referred to.]

LATENT DEFECT IN WHEEL OF CAR; DERAILMENT.

The plaintiff brought this action for injury sustained by her owing to the breaking of a flange in the hind wheel of a car of the defendants, on which she was a passenger, on the occasion of an excursion, causing partial derailment and her violent ejection. The flange broke because of an inherent defect in the shape of an airhole at the time of the manufacture of the wheel. The defendants did not shew what tests had been applied by the manufacturers of the wheel, or what could be done to detect the flaw; neither did they shew that they themselves made any proper examination of the wheel before using it:—Held, that the defendants had failed adequately to discharge their duty of examining thoroughly and skillfully the equipment furnished for the excursion and were liable. *Judgment of Clute, J.*, affirmed. *Gaiser v. Niagara St. Catharines and Toronto Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 266, 19 O.L.R. 31.

ABSENCE OF FACILITY FOR ALIGHTING; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

Plaintiff was a passenger lawfully on a passenger train of a railway company. On arriving at her destination the train stopped, the name of the place was announced, and the plaintiff, finding the door of the car open, went out and stepped off, expecting to step on the platform, but there being no platform she fell four feet and was injured. It was late at night, very dark, and no lights

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were provided, and the plaintiff was unfamiliar with the surroundings:—Held, that under the Railway Act it was the duty of the company to provide proper facilities for passengers alighting from their trains. (2) That the announcement of the station, the stopping of the train, and the open door, constituted an invitation to the plaintiff to alight, and an intimation that she might alight safely, and no warning being given the company was guilty of negligence if the passenger, without contributory negligence, did not alight safely. (3) That under the circumstances the defendant was entitled to alight, and there was no contributory negligence in not satisfying herself that there was a platform to alight upon. *Wray v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 196, 3 Sask. L.R. 42.

INJURY TO PASSENGER CROSSING TRACKS AT STATION.

The plaintiff sued the Wabash and Grand Trunk railway companies to recover damages for injury caused to her by a train of the Wabash company, at the Belle River railway station. The railway was owned by the Grand Trunk company, the Wabash company having running rights over it. The plaintiff was a passenger on a Grand Trunk train, and alighted at the Belle River station for the purpose of going to the village. There were two tracks, running east and west, and the plaintiff was on the platform on the north side of the two tracks, which she had to cross in a southerly direction to reach the village. At the easterly end of the station platform was a sidewalk and pathway for foot-passengers, but this pathway where it crossed the railway right of way was not a public highway, but the private property of the Grand Trunk company. The Grand Trunk train by which the plaintiff had arrived was on the southerly track, and the plaintiff was standing just clear of the north track, waiting for that train to proceed easterly before she attempted to cross. As the last car reached the crossing, she stepped upon the north track, in front of a Wabash train approaching from the east, and sustained the injuries complained of. There was nothing to obstruct the view from the platform to the approaching Wabash train, and warning of its approach had been given by whistling. The jury found negligence on the part of both companies—the Grand Trunk, because “they should have taken more care of the passengers on account of the train being late”; and the Wabash, because they “did not take proper precautions knowing that the Grand Trunk train was late.”—Held, that the action was properly dismissed by the trial Judge, whether as upon a nonsuit because there

was no evidence of negligence on the part of the defendants, or either of them, or upon the findings of the jury, in effect negating negligence other than as found by them, and they having found no act of negligence which caused the injury. Judgment of Middleton, J., affirmed. Per Riddell, J. That it was properly ruled at the trial that the station-master's statement after the accident was not admissible as evidence against the defendants: *Wilson v. Botsford-Jenks Co.* (1902), 1 O.W.R. 101.—Held, also, per curiam, that a new trial should not be ordered. Per Mulock, C.J.:—That there was no reason to suppose that upon a new trial the evidence would be different; and no exception could be taken to the charge, the Judge having instructed the jury that, if they found negligence causing the accident, they must go further and find the particular act of negligence which caused the accident. Per Riddell, J.:—That it would be improper to send the case back for a new trial on the supposition that another jury might find some specific act of negligence which the former jury could not. *Coolidge v. Toronto Ry. Co.* (1907), 10 O.W.R. 739. *Semble*, per Riddell, J.:—That, even if negligence had been proved against the defendants, the plaintiff could not recover, for everything proved was consistent with the plaintiff's own negligence, and there was nothing to contraindicate it. *Antaya v. Wabash Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 448, 24 O.L.R. 88.

DUTY TO CLOSE VESTIBULE DOOR; FINDING AS TO NEGLIGENCE.

Upon a question of fact, as to whether the rear vestibule and trap doors of a day car of a railway train, on which ear the plaintiff was riding, were closed while the train was standing at a certain station; where the jury balances the probabilities, (a) on the testimony of the defendant company's conductor and brakeman for the negative and (b) on that of the plaintiff and a disinterested witness for the affirmative, and finds on that point for the plaintiff, such finding is within the jury's province and will not be disturbed. *McDougall v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, (Ont.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 316, 8 D.L.R. 271.

INJURY TO PASSENGER; HOTELKEEPER; CONVEYANCE OF GUEST FROM STATION; HIRE OF OMBUS.

Barker v. Pollock, 4 W.L.R. 327 (Terr.).

INJURY TO PASSENGER WHILE ATTEMPTING TO BOARD CAR; FINDINGS OF JURY; EVIDENCE; DAMAGES.

D'Eye v. Toronto Ry. Co., 3 O.W.N. 38, 20 O.W.R. 5.

CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE; CAR LEAVING TRACK; PASSENGER JUMPING FROM CAR.

Shea v. Halifax and S.W. Railway, 3 E.L.R. 431 (N.S.).

Note on duties and liabilities of carriers of passengers. 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 292.

Note on carrier's duty to protect passengers. 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 96.

Note on carriers of passengers and duties toward passengers alighting from cars. 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 37.

Note on liability of carrier for injuries to passengers riding on platform. 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 258.

Note on duty of carriers to provide accommodation for passengers. 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 427.

Note on transportation of immigrants. 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 416.

Note on liability of carrier for injuries inflicted by fellow-passenger. 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 448.

Note on liability of carrier for injuries to passenger or licensee. 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 64, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 200, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 491.

Note on licensees and trespassers. 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 245.

Note on evidence of negligence in carrying passengers. 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 269.

Review of cases on negligence. 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 316.

CARS.

For statutory height of cars passing under overhead bridge, see Bridges.

TANK CAR EQUIPMENT.

Upon an application that the railway company be required to provide adequate and suitable tank car equipment for the transportation of finished product of the applicant from its works at Wallaceburg to points in Canada. The railway company had made an agreement with the applicant to supply the equipment when required:—

Held, that under the provisions of section 1 of 8 and 9 Edw. VII. c. 32, the Board has jurisdiction to require and direct the railway company to supply the equipment, from time to time, when ordered by the applicant. *Empire Refining Co. v. Pere Marquette Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 158.

DOMESTIC SOFT COAL; OPEN AND BOX CARS; ACCUMULATION OF SNOW AND ICE; DELAY IN MAKING CONNECTIONS.

Complaint against the system of transporting domestic soft coal in open cars instead of box cars, and delay in making

collections from railway companies for shortages. The applicant complained that he suffered loss and damage from pilferage, leakage, snow and ice accumulating on the top of the coal, for which he had to pay as coal at an increased cost, and waste by having to throw the coal into the sheds over the side of the open cars, thus breaking the coal, instead of wheeling it from box cars. The respondents contended that they had used their best endeavours to supply box cars for the transportation of coal and had largely succeeded. That if dealers placed large orders for shipment during the spring and summer there would be no difficulty in furnishing box or stock cars, instead of these shipments being made in October, when every available box car was needed for the carriage of bulk grain to the head of the lakes, and in the movement of stock; that other railway companies engaged in carrying coal for domestic use and the respondents for their own employed open cars. That open cars could be much more easily loaded and unloaded than box cars at mines and sheds equipped with modern devices. That the applicant's contention that he was charged for the accumulation of snow and ice as coal was not correct because the freight tolls were assessed on the weights at the mines from the track scales controlled by the shippers; that no material loss had been noticed owing to the use of open cars for coal shipments:—Held, (1) That from the letters submitted by the applicant there was no evidence of the percentage of open cars received by dealers. (2) That certain dealers had always been able to get their coal transported in box cars. (3) That it might work greater injustice to the general public requiring the railway companies' equipment, to compel railway companies to furnish box cars for coal shipments, than if the Board left the dealers to their remedy under the bills of lading. (4) That under the new form of bill of lading the railway companies were liable for the losses of the kind referred to in the complaint and s. 3 expressly placed upon the railway companies the burden of proving that they were free from negligence. (5) That it had not been shewn that the railway companies had neglected to furnish box cars for this traffic when these were obtainable. (6) That this application had been dealt with upon the assumption that this commodity moved more safely in box cars; it had been shewn that the railway companies used their utmost endeavours to supply such cars, that open cars were supplied only when box cars are not available, and the railway companies assumed the risk arising from coal being lost

in transit or injured by the elements when carried in open cars. (7) That the Board must decline to make any general order. *Brown v. Canadian Pacific and Canadian Northern Ry. Cos.*, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 152.

CAR SHORTAGE; INITIAL OR ORIGINATING RAILWAY.

Complaint against respondents of unjust discrimination for refusing to supply cars for shipment of traffic from Collingwood to Winnipeg via North Bay although willing to supply foreign cars for this traffic via Chicago. It appeared that at the time of the occurrence there was a car shortage throughout Ontario, and to protect its Canadian local traffic, and preserve sufficient equipment the respondent was compelled to secure from connecting lines foreign empties that might be required for loading on said lines:—Held (1) That the complaint should be dismissed; no unjust discrimination having been shewn. (2) That a manufacturer located on one line of railway is not entitled to as good transportation facilities as if located at a point where there were two or three connecting lines. (3) That in times of car shortage it is the privilege and duty of a railway company to retain its equipment so as to properly take care of traffic on its own lines. (4) That assuming the respondent was endeavouring to take care of the traffic on its own lines, the applicant was not entitled to compel it to furnish its own cars to move the traffic along the route desired. (5) That it has been well settled that an initial or originating railway company is entitled to as long a haul on its own lines as might be reasonable. *Imperial Steel & Wire Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 395.

[*Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Nelson & Fort Sheppard Ry. Co.*, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 400; *Plymouth, Devonport & South Western Junction Ry. Co. v. Great Western Ry. Co.*, 10 Ry. & C. Tr. Cas. 68, and *Riddle v. Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Ry. Co.*, 1 I.C.C.R. 374, followed.]

DUTY TO FURNISH CARS; TRANSPORTATION; TRAFFIC FACILITIES; JOINT TARIFF.

Memorandum by Chief Commissioner Killam, as regards the variation in the order of the Board directing the re-establishment of the former joint tariff for traffic from Salmo and Ymir, B.C., to points on the Canadian Pacific Railway, and the duty of each railway company to furnish accommodation and facilities for the receipt and transportation of traffic upon its own line, either by interchanging cars, or transshipping the goods. *Can. Pac. Ry. Co. v. Nel-*

son & Fort Sheppard Ry. Co., 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 400.

[Followed in *Imperial Steel, etc., Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 396.]

BOX AND FLAT OR OPEN; STAKES AND FASTENINGS; WEIGHT ALLOWANCE.

An application to direct the respondent association to reimburse shippers for the expense sustained in equipping flat cars with stakes and fastenings. By the existing tariffs a weight allowance of 500 lbs. is made in favour of the shipper by the respondent association:—Held, (1) That on the evidence it would be impossible to fix an average weight allowance applicable throughout Canada. (2) That under sub-ss. 2 and 3 of s. 284, the Board has discretion in passing on questions of accommodation under which questions of carriage arise. (3) That the Board could consider traffic conditions, peculiar circumstances, and whether it was physically possible for the railway company to supply permanent stakes and fastenings. (4) That in shipments in flat or open cars an allowance of 500 lbs. should be made for stakes and fastenings supplied by the shipper and no freight should be charged thereon. *Canadian Manufacturers' Association v. Canadian Freight Association*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 27.

[*National Wholesale Lumber Dealers' Association v. Atlantic Coast Line Ry. Co.*, 14 I.C.C.R. 157, at pp. 157-162, referred to.]

REFRIGERATOR AND BOX; HEATING; CARLOAD WEIGHT.

Application for a reduction in the minimum C.L. weight of musical instruments from 12,000 to 10,000 lbs., or, in the alternative, that the respondent be directed to install oil heaters in box cars for shipment of musical instruments during the winter months. The applicant claimed that it was necessary to prevent injury; that pianos shipped to the West in the winter months should be carried either in a refrigerator car or in a box car with a special heater. Some railway companies had put special heaters into box cars for shipment of pianos to the West during winter months, but this practice had been prohibited. Pianos, a bulky commodity, were shipped standing upright in one tier because of their fragile nature, thus much space was lost in the car. Sixteen pianos could be shipped in a box car of more than the minimum weight of 12,000 lbs., while in a refrigerator car only ten pianos could be shipped, weighing less than 10,000 lbs. The respondent submitted that

these heaters were dangerous, the goods of the shippers and rolling stock had been destroyed by fires originating from them, and their use involved additional expense for examination at divisional points:—Held, (1) That the Board had no jurisdiction to make an order under s. 317 (3), par. (c), of the Act. (2) That under the circumstances the minimum carload weight of 12,000 lbs. is not unreasonable and the application should be dismissed. *Canadian Piano and Organ Manufacturers' Association v. Canadian Freight Association*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 22.

SHIPPING SYSTEM; TARE OF CARS; ABSORPTION OF MOISTURE.

Application directing the respondents to continue the allowances for blocking, dunnage and temporary racks, and that the railway companies' weighmen should not be allowed to estimate by guesswork the allowances to cover the weight of accumulated ice, snow or refuse which may be in or upon the car. The respondents, who had for many years made certain allowances from track scale weights to rectify any variation in the tare of cars or increased weight thereof caused by reason of the absorption of moisture and the accumulation of snow, ice and refuse, filed new tariffs doing away with the former allowances for blocking, dunnage and temporary racks. The question for consideration was whether these regulations should be modified by the carriers, and whether in the past they had been reasonable or burdensome upon them:—Held, (1) That although the weighing system had been much improved, if some arbitrary allowances could not be agreed upon between the parties for the accumulation of snow, ice and refuse, some other system would have to be devised than that proposed. (2) That before the proposed tariffs were made effective the applicants and respondents should have a further conference and then the Board would dispose of all matters the parties had been unable to adjust. *Canadian Manufacturers', etc., Associations v. Canadian Freight Association, etc.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 3.

SHIPPING SYSTEM; SUITABLE ACCOMMODATION; CARRIAGE OF MEAT.

Application directing the respondent to furnish an adequate supply of cars suitably equipped for the carriage of fresh meat and packing house products and to disallow the increase in rates. The respondent neglected to supply cars with cross pieces in the top so that the shipper might hang his meat to hooks inserted in them. On the 3rd October, 1910, the respondent issued a tariff effective on 10th October, granting certain commod-

ity rates on the commodities in question. This tariff remained in effect until 1st August, 1911, when a supplement was filed more than doubling the rates and raising the minimum C.L. weight from 17,000 to 20,000 lbs. It was said that these charges were made in error and that they should have been upon a mileage basis at 9 cents per 100 lbs.:—Held, (1) that suitable accommodation for carrying the traffic under s. 284 of the Act included furnishing cross pieces in the top of the car for the shipper to put his hooks in for his meat. (2) That the tariff of 1st August, 1911, should be cancelled and the tariff of 10th October, 1910, reinstated and should remain in effect for at least one year, and during that time if the respondent can show that the tariff is not fair or remunerative, an opportunity will be given it to increase the rates. (3) That the Board had no jurisdiction to order a refund. *Vancouver-Prince Rupert Meat Co. v. Great Northern Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 15.

CAR SERVICE RULES; DETENTION OF REFRIGERATOR CARS FOR STORAGE PURPOSES.

Application by the Canadian Freight Association to revise the charges provided by the Car Service Rules with reference to refrigerator cars. The association proposed to leave the charge, as at present, for the first two days at \$1.00 per car per day after the expiration of the 48 hours free time; but to charge for the next two days \$3.00 per car per day or fraction thereof; and for each succeeding day thereafter \$4.00 per car per day or fraction thereof. With the object of obtaining the benefit of the cold or warm storage at the nominal charge of \$1.00 per car per day until the contents of cars were disposed of, consignees have been holding perishable freight loaded in refrigerator cars very frequently from 10 to 15 days, commonly 20 days, and in various cases over a month. The said charge of \$1.00 was cheaper than that in any other cold storage warehouse in Winnipeg or any other city in the west:—Held, (1) that cars were transportation facilities, not a portion of the warehousing premises of the consignee leased from a railway at a nominal rental. (2) That such undue detention of cars for storage purposes was contrary to the public interest and a hardship where refrigerator cars were required. (3) That s. 6 of the bill of lading in use by carriers should be sufficient to enable them to deal with the matter. (4) That though it appeared that a grievance existed, the Board should not take any action or make any direction until it was affirmatively shewn that the matter could not be adequately dealt with under the said section. *Canadian Freight Association v. Winnipeg Board of Trade and Canadian*

Manufacturers' Association, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 122.

EQUIPMENT OF FREIGHT CARS; FOREIGN CARS INTERCHANGED.

Sub-s. 5 of s. 264 of the Railway Act which requires "all box freight cars of [a railway] company" to be equipped with outside ladders on the ends and sides thereof, applies only to cars owned by the defendant company and not to those of a railway company operating in the United States, that were received by the defendant in interchange of traffic under s. 317 of the Railway Act. *Stone v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, (Ont.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 61, 4 D.L.R. 789.

[Reversed in 13 D.L.R. 93, 47 Can. S.C.R. 634.]

EQUIPMENT OF FOREIGN FREIGHT CARS.

Notwithstanding that s. 261 (1) of the Railway Act requires every railway company to provide cars with couplers coupling by impact, that can be uncoupled without the necessity of men going between the ends of cars, the fact that a car, which in the interchange of traffic, under s. 317 of the Railway Act was received from and was owned by a railway company operating in the United States, had an operating lever on its coupling device which was shorter than those on cars owned by the defendant, is not a defect so as to render the defendant liable for injuries sustained by a brakeman while attempting to couple it, since cars with short levers were constantly being received and passed in the ordinary course of inspection. *Stone v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, (Ont.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 61, 4 D.L.R. 789.

[Reversed in 13 D.L.R. 93, 47 Can. S.C.R. 634.]

EQUIPMENT OF FOREIGN CARS; COUPLERS; SHORT LEVERS.

For a railway company to haul a box freight car owned by a foreign company, which was equipped with a coupling lever so short that it could not be operated without going between the ends of the cars, is a violation of s. 264 (1) of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, requiring all freight cars to be equipped with couplers that can be uncoupled without the necessity of men going between the ends of the cars. *Stone v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 47 Can. S.C.R. 634, 13 D.L.R. 93.

[*Stone v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 4 D.L.R. 789, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 61, 3 O.W.N. 973, 26 O.L.R. 121, reversed.]

EMBARGO ON CARS OF ANOTHER RAILWAY.

The Railway Commission may order discontinued an embargo placed by a railway

against receiving, for interswitching delivery, upon private sidings of their line, the loaded cars of another railway from stations on such other railway, if taken merely as a means whereby to recover cars of the railway placing such embargo located along the line of the railway from which the shipments originated, where there were at the points of shipments no cars belonging to the railway seeking to enforce such embargo available for the use of the shippers affected thereby. *Marchand Sand Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 224.

BOX AND ORE CARS; ABSORPTION OF MOISTURE.

Box cars are suitable—in many cases necessary—for ore traffic, and must be supplied where required, since the extra weight in open dump cars used for carrying ore, caused by absorption of moisture in wet weather or winter time, would make the toll prohibitive. The duty of a railway in furnishing adequate facilities for traffic includes supplying cars for business originating on its lines in Canada, independently of whether or not box cars are received from the United States waiting to be unloaded and returned, and it is neither necessary nor desirable to hold any particular cars exclusively for Canadian traffic. *Iron Mountain, etc. v. Great Northern Ry. Co.*, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 311.

CATTLE.

See Fences and Cattle Guards; Carriage of Live Stock.

CATTLE PASS.

See Farm Crossings.

CHARTERS.

See Corporate Powers.

CHILDREN.

For injuries to children allured to railway premises, see Negligence; Bridges. Note 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 250.

For injury to child passenger, see Carriers of Passengers.

CLAIMS.

- A. In General.
- B. Notice of Claim.
- C. Assignment of Claims.

For claims against the Crown, see Government Railways.

For limitation of actions, see Limitation of Actions.

For conditions limiting liability, see Limitation of Liability.

A. In General.

ESTOPPEL; CONDUCT; UNPAID RECEIPTED ACCOUNTS.

Where a debt or obligation has been contracted through an agent, and the principal is induced by the conduct of the creditor to reasonably believe that the agent has paid the debt or discharged the obligation, and, in consequence of such belief, pays or settles or otherwise deals to his prejudice with the agent, the creditor is not permitted to deny as between himself and the principal that the debt has been paid or the obligation discharged. A railway engineer who was supplied with money by a railway company to pay for supplies and the board of his men, being credited with the amounts of the receipted accounts as they came in, and who had induced a firm of hotelkeepers who had furnished both to receipt the accounts in advance on the representation that the company as part of their system required receipts before they would pay the accounts:—Held, that the company were justified in relying on these representations that the accounts were paid, and as they had altered their position—the engineer having left their employment without accounting—on the faith of them, the hotelkeepers were estopped from setting up to the prejudice of the company that the accounts were not in fact paid. *Gentles v. Canadian Pacific Railway*, 14 O.L.R. 286 (D.C.).

GARNISHMENT; MONEY DUE CONTRACTOR; BUILDING CONTRACT.

Moneys earned by a contractor under contracts for the erection of buildings, and payable by instalments as the work progresses on certificates of the engineer employed by the proprietor, should be deemed to be "accruing due," and, therefore, attachable by a garnishing order at the suit of a creditor, (a) in the case of a completed contract, at the date of completion, (b) in the case of a contract abandoned by the contractor before completion and subsequently completed by the proprietor, at the date of the abandonment; provided that, in both cases, the engineer has subsequently given his certificates shewing that the amounts were payable to the contractor, and the garnishee has paid the moneys into Court, unless it has been proved affirmatively that the certificate of the engineer

was to be a condition precedent to the moneys becoming payable. *Empire Sash and Door Co. v. McGreevy*; *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 8 D.L.R. 27, 22 W.L.R. 372, 22 Man. L.R. 676.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT; SET-OFF; PERSONAL INJURY OF EMPLOYEE.

Plaintiffs brought action to recover \$5,655.45 balance alleged to be due on a contract to build a railway for defendants. Defendants pleaded that under the agreement it was the duty of plaintiffs to fill the narrow places between the rails at frogs, guard rails and switches with standard wooden blocks, and that, by reason of plaintiffs failing so to do, one Clarke, an employee of another railway company to which the road had been leased by defendants, had his foot caught in a frog and was run over and killed, and the defendants had to pay his legal representatives \$5,250. Defendants paid into Court \$405.45 as a balance due plaintiffs on their contract. At trial, *Boyd, C.*, held, that the action should be dismissed with costs, the money in Court to be paid out to plaintiffs unless it was sought to impound it to answer costs. The Court of Appeal reversed that judgment on ground that there was no liability upon plaintiffs to the *Can. Pac. Ry. Co.* for injury done to that company's servant. Judgment entered for amount of plaintiff's claim with costs. *MacDonald v. Walkerton and Lucknow Ry. Co.*, 1 O.W.N. 967, 16 O.W.R. 558.

Supply of goods for railway construction; action for price; prematurity; defence of sureties. *Allen v. Grand Valley Ry. Co.*, 12 D.L.R. 855.

B. Notice of Claim.

CLAIM FOR MONEY PARCEL; FORMAL NOTICE OF CLAIM.

Where an express company gave a receipt for money to be forwarded with the condition indorsed that the company should not be liable for any claim in respect of the package unless within sixty days of loss or damage a claim should be made by written statement with a copy of the contract annexed:—Held, that the consignor was obliged to comply strictly with these terms as a condition precedent to recovery against the express company for failure to deliver the parcel to the consignee. *Richardson v. the Canada West Farmers' Ins. Co.* (16 U.C.C.P. 430) distinguished; 10 Man. L.R. 595, reversed; *Northern Pac. Express Co. v. Martin et al.*, 26 Can. S.C.R. 135.

[Referred to in *Leroy v. Smith*, 8 B.C.R. 297; relied on, *Fairchild Co. v. Rustin*, 17 Ma. L.R. 209.]

NOTICE OF CLAIMS; LIMITATION OF TIME.

A condition of a contract for carriage of goods by railway provided that no claim for damages to, loss of, or detention of goods should be allowed unless notice in writing, with particulars, was given to the station agent at or nearest to the place of delivery within thirty-six hours after delivery of the goods in respect to which the claim was made:—Held, per Strong, J., that a plea setting up non-compliance with this condition having been demurred to, and the plaintiff not having appealed against a judgment overruling the demurrer, the question as to the sufficiency in law of the defence was *res judicata*:—Held, also, per Strong, J., Gwynne, J., *contra*, that part of the consignment having been lost such notice should have been given in respect to the same within thirty-six hours after the delivery of the goods which arrived safely. *Quære*.—In the present state of the law is a release to, or satisfaction from one of several joint tort-feasors, a bar to an action against the others? 15 A.R. (Ont.) 14, 12 O.R. 103, reversed; *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. of Canada v. McMillan*, 16 Can. S.C.R. 543.

[Leave to appeal refused by Privy Council, May 17th, 1889.]

[Discussed in *Richardson v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co.*, 19 O.R. 369; referred to in *Bate v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co.*, 14 O.R. 625; *Cobban v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co.*, 23 A.R. (Ont.) 115; *Ferris v. Canadian Nor. Ry. Co.*, 15 Man. L.R. 144, 1 W.L.R. 177; *McKenzie v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co.*, 43 N.S.R. 460; *Robertson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 21 A.R. (Ont.) 204, 24 O.R. 75; *Tolmie v. Michigan Central Ry. Co.*, 19 O.L.R. 26.]

PRESENTATION IN WRITING.

Another condition was that a claim for loss or damage should be presented to the defendants in writing "at this office":—Held, that presentation at the head office of the defendants satisfied this requirement. Judgment of Clute, J. affirmed. *James Co. v. Dominion Express Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 309, 13 O.L.R. 211.

[Approved in *Dominion Express Co. v. Rutenberg*, Que. R. 18 K.B. 53.]

DAMAGE TO GOODS; CONDITION REQUIRING NOTICE OF CLAIM.

A condition in a shipping bill providing that there should be no claim for damages to goods shipped over a railway unless notice in writing and the particulars of the

claim are given within thirty-six hours after delivery, if it has been approved by order or regulation of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada, under s. 275 of the Railway Act, 1903, is binding upon the shipper, even if negligence on the part of the railway company is proved, notwithstanding the language of sub-s. 3 of s. 214 of the Act, enacting that "subject to the Act" the company shall not be relieved from an action by any notice, condition or declaration, if the damage arises from any negligence or omission of the company or of its servants, as both sections of the Act must be read together. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. McMillan* (1889), 16 Can. S.C.R. 543; and *Mason v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* (1873), 37 U.C.R. 163, followed; *Hayward v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 411, 16 Man. L.R. 158.

[Questioned in *Sheppard v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 16 O.L.R. 259; referred to in *Sutherland v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 18 O.L.R. 139; *Wilkinson v. Can. Express Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas., 267, 7 D.L.R. 450.]

LOSS OF BOXES SHIPPED; NECESSITY FOR NOTICE OF LOSS.

One of the conditions of a railway waybill was that there shall be "no claim for damage for loss of or detention of, or injury or damage to, any goods for which the company is accountable, unless and until notice in writing and the particulars of the claim of said loss, damage, or detention, are given to the station freight agent at or nearest to the place of delivery within thirty-six hours after the goods in respect of which said claim is made, or such portion of them as are not lost are delivered." Two boxes of blankets shipped by the plaintiff were re-shipped by the railway to the original place of shipment, and an advice note of their arrival sent to the plaintiff, which stated that there was "one box short":—Held, that under the terms of the condition the box could not be said to be "lost," and notice in writing by the plaintiff to the defendants, within the thirty-six hours of the receipt of the advice note of the loss of the box, was not essential to entitle the plaintiff to recover its value. *Sheppard v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 374, 16 O.L.R. 259.

[Referred to in *Sutherland v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 18 O.L.R. 139.]

INJURY TO LIVE STOCK; NOTICE OF; OMISSION TO GIVE.

By s. 284 (7) of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37: "Every person aggrieved by any neglect or refusal of the company to

comply with the requirements of this section shall, subject to this Act, have an action therefor against the company, from which action the company shall not be relieved by any notice, condition or declaration, if the damage arises from any negligence or omission of the company or its servants." By s. 340: "No contract, condition, by-law, regulation, declaration or notice made or given by the company, impairing, restricting or limiting its liability in respect of the carriage of any traffic, shall, except as hereinafter provided, relieve the company from such liability, unless such class of contract, condition, by-law, regulation, declaration or notice shall have been first authorized or approved by order or regulation of the Board. (2) The Board may, in any case, or by regulation, determine the extent to which the liability of the company may be so impaired." The defendants received from the plaintiff a mare, with other animals, to be carried from a station on their line of railway in Ontario to a point in British Columbia, under a special contract, which had been approved of by the Railway Board, (which the plaintiff signed). Under this contract the animals were carried at a lower rate than the company were entitled to charge. The contract contained a provision that the defendants should in no case be responsible for any amount exceeding \$100.00 for the loss of any one horse, or a proportionate sum in any one case for injuries to same, and that any loss or damage should be computed and paid for on such basis. There was a further provision relieving the company from liability, "unless a written notice, with the full particulars of the loss or damage and of the claim to be made in respect thereof, is delivered to the station agent at the said point of delivery within 24 hours after the said property, or some part of it, has been delivered." During the carriage on the railway, the mare was, through the defendants' negligence, seriously injured. Before the consignment arrived at its destination the plaintiff, finding that the mare was permanently injured, by the permission of the railway superintendent there, removed the mare from the car at an intermediate station and sold her at a loss, the remainder of the shipment being carried on to the place of delivery. No notice of the loss was given there to the company's official within the 24 hours.—Held, that notwithstanding the loss was sustained through the defendants' negligence, the special contract was binding on the plaintiff, so that in no event could he recover more than the proportionate part of \$100; but that the omission to give the required notice relieved the

company from all liability. *Robertson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* (1895), 24 S.C.R. 611, followed; *St. Mary's Creamery Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* (1904), 8 O.L.R. 1, distinguished. Judgment of the County Court of the county of Grey affirmed. *Mercer v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 372, 17 O.L.R. 585.

[Commented on in *Newman v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 20 O.L.R. 285; distinguished in *Tolmie v. Michigan Central Ry. Co.*, 19 O.L.R. 26, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 336; referred to in *Sutherland v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 18 O.L.R. 139; *Wilkinson v. Can. Express Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 267, 7 D.L.R. 450.]

CLAIM FOR LOSS; TIME; NECESSITY OF WRITING; QUANTITY; "MORE OR LESS."

A bill of lading of the defendants, covering wheat shipped, provided that its surrender should be required before delivery of the wheat, and that claims for loss or damage must be made in writing to the defendants' agent at point of delivery promptly after arrival of the wheat, and if delayed for more than thirty days after such delivery, or after due time for delivery, the defendants should not be liable in any event.—Held, that the failure to make such claim in writing within the time specified did not relieve the defendants from liability resulting from breach, not of their contract of affreightment, but of their contract to deliver the wheat to the holder of the bill of lading and to no one else. Where, therefore, the defendants had delivered the wheat without obtaining surrender of the bill of lading.—Held, that the defendants were liable to the consignor to the value of the number of bushels of wheat expressed in the bill of lading to have been received by them, but not for any more, although more had been actually shipped, and the words "more or less" in the bill of lading did not, in the circumstances, affect the matter. *Tolmie v. Michigan Central Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 336, 19 O.L.R. 26.

[*Mercer v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.* (1908), 17 O.L.R. 585, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 372, distinguished.]

CLAIM FOR DETENTION; FAILURE TO GIVE NOTICE; MISPRINT; "OR"; "AND."

Although the defendants were found guilty of negligence in unreasonably detaining and failing within a reasonable time to deliver a car-load of beans shipped by the plaintiff, an action to recover damages for that negligence was dismissed because the plaintiff had failed to give notice in writing and particulars of his claim for detention, to the station freight agent at or nearest to the

place of delivery, within thirty-six hours after the goods were delivered. The condition printed on the back of the shipping bill requiring such notice was one approved by the Board of Railway Commissioners, and read: "There shall be no claim for . . . detention of any goods . . . unless notice in writing and the particulars of the claim . . . are given . . . within thirty-six hours after the goods . . . or such portions of them as are not lost or delivered":—Held, that "or" should be read "are", for which it was obviously a misprint, and the condition so made effective. *Newman v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 248, 20 O.L.R. 285.

CLAIM FOR DETENTION; FAILURE TO GIVE NOTICE; CONDITION; MISPRINT; "OR"; "ARE."

Held, affirming the judgment of Teetzel, J., 20 O.L.R. 285, in an action for damages for breach of a contract for the carriage of goods, that the word "are" should be substituted for "or" in the condition on the back of the shipping bill—in the form approved by the Board of Railway Commissioners—and, the contract being thereby rendered intelligible, and the plaintiff, not having complied with the requirements of the condition, that the defendants were relieved from the consequences of the negligence found against them. *Newman v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 254, 21 O.L.R. 72.

C. Assignment of Claims.

PERSONAL INJURIES; ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIM FOR; ASSIGNABILITY OF.

The plaintiff brought this action for damages for personal injuries sustained by his being run down by a car of the defendants, and for the killing of his master's horse which he was riding at the time, and in respect to which he claimed under assignment from his master:—Held, that the action was properly dismissed as to the latter claim upon the ground that it was not an assignable chose in action. *McCormack v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 474, 13 O.L.R. 656.

[Referred to in *Beal v. Michigan Central Ry. Co.*, 19 O.L.R. 502; *Moritz v. Can. Wood Specialty Co.*, 17 O.L.R. 53; *McGregor v. Campbell*, 19 Man. L.R. 44, 61; *Powley v. Mickleborough*, 21 O.L.R. 556.]

SUB-CONTRACTOR; INSTALMENTS ACCRUING ON ORIGINAL CONTRACT; ASSIGNABILITY.

An agreement whereby a contractor for work sub-contracts with another to do the same work at the same price as he is to receive and agrees to pay the second con-

tractor in the same instalments as are stipulated for in the original contract with the property owner, does not constitute an assignment to the person who performs the work of the moneys to accrue under the original contract made by the property owner, and such transaction is not an equitable assignment of a chose in action. *Fraser v. C.P.R. Co.*, 1 D.L.R. 678, 20 W.L.R. 530, 22 Man. L.R. 58.

[Reversed in *Fraser v. Imperial Bank*, 10 D.L.R. 232, 47 Can. S.C.R. 313.]

ASSIGNMENT OF FUTURE CHOSE IN ACTION.

An assignment of a future chose in action by way of a construction contract for a number of railway stations operates in equity as an agreement binding the conscience of the assignor and so binding the property from the moment when the contract becomes capable of being performed, on the principle that equity considers as done that which ought to be done and that the agreement imports in equity a trust. *Fraser v. Imperial Bank*, 10 D.L.R. 232, 47 Can. S.C.R. 313.

[*Tailby v. The Official Receiver*, 13 A.C. 523; *Fraser v. Imperial Bank*, sub nom. *Fraser v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 1 D.L.R. 678, 22 Man. L.R. 58, reversed.]

Note on assignment of judgments, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 479.

Note on condition requiring notice of goods being lost, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 378.

COLLISIONS.

See Street Railways; Negligence; Crossings, Injuries at.

Collision causing injuries to employees, see Employees.

COMPANY.

See Bonds; Corporate Powers; Shares.

COMPENSATION.

See Damages; Expropriation.

COMPOSITION WITH CREDITORS.

See Scheme of Arrangement.

CONDUCTORS.

Conductors' duties towards passengers, see Carriers of Passengers; Street Railways. For negligence of operation of railway causing death of conductor, see Employees.

CONFLICT OF LAWS.

EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS; INJURIES TO EMPLOYEES.

The civil liability, in a matter of delict or quasi-delict, is subject to the rule *lex loci regit actum*. Therefore, workmen engaged in Quebec to work in Quebec and Ontario, who are injured through the act or fault of their employers in Ontario, have only the remedy given by the laws of that Province. When the evidence shews that the foreign law does not recognize the right to the proceedings taken by the plaintiff, and upon which a verdict was found in his favour, his action should be dismissed non obstante veredicto, a new trial being useless. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Maclean*, Q.R. 21 K.B. 269, reversing 38 S.C. 394.

LORD CAMPBELL'S ACT; ACTION BY FATHER AND MOTHER FOR SON'S DEATH.

The father and mother can in their personal names sue a railway company for damages for their son's death occasioned in Manitoba if the defendant company have accepted the jurisdiction of the Quebec Court and have an office in the Province of Quebec. *Boon v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 7 Que. P.R. 239 (*Lavergne, J.*).

LEX LOCI; CAUSE OF ACTION IN ANOTHER PROVINCE.

In an action for damages caused by an accident in another province the defendant who pleads that according to the law of such province he is not liable, is not obliged to set out in his plea the law relied on but it suffices that he states the fact. *Noruszuk v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 9 Que. P.R. 274.

EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE; INJURY IN COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT.

Liability for tort is governed by the *lex loci actus*, and, in an action by an employee against his employer arising out of a personal injury, is not affected by the law of the place where the contract of lease and hire of work was made. Hence when a railway company running trains in both the provinces of Ontario and Quebec hired one of its servants in Quebec, and he was injured through the fault of the company in Ontario, his claim for compensation is governed by the law of the latter province. *Marleau v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 149, Q.R. 38 S.C. 394; *Dupont v. Quebec Steamship Co.* Q.R. 11 S.C. 188; *Lee v. Logan*, Q.R. 31 S.C. 469 and 39 S.C.R. 311; *Albouze v. Temiskaming Navigation Co.* Q.R. 38 S.C. 279, referred to.

[Reversed in part Que. Ry. 21 K.B. 269; 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 284.]

LIABILITY OF MASTER; INJURY IN COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT.

(1) Common law liability, in cases involving delict or quasi-delict, is governed by the *lex loci regit actum*. Hence workmen hired in Quebec to be employed in Quebec and Ontario, who are injured by the positive act or by the fault of their employers in the latter province, have no remedy except under the provisions of its laws. (2) When the evidence shews that the foreign law does not admit of the remedy relied upon by the plaintiff, and upon which a verdict has been given in his favour by the jury, he must be nonsuited, non obstante veredicto, a new trial being ineffective. *Marleau v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 38 S.C. 394, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 149, reversed in part. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Marleau*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 284, Que. R. 21 K.B. 269.

CONNECTING LINES.

See Carriers of Goods; Carriage of Live Stock.

As affecting rates, see Tolls and Tariffs.

As affecting liability for negligence, see Negligence.

As affecting limitations of liability, see Limitation of Liability; Tickets and Fares; Claims.

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW.

- A. Powers of Dominion.
- B. Provincial Powers.
- C. Territorial Powers.

A. Powers of Dominion.

LEGISLATIVE POWERS OF DOMINION PARLIAMENT; PROVINCIAL LAWS RELATING TO PROPERTY AND CIVIL RIGHTS.

The legislation of the Parliament of Canada on matters exclusively within its legislative powers is of paramount authority and is not subject to restrictions and formalities imposed by the law relating to property and civil rights in the provinces. *Veilleux v. Atlantic & Lake Superior Ry. Co. et al.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 91, Q.R. 39 S.C. 127.

PROVINCIAL REGULATION OF DITCHES; RAILWAY WORKS.

By the true construction of British North America Act, 1867, s. 91, sub-s. 29 and s. 92,

sub-s. 10, the Dominion Parliament has exclusive right to prescribe regulations for the construction, repair, and alteration of the appellant railway; and the provincial legislature has no power to regulate the structure of a ditch forming part of its authorized works:—But, held, that the provisions of the municipal Code of Quebec, which prescribe the cleaning of the ditch and the removal of an obstruction which has caused inundation on neighbouring land, are *intra vires* of the provincial legislature. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Parish of Notre Dame etc.*, [1899] A.C. 367.

[Applied in *Can. Pac. Ry. Co. v. The King*, 39 Can. S.C.R. 479; *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Therrien*, 30 Can. S.C.R. 492; considered in *Atty.-Genl. v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 11 B.C.R. 300, [1906] A.C. 210; distinguished in *Madden v. Nelson etc. Ry. Co.* [1899] A.C. 628; followed in *Crawford v. Tilden*, 13 O.L.R. 169; referred in *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. McKay*, 34 Can. S.C.R. 92; *Grant v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 36 N.B.R. 546; relied in *Re Railway Act*, 36 Can. S.C.R. 151.]

REGULATION OF RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION; CONTRACTS; POWERS OF THE DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

The Consolidated Railway Act, 1879, s. 19, sub-s. 16, enacts: "No person holding any office, place or employment in or being concerned or interested in any contracts under or with the company, shall be capable of being chosen as a director, or of holding the office of a director, nor shall any person being a director of the company enter into, or be directly or indirectly, for his own use and become a partner of any contractor with the company, not relating to the purchase of land necessary for the railway, or be or become a partner of any contractor of the company." It was admitted that the appellant was a director and the president of the *Temiscouata Ry. Co.* at the time he entered into certain agreements with the contractors for the construction of the road, which agreements gave him an interest in their contracts:—Held, the provisions of the enactment above cited are constitutional. The Dominion Parliament having the right to legislate on matters concerning railways, it has also the power to legislate on all incidents which may be required to carry out the object it had in view, provided such incidents are essentially and strictly connected with the principal object, and are primarily intended to assist in carrying out such principal object; and the capacity or incapacity of directors is a matter essentially connected with the internal economy of a railway company. *McDonald v. Riordan*, 30 Can. S.C.R. 619, 8 Que. Q.B. 555.

FORESHORE OF VANCOUVER HARBOUR; OCCUPATION OF BY CANADIAN PACIFIC RY. TERMINALS; POWERS OF DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

Held, in an action by the Attorney-General of British Columbia *ex rel.* The City of Vancouver against the Canadian Pacific Ry., for a declaration that the public has a right to access to the waters of Vancouver Harbour through certain streets, and that the streets at the time of the construction of the Canadian Pacific Ry., were public highways extending to low water mark and that the public right of passage over said highways existed at the time of the admission of British Columbia into Canada, but that these public rights have been extinguished or suspended by reason of the construction of the said railway. The foreshore of Vancouver Harbour is under the jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada, either as having formed part of the harbour at the time of the union of British Columbia with the Dominion, or by reason of the jurisdiction of the Dominion attaching at the Union. The Parliament of Canada has power to appropriate provincial public lands for the purposes of a railway connecting two or more provinces. The Act respecting the Canadian Pacific Ry., 44 Vict. c. 1, should not be construed in the same way as an ordinary Act of incorporation of any ordinary railway, but it should be interpreted in a broad spirit, and bearing in mind the objects sought to be accomplished. *Per Hunter, C.J.*:—The British North America Act assigns public harbours to the Dominion, not so much *qua* property or land as *qua* harbours; the jurisdiction of the Dominion is latent and attaches to any inlet or harbour so soon as it becomes a public harbour, and is not confined to such harbours as existed at the time of Union. *Attorney-General for British Columbia v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 11 B.C.R. 289.

[Affirmed in [1906] A.C. 204.]

POWER OF THE DOMINION TO LEGISLATE FOR CERTAIN PROVINCIAL CROWN PROPERTY; PROVINCIAL FORESHORE; HARBOUR.

S. 108 of the British North America Act, 1867, empowers the Dominion Parliament to legislate for any land, including foreshore, which is proved to form part of a public harbour. Ss. 91 and 92, read together, empower the Dominion to dispose of provincial Crown lands and therefore of a provincial foreshore, for the purpose of the respondent railway, which is a trans-continental railway connecting several provinces:—Held, that s. 18 (a) of the respondents' incorporating Dominion Act, 44 Vict.

c. 1, is not controlled by the Consolidated Railway Act, 1879, and applies to provincial as well as Dominion Crown lands. Power given thereunder to appropriate the foreshore in question includes a power to obstruct any right of passage previously existing across it. 1 W.L.R. 299, 11 B.C.R. 289, affirmed. Attorney-General for British Columbia v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., [1906] A.C. 204.

[Distinguished in Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Toronto, 42 Can. S.C.R. 628; referred to in Burrard Power Co. v. The King, 43 Can. S.C.R. 55; relied on in Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Montreal, 43 Can. S.C.R. 240.]

WORKS FOR THE GENERAL ADVANTAGE OF CANADA; BRANCH LINES.

The Columbia and Western Ry. Co. was incorporated in 1896, by the Provincial Legislature, one of the powers given it being to build branch lines; and on 13th June, 1898, by an Act of the Dominion Parliament its objects were declared to be works for the general advantage of Canada, and thereafter to be subject to the legislative authority of the Dominion Parliament and to the provisions of the Railway Act:—Held, on an application for a warrant of possession, that the company's power to acquire land for branch lines after 13th June, 1898, must be exercised in accordance with the Dominion Railway Act. In re Columbia and Western Ry. Co. and the Railway Acts, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 264, 8 B.C.R. 415.

CROWN FRANCHISES REGULATION ACT; DOMINION COMPANIES.

The defendant railway company was originally incorporated in 1897 by a provincial Act, and in 1898 by a Dominion Act its objects were declared to be works for the general advantage of Canada, and thereafter to be subject to the legislative authority of the Parliament of Canada and the provisions of the Railway Act:—Held, by Irving, J., setting aside an order allowing the provincial Attorney-General to bring an action at the instance of a relator under the Crown Franchises Regulation Act, that the said Act did not apply to the company. Attorney-General of British Columbia v. Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Ry. and Navigation Co., 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 137, 9 B.C.R. 338.

WORK FOR THE GENERAL ADVANTAGE OF CANADA; DOMINION REGULATIONS.

A railway incorporated under the laws of a provincial Legislature, whose undertaking is afterwards declared to be a work for the general advantage of Canada is

subject to the exclusive control of the Parliament of Canada and the Railway Act applies. No provincial legislation can restore control, legislatively speaking, to the provincial Parliament. Re Shore Line Railway, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 277.

NEGLIGENCE; AGREEMENTS FOR EXEMPTION FROM LIABILITY; POWER OF PARLIAMENT TO PROHIBIT.

An Act of Parliament of Canada providing that no railway company within its jurisdiction shall be relieved from liability for damages for personal injury to any employee by reason of any notice, condition or declaration issued by the company, or by any insurance or provident association of railway employees; or of rules or by-laws of the company or association; or of privity of interest or relation between the company and association or contribution by the company to funds of the association; or of any benefit, compensation or indemnity to which the employee or his personal representatives may become entitled to or obtain from such association; or of any express or implied acknowledgment, acquittance or release obtained from the association prior to such injury purporting to relieve the company from liability, is *intra vires* of said Parliament. Nesbitt, J., dissenting. Re Railway Act Amendment, 1904, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 1, 36 Can. S.C.R. 136.

[Affirmed in Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Atty.-General, [1907] A.C. 65, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 472.]

PROHIBITING CONTRACTS AGAINST LIABILITY FOR NEGLIGENCE; INJURY TO SERVANTS.

Held, affirming 36 Can. S.C.R. 136, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 1, that the Dominion Parliament is competent to enact s. 1 of Canadian Statute, 4 Edw. VII. c. 31, which prohibits "contracting out" on the part of railway companies within the jurisdiction of the Dominion Parliament from the liability to pay damages for personal injury to their servants. That section is *intra vires* the Dominion as being a law ancillary to through railway legislation, notwithstanding that it affects civil rights which, under the British North America Act, 1867, s. 92, sub-s. 13, are the subject of provincial legislation. The appeal was argued July 13, 17, 1906. Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Attorney-General for Canada, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 472, [1907] A.C. 65.

[Followed in Toronto v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 37 Can. S.C.R. 238; referred to in Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Montreal Terminal Ry. Co., 36 Can. S.C.R. 380; relied on in Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Mont-

real, 43 Can. S.C.R. 242; applied in Toronto v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., [1908] A.C. 58; commented on in R. v. Hill, 15 O.L.R. 406; followed in Crown Grain Co. v. Day Co., [1908] A.C. 58; Re Narain Singh, 13 B.C.R. 479; Northern Counties Inv. Trust v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 13 B.C.R. 138; relied on in Couture v. Panos, Que. R. 17 K.B. 562.]

PROTECTION OF HIGHWAY CROSSINGS; APPORTIONMENT OF COSTS; PARTIES INTERESTED.

Ss. 187 and 188 of the Railway Act, 1888, empowering the Railway Committee of the Privy Council to order any crossing over a highway of a railway subject to its jurisdiction to be protected by gates or otherwise, are *intra vires* of the Parliament of Canada, Idington, J., dissenting. (Ss. 186 and 187 of the Railway Act, 1903, confer similar powers on the Board of Railway Commissioners.) These sections also authorize the committee to apportion the cost of providing and maintaining such protection between the railway company and "any person interested":—Held, Idington, J., dissenting, that the municipality in which the highway crossed by the railway is situate is a "person interested" under said sections. City of Toronto v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 138, 37 Can. S.C.R. 232.

[Applied in Ottawa Electric Ry. Co. v. Ottawa, 37 Can. S.C.R. 360, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 131; commented on in Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Montreal, 43 Can. S.C.R. 219; relied on in Carleton County v. Ottawa, 41 Can. S.C.R. 552, 557; applied in Can. Pac. Ry. Co. v. Toronto, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 274.]

PROTECTION OF HIGHWAY CROSSINGS; CONTRIBUTION OF COSTS; MUNICIPALITY AS "PERSON INTERESTED."

Ss. 187 and 188 of the Dominion Railway Act, 1888, empowering the Railway Committee to order the protection of highway crossings and the apportionment of the costs thereof between railway companies and any "person interested" therein extend also to municipalities, and are *intra vires* of the Dominion Legislature by force of the British North America Act, 1867, s. 91, sub-s. 29, and s. 92, sub-s. 10 (a); City of Toronto v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 282, [1908] A.C. 54.

[Followed in Re Narain Singh, 13 B.C.R. 479; relied on in Carleton County v. Ottawa, 41 Can. S.C.R. 552, 557; Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Montreal, 43 Can. S.C.R. 204.

INTERCHANGE OF TRAFFIC; JUNCTIONS; POWER OF GOVERNMENT TO REGULATE.

A physical connection was made and used

some years before 1st February, 1903, between the lines of a Provincial and Dominion railway, but no order was obtained authorizing such connection under s. 173, 51 Viet. c. 29 (Ry. Act, 1888), or s. 177 Railway Act, 1903, although a crossing had been duly authorized by the Railway Committee of the Privy Council in 1897. Upon an application being made under ss. 253 and 271 of the Railway Act, 1903, to compel an interchange of traffic between the two railways:—Held, that Parliament has the incidental power to determine the terms upon which a railway, not otherwise subject to its legislative authority, may connect with or cross one that is so subject, and the obligations between the companies concerned. B.N.A. Act, s. 91 (10) (a) and (c), and s. 92 (29), ss. 306 and 307, 51 Viet. c. 29, Railway Act, 1888, and s. 7 Railway Act, 1903, referred to:—Held, that such connection being illegal, no order should be made. An application to authorize the connection, under s. 177 Railway Act, 1903, must first be made. Patriarche and Burlington Canning Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co. and Hamilton Radial Electric Street Ry. Co., 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 200.

PROVINCIAL RAILWAY; "THROUGH TRAFFIC"; FEDERAL REGULATION.

"The Railway Act," R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, does not confer power on the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada to make orders respecting through traffic over a provincial railway or tramway which connects with or crosses a railway subject to the authority of the Parliament of Canada. Davies and Anglin, J.J., contra. Per Fitzpatrick, C.J., and Girouard and Duff, J.J.:—The provisions of sub-s. (b) of s. 8 of the "Railway Act" are *ultra vires* of the Parliament of Canada. Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. City of Montreal, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 203, 43 Can. S.C.R. 197.

[Affirmed in 1912] A.C. 333, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 541, 1 D.L.R. 681.]

RAILWAY ACT OF CANADA *ULTRA VIRES*; PROVINCIAL RAILWAYS.

Held, that s. 8, sub-s. (b), of the Railway Act of Canada (1906, R.S.C., c. 37), which subjects any provincial railway (although not declared by Parliament to be a work for the general advantage of Canada) to those of its provisions which relate to through traffic, is *ultra vires* of the Dominion Parliament. An order dated May 4, 1909, of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada (created by Dominion Railway Act, 3 Edw. VII. c. 58, and beyond the jurisdiction and control of any province), directed with regard to through traffic over the Federal Park Railway and the provincial

street railway, both within and near the city of Montreal, that the latter should "enter into any agreement or agreements that may be necessary to enable" the former company to carry out its provisions with respect to the rates charged so as to prevent any unjust discrimination between any classes of the customers of the Federal Line:—Held, that the said order so far as it related to the provincial street railway was made without jurisdiction. *Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. City of Montreal*, 43 Can. S.C.R. 197, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 203, affirmed; *City of Montreal v. Montreal Street Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 541, [1912] A.C. 333, 1 D.L.R. 681.

SEPARATION OF GRADES; COST OF; IMPOSING PART ON STREET RAILWAY COMPANY.

The provisions of ss. 8 (a), 59, 237 and 238 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, as amended by 8 & 9 Edw. VII. c. 32, permitting the Board of Railway Commissioners to impose on a street railway company a portion of the cost of separating the grade of a street at a railway crossing, is not ultra vires. (*Per* Idington, Anglin and Davies, JJ.). *British Columbia El. Ry. Co. v. Vancouver, etc.*, 48 Can. S.C.R. 98, 13 D.L.R. 308, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 237.

[*Toronto v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, [1908] A.C. 54; *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Notre Dame de Bonsecours*, [1899] A.C. 367; *Toronto v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 37 Can. S.C.R. 232; *County of Carleton v. Ottawa*, 41 Can. S.C.R. 552; and *Re Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. and York*, 25 Ont. App. R. 65, followed.]

POWERS OF RAILWAY COMMITTEE; ERECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF GATES AT CROSSINGS.

The legislation of the Parliament of Canada with reference to the guarding of the crossings of a railway, which under sub-s. 10 of s. 92 of the British North America Act is under the exclusive legislative authority of Parliament, is within the scope of necessary legislation. *Re Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. and County and Township of York*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 36, 27 O.R. 559.

[Reversed in part in 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 47, 25 A.R. (Ont.) 65; adopted *Winnipeg v. Toronto General Trusts*, 19 Man. L.R. 429; applied *Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Montreal*, 43 Can. S.C.R. 251; approved in *Re McAlpine and Lake Erie Ry. Co.*, 37 Can. S.C.R. 240; considered in *Atty.-General v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co.*, 11 B.C.R. 302; referred to in *Grant v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co.*, 36 N.B.R. 532; *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Cedar Dale*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 73; *Can. Pac. Ry. Co. v. Toronto*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 274.]

WORKS FOR THE GENERAL ADVANTAGE OF CANADA; PROVINCIAL STREET RAILWAY; RIGHTS IN, AND USE OF, STREETS AND HIGHWAYS.

The provisions of sub-s. (b) of s. 8 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, purporting to subject to the Federal Railway Act the through traffic upon any railway or street railway authorized by special Act of a provincial legislature which connects with a Federal railway, although such provincial railway or street railway had not been declared by Federal statute to be a work for the general advantage of Canada, is ultra vires of the Parliament of Canada. *Opinion of Fitzpatrick, C.J., Girouard, and Duff, JJ.*, in *Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. City of Montreal*, 43 Can. S.C.R. 197, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 203, affirmed on this point on appeal to the Privy Council. *Montreal v. Montreal Street Ry. Co.*, 1 D.L.R. 681, 10 E.L.R. 281, [1912] A.C. 333.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION REGULATING WORK ON SUNDAY; RIGHT OF PARLIAMENT TO PASS.

S. 9 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, enacting that every railway situated wholly within one province of Canada and declared by Parliament to be either wholly or in part a work for the general advantage of Canada, shall be subject to any Act of the Legislature of the province in which it is situated prohibiting or regulating work on Sunday, is intra vires of the Parliament of Canada. *Kerley v. London & L. E. Transportation Co.*, (Ont.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 111, 6 D.L.R. 189.

[Reversed in 13 D.L.R. 365, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 337.]

"GENERAL ADVANTAGE OF CANADA"; EXCLUSIVE LEGISLATIVE JURISDICTION.

Where a railway and transportation company is incorporated under an Act of the Parliament of Canada: (a) conferring power to operate beyond as well as within a certain province, and (b) declaring its undertaking to be a work for the general advantage of Canada, its undertaking falls within the exclusive legislative authority of the Parliament of Canada conferred by sub-s. 29 of s. 91 of the B.N.A. Act. *Kerley v. London, etc., Ry. Co.*, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 337, 28 O.L.R. 606, 13 D.L.R. 365.

[*Kerley v. London and Lake Erie Ry. and Transportation Co.*, 6 D.L.R. 189, reversed; *Toronto Corporation v. Bell Telephone Co.*, [1905] A.C. 52, followed.]

EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION; EXTRA-TERRITORIAL UNDERTAKING.

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of Canada for an undertaking extending beyond as well as within the limits of a province and falling within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Dominion Parliament, a declaration thereby that such undertaking is a work for the general advantage of Canada is unnecessary to bring it within the ambit of that exclusive jurisdiction and is therefore "unmeaning." *Kerley v. London, etc. Ry. Co.*, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 337, 28 O.L.R. 606, 13 D.L.R. 365.

[*Kerley v. London and Lake Erie Ry. and Transportation Co.*, 6 D.L.R. 189, reversed; *Toronto Corporation v. Bell Telephone Co. of Canada*, [1905] A.C. 52, at 60.]

"GENERAL ADVANTAGE OF CANADA"; CONSTRUCTION OF STATUTES.

S. 6a of the Railway Act of Canada, 1903, as amended by c. 32 of 1904, s. 2 (re-enacted substantially in R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, s. 9), subjecting certain railways to provincial legislation and confirming and ratifying such legislation (s. 193 of Ontario Railway Act, 1906), is construed as covering the peculiar status of those railways (and only those railways) declared by the Dominion Parliament to be "works for the general advantage of Canada" and solely by such federal declaration withdrawn from the provincial jurisdiction to which otherwise they, as provincial undertakings, would have been subject. *Kerley v. London, etc. Ry. Co.*, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 337, 28 O.L.R. 606, 13 D.L.R. 365.

[*Kerley v. London and Lake Erie Ry. and Transportation Co.*, 6 D.L.R. 189, reversed.]

STATUTES; CONSTRUCTION; SPECULATION AS TO LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

In deciding a question of statutory construction, a Court of justice is not entitled to speculate as to which of two conflicting policies was intended to prevail, but must confine itself to the construction of the language of the relevant statutes taken as a whole. The language of the Railway Act, P.S.C. 1906, c. 37, expresses an intention to preserve intact all powers conferred by previous special Acts of incorporation upon companies within its scope, except where otherwise specifically mentioned. Section 248 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, shews that, where Parliament intended by that Act to interfere with the powers of companies other than railway companies, it has done so by special provision. *Toronto & Niagara Power Co. v. Town of North Toronto*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 392, [1912] A.C. 834, 5 D.L.R. 43.

B. Provincial Powers.

PROVINCIAL REGULATION; DOMINION RAILWAYS.

The provincial legislatures in Canada have no jurisdiction to make regulations in respect to crossings or the structural condition of the roadbed of railways subject to the provisions of the Railway Act of Canada. The Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. the Corporation of the Parish of Notre Dame de Bonsecours, [1899] A.C. 367, followed; *Grand Trunk Ry. v. Therrien*, 30 Can. S.C.R. 485.

[Applied in *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Perrault*, 36 Can. S.C.R. 677; followed in *Perrault v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 14 K.B. 249.]

VANCOUVER ISLAND SETTLERS' RIGHTS ACT, 1904; POWERS OF LOCAL LEGISLATURE; BRITISH NORTH AMERICA ACT, s. 92, SUB-S. 10.

The British Columbia Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1904, directed that a grant in fee simple without any reservations as to mines and minerals should be issued to settlers therein defined, and thereunder a grant was made to the appellant of the lot in suit. By an Act of the same legislature in 1883, land which included the said lot had been granted with its mines and minerals to the Dominion Government in aid of the construction of the respondents' railway, and in 1887 had been by it granted to the respondents under the provisions of a Dominion Act passed in 1884.—Held, that the Act of 1904 on its true construction legalized the grant thereunder to the appellant, and superseded the respondents' title. Held, also, that the Act of 1904 was *intra vires* of the local legislature. It had the exclusive power of amending or repealing its own Act of 1883. The Act, moreover, related to land which had become the property of the respondents, and affected a work and undertaking purely local within the meaning of s. 92, sub-s. 10, of the British North America Act. *McGregor v. Esquimalt and Nanaimo Ry. Co.*, [1907] A.C. 462, reversing judgment of British Columbia Supreme Court, 12 B.C.R. 257.

[Commented on in *Burrard Power Co. v. The King*, 43 Can. S.C.R. 56; *Esquimalt & N. Ry. Co. v. Fiddick*, 14 B.C.R. 413.]

SUNDAY TRAFFIC; ONTARIO LORD'S DAY ACT; MATTER RELATING TO CRIMINAL LAW AND NOT TO CIVIL RIGHTS; LEGISLATIVE POWER OF DOMINION PARLIAMENT; BRITISH NORTH AMERICA ACT.

The Ontario Lord's Day Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 246, is *ultra vires* of the Ontario Legislature, as the subject thereof comes

under the classification of "criminal law," which by the British North America Act is under the exclusive legislative authority of the Parliament of Canada. 24 A.R. (Ont.) 170, affirming 27 O.R. 49, reversed. *Attorney-General (Ont.) v. Hamilton Street Ry.*, [1903] A.C. 524.

[Applied in *Re Criminal Code*, 43 Can. S.C.R. 453; *Re Sunday Labour Act*, 35 Can. S.C.R. 591; distinguished in *Tremblay v. Quebec*, Q.R. 38 S.C. 90; *Wilder v. City of Quebec*, Q.R. 25 S.C. 148; referred to in *Re Fisher and Village of Carman*, 15 Man. L.R. 477, 16 Man. L.R. 561; followed in *Rex v. Yaldon*, 17 O.L.R. 179; 12 O.W.R. 384; referred to in *Re Cohen*, 8 O.L.R. 143; *Re Ontario Medical Act*, 13 O.L.R. 501; *Tremblay v. Quebec*, Q.R. 37 S.C. 378; relied on in *Re Coal Mines Regulation Act*, 10 B.C.R. 423.]

PROVINCIAL REGULATION OF CROSSINGS AND ROADBED.

The provincial Legislatures in Canada have no jurisdiction to make regulations in respect to crossings or the structural condition of the roadbed of railways subject to the provisions of the Railway Act of Canada. *The Can. Pac. Ry. Co. v. Parish of Notre-Dame de Bonsecours*, [1897] A.C. 367, followed; *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Therrien*, 30 Can. S.C.R. 485.

[Applied in *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Perrault*, 36 Can. S.C.R. 677, Q.R. 14 K.B. 249.]

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS; CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAY ACROSS RAILWAY; RAILWAY COMMITTEE OF PRIVY COUNCIL; INTRA VIRES.

In an action to restrain the defendants from acting upon an order of the Railway Committee of the Privy Council, made under s. 14 of the Railway Act of Canada, giving them the option to open a new street, by means of a subway, across the property and under the tracks of a Dominion railway company, but without compensation, and requiring the company to pay a portion of the cost of construction, and meanwhile allowing a temporary crossing for foot passengers only, and making certain other provisions upon the subject:—Held, that the Provincial Legislature alone had power to confer upon the defendants legal capacity to acquire and make the street in question. (2) It has conferred such capacity. (3) In virtue of its power over property and civil rights in the province, the provincial Legislature has power to authorize a municipality to acquire and make such a street, and to provide how and upon what terms it may be acquired and made. (4) But

that power is subject to the intervention of federal legislation respecting works and undertakings such as the railway in question. (5) The manner and terms of acquiring and making such street, and also the prevention of the making or acquiring of such a street, are proper subjects of such supervening legislation. (6) Such legislation may rightly confer upon any person or body the power to determine in what circumstances, and how and upon what terms, such a street may be acquired and made, or to prevent the acquiring and making of it altogether, and therefore s. 14 of the Railway Act is not ultra vires. (7) Such legislation, in virtue of its power over such railway corporations, as well as such works and undertakings, may confer power to impose such terms as have in this case been imposed upon the plaintiffs, and to deprive such corporations of any right to compensation for lands so taken or injuriously affected; and has conferred such power on the Railway Committee, under s. 14, in such a case as this. (8) Such legislation has not conferred upon the Committee power to give the temporary foot-way in question. (9) Nor any authority to delegate its powers. (10) The work it directs must be constructed under the supervision of an official appointed for that purpose by the Committee. (11) The Railway Company may, if they choose, construct the works directed, under such supervision, instead of permitting the municipality to do so. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. City of Toronto*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 82, 32 O.R. 120.

[Approved in *Re McAlpine & Lake Erie Ry. Co.*, 3 O.L.R. 230; considered in *Atty.-General v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 11 B.C.R. 303.]

MECHANICS' LIEN ACT; DOMINION COMPANY.

The Mechanics' and Wage Earners' Lien Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 153, does not apply to a railway company incorporated under a Dominion Act and declared thereby to be a company incorporated for the general advantage of Canada. *Crawford v. Tilden*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 300, 13 O.L.R. 169.

[Affirmed in 14 O.L.R. 572, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 437.]

PRAIRIE FIRES ORDINANCE; CONFLICT WITH DOMINION LEGISLATION.

(1) The provisions of the Prairie Fires Ordinance imposing penalties upon railway companies governed by the Dominion Railway Act for kindling fires and letting it run at large in the operation of locomotive steam engines on their railway are valid: *Rex v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 1 West. L.R. 89, followed. (2) Where provincial

legislation imposing penalties for failing to observe the precautions to protect does not conflict with Dominion legislation upon the same subject the provincial legislation is not rendered inoperative by such Dominion legislation. (3) Where provincial regulations do not attempt to interfere with the structure of authorized works of the railway but merely require the removal of weeds or some alteration in its surface in order to prevent injury to other property, such legislation is not invalid, provided the management of the company's business as a railway and the railway works themselves are not interfered with: *Madden v. Nelson and Fort Sheppard Ry. Co.*, [1899] A.C. 626, discussed; *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Notre Dame*, [1899] A.C. 367, followed. *Rex v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 421, 6 West. L.R. 126 (Sask.).

[Reversed in 39 Can. S.C.R. 476, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 176.]

"THE PRAIRIE FIRES ORDINANCE"; WORKS CONTROLLED BY PARLIAMENT; OPERATION OF DOMINION RAILWAY.

In so far as they may relate to matters affecting the operation of a railway under the control of the Parliament of Canada, the provisions of s. 2, sub-s. (a) and (2), of c. 87, Con. Ord. N.W.T. (1898), as amended by the N.W.T. Ordinances, c. 25 (1st sess.) and c. 30 (2nd sess.) of 1903, constitute "railway legislation," strictly so-called, and were beyond the competence of the Legislature of the North-West Territories. *The Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. The Municipality of Notre Dame de Bonsecours*, [1899] A.C. 367, and *Madden v. The Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway Co.*, [1899] A.C. 626, referred to. The judgments appealed from, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 421, 6 W.L.R. 126, were reversed. *Kingston, J.*, dissenting. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. The King*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 176, 39 Can. S.C.R. 476.

[Applied in *Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Brialofsky*, Que. R. 19 K.B. 338.]

PROVINCIAL REGULATION OF RAILWAY EMPLOYMENT.

The limitation of time prescribed by s. 306 relates only to actions against railway companies provided for in the Railway Act itself, and was not intended to apply to actions the rights of which exist at common law or under provincial legislation. Dominion railways are subject to provincial legislation on the relations between master and servant, such as the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, unless the field has been covered by Dom-

inion legislation ancillary to Dominion legislation respecting railways under the jurisdiction of Parliament, and sub-s. 4 of s. 306 qualifies its main clause and excludes its operation where the injury complained of comes within the jurisdiction of, and is specially dealt with by the laws of, the Province in which it takes place, provided such laws do not encroach on Dominion powers. *C.P.R. v. Roy*, [1902] A.C. 220, distinguished. *Sutherland v. Can. North. Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 495, 21 Man. L.R. 27.

[*Canada Southern v. Jackson* (1890), 17 Can. S.C.R. 325, followed.]

CONSTRUCTION OF PROVINCIAL ENACTMENT; LEGISLATIVE INTENT; POWER OF COURTS TO QUESTION THE REASONABLENESS OF THE ENACTMENT.

In considering the constitutionality of any enactment of a provincial Legislature, every intendment will be made to support it, and it is not the business of the Courts to pass upon its wisdom or reasonableness, but simply to say whether it is fairly within the area of the constitutional powers of the Legislature. *Kerley v. London & L.E. Transportation Co.*, (Ont.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 111, 6 D.L.R. 189.

[Reversed in 13 D.L.R. 365, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 337.]

EXTRA-TERRITORIAL UNDERTAKINGS.

Upon a question of provincial as distinct from federal jurisdiction over a railway with a federal charter conferring powers to operate beyond the limits of a province, the governing principle is the conferring of such powers and not whether they were actually exercised. *Kerley v. London, etc.*, Ry. Co., 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 337, 28 O.L.R. 606, 13 D.L.R. 365.

[*Toronto Corporation v. Bell Telephone Co. of Canada*, [1905] A.C. 52, referred to.]

CONSTRUCTION OF PROVINCIAL RAILWAY ACT.

Although the language of s. 193 of the Ontario Railway Act, 1906 (now c. 36 of 1913, R.S.O. 1914, c. 185), is wide enough to embrace all street railways, tramways, and electric railways situate within the province, it must be read with ss. 3 and 5, as based upon s. 79 of 4 Edw. VII. c. 10, and by virtue thereof applies only to railways subject as such to provincial jurisdiction. *Kerley v. London, etc.*, Ry. Co., 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 337, 28 O.L.R. 606, 13 D.L.R. 365.

[*Kerley v. London and Lake Erie Railway and Transportation Co.*, 6 D.L.R. 189, reversed.]

JURISDICTION OF PARLIAMENT AND LEGISLATURE; EXTRA-TERRITORIAL UNDERTAKINGS.

Where powers are conferred by the Dominion Parliament for an undertaking beyond as well as within the limits of a province and consequently falling within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Dominion Parliament, the Legislature of such province has no jurisdiction to impose conditions precedent to the exercise of such powers. *Kerley v. London, etc.*, Ry. Co., 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 337, 28 O.L.R. 606, 13 D.L.R. 365.

[*Kerley v. London and Lake Erie Railway and Transportation Co.*, 6 D.L.R. 189, reversed; *Toronto Corporation v. Bell Telephone Co.*, [1905] A.C. 52, followed.]

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION; INTERFERENCE WITH DOMINION RAILWAYS.

It is not competent to the Legislature of the Province of Alberta to enact legislation authorizing the construction and operation of railways in such a manner as to interfere with the physical structure or operation of railways subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Parliament. *Re Alberta Railway Act*, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 213, 12 D.L.R. 150, 48 Can. S.C.R. 9.

Notes on railways as works for general benefit of Canada, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 265.

Note on works for the general advantage of Canada as affected by provincial statute, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 142.

Note on provincial legislation affecting awards, interest, costs, and filing plans under expropriation of railway, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 120.

Note on Government regulation of railway companies respecting agreements exempting employers from liability for negligence, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 15.

C. Territorial Powers.

TERRITORIAL FRANCHISE TO TRAMWAY OVER DOMINION LANDS.

The executive government of the Yukon Territory may lawfully authorize the construction of a toll tramway or wagon road over Dominion lands in the territory, and private persons using such road cannot refuse to pay the tolls exacted under such authority. *O'Brien v. E. C. Allen and G. M. Allen*, 30 Can. S.C.R. 340.

CONSTRUCTION AND LOCATION.

For location and plans, compensation for lands and injuries to, see Expropriation.

For priorities in point of construction as affecting protection of crossings, see Railway Crossings, Highway Crossings.

CONTINUOUS ROUTE.

As affecting rates, see Tolls and Tariffs.

CONTRACTS.

A. In General.

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For regulation of amalgamation agreements, see Amalgamation.

For powers of provisional directors as to contract, see Provisional Directors.

For traffic agreements, see Carriers of Goods.

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For agreements respecting controllable freight, see Carriers of Goods.

For agreements respecting telephones, see Telegraph and Telephones.

For covenants by railway companies respecting bonuses and subsidies, see Railway Subsidy.

For agreements respecting fences and cattle guards, see Fences and Cattle Guards.

For Government railway contracts, see Government Railways.

For agreements respecting employment, see Employees.

A. In General.

CONSTRUCTION OF CONTRACTS; AMBIGUITY; PRESUMPTION.

Upon the construction of contracts, doubts are solved in favour of him who has contracted the obligation and against the person claiming its benefit, especially where the latter drew the contract. *Ha Ha Bay Ry. Co. v. Larouche*, 22 Que. K.B. 92, 10 D.L.R. 388.

POWERS OF PRESIDENT.

Whereby an agreement which is in writing but which it would have been competent to the parties to make without any writing, the president of an incorporated company enters into an undertaking expressly upon his own behalf and upon behalf of the company, but signs the agreement in the name of the company only, the written document will be regarded merely as a record of the agreement and not as the agreement itself,

and the president will be held personally bound by his undertaking. *Wood v. Grand Valley Ry. Co.*, 5 D.L.R. 428, 3 O.W.N. 1356, 22 O.W.R. 269, 26 O.L.R. 441.

[Varied and damages reduced in 10 D.L.R. 726, 27 O.L.R. 556, 4 O.W.N. 556.]

SIGNATURE.

The name of an incorporated company at the foot of an agreement, followed, as part of the same signature, by the name of its president and the word "president," is the signature of the company and not of the president personally. *Wood v. Grand Valley Ry. Co.*, 5 D.L.R. 428, 3 O.W.N. 1356, 22 O.W.R. 269, 26 O.L.R. 441.

[Varied and damages reduced in 10 D.L.R. 726, 27 O.L.R. 556, 4 O.W.N. 556.]

COAL SHIPMENT; TRAIN SERVICE.

The plaintiffs, while expressly stipulating against any obligation to deliver, offered to sell to defendants "20 cars of Pittsburg slack, at \$1.25 at mine," which they would ship all rail, if defendants wished, and if plaintiffs could procure the necessary cars. The defendants telegraphed giving order at the price named, "f.o.b. mine," adding "Route it G.T.R. London." On the same day the plaintiffs wrote accepting the order, and stating that they would ship as soon as railroad equipment could be furnished, that an all-rail rate of \$2.10 to London had been quoted them, and they would ask the carriers to put same through at once. Subsequently, and before any shipment had been made, it was arranged between plaintiffs and defendants that No. 8 Pittsburg slack could be substituted for Pittsburg slack, and at the same "delivered price." Invoices sent with the coal showed the mine price as \$1.65, but, notwithstanding, defendants accepted the coal, and made no protest until making their first payment.—Held, that the price of delivery was to be at London at the price of \$3.35, and, even if the defendants could claim to have been misled by the correspondence, they were estopped by dealing with the coal when the invoices were received from shewing the contrary. *Burton v. London Street Ry. Co.*, 7 O.L.R. 717 (D.C.).

ADVERTISING CONTRACT; VAGUENESS; RENEWAL; PRICE TO BE AGREED ON.

A provision in a contract for the right to use space for advertising purposes for its renewal "at the end of three years at a price to be agreed upon but not less than \$5,000 per annum," leaves the matter at large unless the price is agreed upon, and the person using the space cannot insist on a renewal at the rate of \$5,000 per annum.

Henning v. Toronto Ry. Co., 11 O.L.R. 142 (C.A.).

MEAL TICKETS; CONTRACT; LIABILITY OF RAILWAY.

Where an employer arranges with a restaurant keeper to supply an indefinite number of midnight meals from time to time to his employees producing the employer's meal tickets, redeemable by the latter at a fixed rate per meal, there is no implied stipulation that the employer shall send all or any of his employees to get their meals exclusively at that restaurant; and an action for damages does not lie against the employer at the instance of the restaurant keeper for issuing tickets good as well at other restaurants as at that of the plaintiff for their employees' meals. *Bouton v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 10 D.L.R. 463, 43 Que. S.C. 495.

[The *Queen v. Demers*, [1900] A.C. 103, applied.]

B. Railway Construction Contracts.

CONSTRUCTION OF FENCES.

To an action on the common counts brought by T. & W.M. against the C.C.R. Co., to recover money claimed to be due for fencing along the line of C.C. railway, the C.C.R. Co. pleaded never indebted and payment. The agreement under which the fencing was made is as follows: "Memo. of fencing between Muskrat river, east, to Renfrew, T. & W.M. to construct same next spring for C.C.R. Co., to be equal to 5 boards 6 inches wide, and posts 7 and 8 feet apart, for \$1.25 per rod, company to furnish cars for lumber." Signed "T. & W.M.," and "A.B.F." F. controlled nine-tenths of the stock, and publicly appeared to be and was understood to be, and acted as, managing director or manager of the company, although he was at one time contractor for the building of the whole road. T. & W.M. built the fence and the C.C.R. Co. have had the benefit thereof ever since. The case was tried before Esterson, J., and a jury and on the evidence, in answer to certain questions submitted by the Judge, the jury found that T. & W.M., when they contracted, considered they were contracting with the company through F., and that there was no evidence that the company repudiated the contract till the action was brought, and that the payments made were as money which the company owed, not money which they were paying to be charged to F., and a general verdict was found for T. & W.M. for \$12,218.51. On appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada.—Held (affirming the judgment of the Court below), that it

was properly left to the jury to decide whether the work performed, of which the C.C.R. Co. received the benefit, was contracted for by the company through the instrumentality of F., or whether they adopted and ratified the contract, and that the verdict could not be set aside on the ground of being against the weight of evidence; (Ritchie, C.J., and Taschereau, J., dissenting, on the ground that there was no evidence that F. had any authority to bind the company, T. & W.M. being only sub-contractors, nor evidence of ratification). (2) That although the contract entered into by F. for the company was not under seal, the action was maintainable. 7 A.R. (Ont.) 646, affirmed. Canada Central Ry. Co. v. Murray, 8 Can. S.C.R. 313.

[Affirmed in 8 App. Cas. 574; applied in *Sénéac v. Central Vermont Ry. Co.*, 26 Can. S.C.R. 646; distinguished in *Miller v. Cochran Hill Gold Mining Co.*, 20 N.S.R. 314; discussed in *Rathbone v. Michael*, 20 O.L.R. 503; followed in *Trumble v. Hortin*, 22 A.R. (Ont.) 51; referred to in *Allen v. Ontario & Rainy River Ry. Co.*, 20 O.R. 510; *Bernardine v. North Dufferin*, 6 Man. L.R. 101, 19 Can. S.C.R. 611; *Lawrence v. Lucknow*, 13 O.R. 432; *McDonald v. Consolidated Gold Lake Co.*, 40 N.S.R. 367; *Stillwell v. Rennie*, 11 A.R. (Ont.) 724.]

RAILWAY CONTRACT; CERTIFICATE OF ENGINEER.

McC. et al., appellants, entered into a contract with McG., respondent, the contractor for the construction of the North Shore Railway, between Montreal and Quebec, to do and perform certain works of construction on a portion of the road, and by a clause in his contract agreed "to keep open at certain times and hours at his own cost and expense the main line for the passage of traffic or express trains run by McG. without any charge to the latter"; but there was a proviso that "any time occupied on the road over and above what may be required by the hours hereinbefore mentioned, or any expense caused thereby shall be paid by the contractor McG., on a certificate to that effect signed by the superintendent of the contractor." On an action brought by appellants against respondent for damages caused by the interruption of the work on said road by the passing of respondent's trains:—Held, affirming the judgment of the Court below, that it was the duty of the appellants to get the superintendent's certificate within a reasonable time, and not having taken any steps to get it until six years after the superintendent had left the respondent's employment, the failure to produce such certificate was

sufficient ground for dismissing the appellant's action. 14 Rev. Leg. 422 affirmed. *McCarron v. McGreevy*, 13 Can. S.C.R. 378.

AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE RAILWAY; ROLLING STOCK.

B., the contractor for building the E. & H. Ry., and, practically, the owner thereof, negotiated with the solicitor of the C.S.R. for the sale to the latter of the E. & H. Ry., when built. While the negotiations were pending B. went to California, and the agents who looked after the affairs of the E. & H. Ry. in his absence applied to the manager of the C.S.R. for some rolling stock to assist in its construction. The manager of the C.S.R. was willing to supply the rolling stock on execution of the agreement for sale of the road which was communicated to B., who wrote a letter to the manager in which the following passage occurred: "If from any cause our plan of handing over the road to your company should necessarily fail, you may equally depend on being paid full rates for the use of engine and cars and any other assistance or advantage you may have given Mr. Farquier (the agent)." The negotiations for the purchase of B.'s railway by the C.S.R. having fallen through, an action was brought by the latter company against B. and the E. & H. Ry., for the hire of the rolling stock which was resisted by B. on two grounds, one that the rolling stock was supplied in pursuance of the negotiations for the sale of his road to the plaintiffs, which had fallen through by no fault of B. and the other, that if the plaintiffs had any right of action it was only against the E. & H. Ry. and not against him. By consent of the parties the matter was referred to the arbitration of a County Court Judge, with a provision in the submission that the proceedings should be the same as on a reference by order of the Court, and that there should be a right of appeal from the award as under R.S.O. c. 50, s. 189. The arbitrator gave an award in favour of the plaintiffs; the Queen's Bench Divisional Court held that there was no appeal from the award on the merits, and as it was regular on its face refused to disturb it; the Court of Appeal held that there was an appeal on the merits but upheld the award. The defendants then appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada:—Held, affirming the judgment of the Court of Appeal that the arbitrator was justified in awarding the amount he did to the plaintiffs, and that B. as well as the company was liable therefor. *Bickford v. Canada Southern Ry. Co.* (1888), 14 Can. S.C.R. 743.

CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY; SUB-CONTRACT;
ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATE.

A sub-contract for the construction of a part of the North Shore Ry. provided inter alia that, "the said work shall, in all particulars, be made to conform to the plans, specifications and directions of the party of the second part, and of his engineer, by whose classifications, measurements and calculations, the quantities and amounts of the several kinds of work performed under this contract shall be determined, and who shall have full power to reject and condemn all work or materials which, in his opinion, do not conform to the spirit of this agreement, and who shall decide every question which may or can arise between the parties relative to the execution thereof, and his decision shall be conclusive and binding upon both parties hereto. The aforesaid party of the second part hereby agrees, and binds himself, that upon the certificates of his engineer, that the work contemplated to be done under this contract has been fully completed by the party of the first part, he will pay the said party of the first part for the performance of the same in full, for materials and workmanship. It is further agreed, by the party of the second part, that estimates shall be made during the progress of the work on or about the first of each month, and that payments shall be made by second party upon the estimate and certificate of this engineer, to the party of the first part, on or before the 20th day of each month, for the amount and value of work done, and materials furnished during the previous month, ten per cent. being deducted and retained by the party of the second part until the final completion of the work embraced in this contract, when all sums due the party of the first part shall be fully paid, and this contract considered cancelled." Upon completion of the contract the engineer made a final estimate fixing the value of the work done by the sub-contractor at \$79,142.65, and after deducting the money paid to and received by the sub-contractor, and a clerical error appearing on the face of the certificate, a sum of \$4,187.32 remained due to the sub-contractor. Upon an action brought by the sub-contractor to recover the sum of \$36,312.12, the Superior Court, whose judgment was affirmed by the Court of Queen's Bench, granted the plaintiff the amount of \$4,187.32 with interest and costs. On appeal to the Supreme Court:—Held, affirming the judgment of the Court below, that the estimate as given by the engineer was substantially such a certificate as the contract contemplated, but if not the plaintiff must fail as

a final certificate of the engineer was a condition precedent to his right to recover. *Guilbault v. McGreevy*, 18 Can. S.C.R. 609.

CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY; BOND; CONDITIONS.

H. tendered for the construction of a line of railway pursuant to an advertisement for tenders, and his offer was conditionally accepted. At the same time H. executed a bond reciting the fact of the tender and conditioned, within four days, to provide two acceptable sureties and deposit 5 per cent. of the amount of his tender in the Bank of Montreal, and also to execute all necessary agreements for the commencement and completion of the work by specified dates, and the prosecution thereof until completed. These conditions were not performed and the contract was eventually given to other persons. In an action against H. on the bond:—Held, affirming the judgment of the Court of Appeal for Ontario, that the agreement made by the bond was unilateral; that the railway company was under no obligation to accept the sureties offered or to give H. the contract; that the bond and the agreement for the construction of the work were to be contemporaneous acts, and as no such agreement was entered into H. was not liable on the bond. 18 A.R. (Ont.) 415, affirmed. *Brantford, Waterloo and Lake Erie Ry. Co. v. Huffman*, 19 Can. S.C.R. 336.

CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAYS; APPROVAL OF ENGINEER.

Where the contract for construction of a railway provided that the work was to be done to the satisfaction of the chief engineer of a railway company, not a party to such contract, who was to be the sole and final arbiter of all disputes between the parties, the contractor was not bound by such condition when the party named as arbiter proved to be, in fact, the engineer of the other party to the contract. *Dominion Construction Co. v. Good & Co.*, 30 Can. S.C.R. 114.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT; STATUTORY PROHIBITION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS.

Where a contract is prohibited by statute, such contract is void, although the statute itself does not state that it is so, and only imposes a penalty on the offender. Consequently, where the president of a railway company entered into a secret partnership with the contractors for the construction of the road, no action can be maintained by him against his partners to enforce such

contract. McDonald v. Riordan, 30 Can. S.C.R. 619, 8 Que. Q.B. 555.

**CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY;
BOND; ASSIGNMENT.**

On the 31st October, 1876, one A. entered into a contract with the Government of Nova Scotia for the construction of a railway from New Glasgow, N.S., to a point on the Strait of Canso, known as the Eastern Extension Ry. On the 20th of December, in the same year, A. assigned all his right to said contract to the appellants, and on the same day an agreement was entered into between the appellants and the Canada Improvement Company, whereby the latter undertook to build and equip the said Eastern Extension Ry. On 22nd December the respondent agreed with the Canada Improvement Company to do the necessary work on the said road, for which the company agreed to pay per mile the sum of \$4,800 in cash, and \$3,750 in first mortgage bonds of the respondent company. As security for his performance of the agreement, the respondent gave to the Canada Improvement Company a bond, with two sureties, in the penal sum of \$100,000, which bond was afterwards assigned to the Government of Nova Scotia. The respondent proceeded with the work according to the said agreement, but the said bonds were not delivered as the work progressed, and the said Canada Improvement Company represented that they could not be issued at that time. The respondent, therefore, suspended the work and took proceedings against the Canada Improvement Company for breach of the said contract. These proceedings were settled by a payment to the respondent of a certain sum in cash and notes, and an agreement was entered into between the appellants of the first part; the Canada Improvement Company of the second part, and the respondent of the third part, which agreement, after reciting the above facts, provided inter alia, as follows: That the Canada Improvement Company would deliver to respondent \$80,000 of first mortgage bonds of appellant's company as soon as the same could be legally issued, and use every diligence to have them issued, and they should, so far as the parties of the first and second parts could make them, be a lien on the Truro and Pictou Branch Ry., which the Government of the Dominion were to hand over to the appellants, upon the appellant company and its property rights and privileges set forth in s. 32 of its act of incorporation. That such bonds or other conveyances, or lien by which they might be secured, should be free from any clauses restraining a sale of the property to which

such lien attached, or in any way impairing the remedy of the holders thereof in default of payment. That the whole issue of the first mortgage bonds should not exceed \$1,250,000 and should bear interest at 6 per cent., and that no other security should take precedence of the bonds to be given to the respondent. But provision might be made for giving clear titles of the company's bonds in the event of their being sold, the proceeds to be secured for the benefit of the bondholders. That the appellants covenanted and guaranteed that the bonds would be delivered to respondent as above set out, and that they would, if necessary, endeavour to procure such legislation as would remedy any defects now existing in their organization. That the Government of Nova Scotia would use all means within its power to enforce the delivery of such bonds and might refuse government aid to said companies, until satisfied that respondent's right to receive the said bonds was protected and assured. That the contract between the Canada Improvement Company and the respondent should be cancelled, and the bond given by respondent delivered up to him. On or about the first day of February, 1879, the appellants entered into an agreement with the Governments of the Dominion and of Nova Scotia relinquishing their rights to the "Pictou Branch Ry.," mentioned in said agreement, and agreed to the repeal of the Act providing for the transfer of the same to the appellants, and that it should be retained by the Dominion until the Eastern Extension Ry. to the Strait of Canso and the steam ferry across the strait should be completed, and then transferred to the appellants on certain conditions. This the respondent claimed to be a breach of the above agreement, and brought an action against the appellants and the Canada Improvement Company, the latter, however, not being served with the writ issued in the cause. The defendants pleaded, inter alia, that as to \$40,000 of the said bonds the plaintiff had given an order on the Canada Improvement Company for the delivery of the same to the Hon. P. C. Hill, Provincial Secretary of Nova Scotia, which order had been accepted by the company, and was, in effect, an assignment of that portion of the said bonds. The evidence of the plaintiff on the trial, in regard to such order, was that it was given on the condition that an order in council should be passed by the Nova Scotia Government protecting the right of the said plaintiff to have the said bonds delivered to him, and the bonds given to the Canada Improvement Company, as security for the due performance by the plaintiff of the work on the Eastern Extension Ry. delivered up to the plaintiff; and on these con-

ditions being fulfilled the plaintiff was to give to the Government a formal assignment of the said mortgage bonds to the extent of \$40,000, but that such conditions were never carried out. The plaintiff recovered in the action, and the verdict in his favour was affirmed by the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, whereupon the defendants in the action appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada, and, on the argument of the last-mentioned appeal an agreement was entered into between the parties, to which agreement the Government of Nova Scotia became a party, empowering the Court to decide the case on the merits irrespective of the pleadings or any technical defence raised thereon, and limiting the amount in question to the sum of \$40,000, the balance being satisfied by a judgment recovered by the respondent against the Canada Improvement Company, in the province of Quebec:—Held, affirming the judgment of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, that the agreement entered into by the appellants with the governments of the Dominion and the province of Nova Scotia, was a breach of the agreement made between the appellants, the Canada Improvement Company, and the respondent, above in part recited:—Held, also, that the order given to the Honourable P. C. Hill, was given on certain conditions which were never carried out, and was not an assignment of the bonds therein mentioned, and therefore the respondent was entitled to recover the said sum of \$40,000, with interest from the date of the breach of the said agreement. Appeal dismissed with costs. Halifax & Cape Breton Coal & Ry. Co. v. Gregory, 16th February, 1885, Cass. Can. S.C.R. Dig. 1893, p. 727.

[An application was made in this case to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council for leave to appeal. The application was refused with costs. Their lordships considered that in deciding the case under the agreement entered into at the hearing of the appeal, the Supreme Court was not acting in its ordinary jurisdiction as a court of appeal, but was acting under the special reference made to it under this agreement. Further, their lordships thought that even if it were open to them to give leave to appeal, the questions raised were not of sufficient public interest to induce them to depart from the ordinary rule that persons who have gone to the Supreme Court of Canada, and have there failed, shall not proceed any further to Her Majesty in Council.—3rd April, 1886. Gregory v. Attorney-General of N.S., 11 App. Cases, 229.]

CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD; LIABILITY FOR SUPPLIES.

Where a railway company which was

unable at the time to definitely award a contract, by telegram guaranteed to the plaintiff that in the event of a contract for the construction of a portion of its road not being awarded him, the cost, as well as ten per cent. advance on all contractor's supplies placed by him on the ground, upon it becoming apparent that such contract would not be awarded him, a new contract does not arise from a subsequent promise of the company to assume the liability imposed by such telegram; such promise was, however, an admission that the alternative provision for paying such cost and percentage had come into effect. Alfred and Wickham v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co., 5 D.L.R. 154, 20 W.L.R. 111.

[Affirmed on appeal, 5 D.L.R. 471; referred in Alfred v. G.T.P. (No. 2), 6 D.L.R. 147.]

CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY; LIABILITY FOR SUPPLIES.

Where a railway company, upon its failure to award the plaintiff a contract for constructing a piece of railway, did not pay him the value of construction supplies he had provided, and for which the railway company had agreed upon that contingency to pay for, the plaintiff becomes entitled upon the company's default to the cost of insurance carried on the supplies only after the time when the defendant became liable to pay for such supplies, when such insurance would be justifiable as in protection of the plaintiff's lien as an unpaid seller. (Per Simmons, J.) Alfred & Wickham v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co., 5 D.L.R. 154, 20 W.L.R. 111.

[Affirmed on appeal, 5 D.L.R. 471. Referred in Alfred v. G.T.P. (No. 2), 6 D.L.R. 147.]

CONSTRUCTION OF RAILROAD OR SIDE TRACK; LIABILITY FOR SUPPLIES.

Where a railway company was unable to definitely award the plaintiff a contract for construction of so much road as he could agreed with him, that in order to keep his teams employed during the winter, he might put in supplies necessary for the construction of so much road as he could complete during the working portion of the following summer, and that the company would guarantee him, in the event of its being unable to award such contract, the cost of such supplies, together with ten per cent. advance thereon, the company upon not being able to award the plaintiff such contract, is liable to him for such advance upon a total cost of the supplies, and also for the loss sustained by him on a sale thereof, after due notice to the company. Alfred v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co., 5 D.L.R.

154, affirmed on appeal. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co. v. Alfred, 5 D.L.R. 471.

[Vide Alfred v. Grand Trunk Pac. Ry. Co., 6 D.L.R. 147, 22 W.L.R. 65.]

CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY; SUB-CONTRACT; SUB-CONTRACTEE'S RIGHTS; ASSIGNABILITY.

Where a railway contractor turns over to the plaintiff a number of contracts for the construction of railway stations under an arrangement which was in effect that the plaintiff should supply all materials for and construct the stations in the place and stead of the original railway contractor and that the latter would pay over to the plaintiff the progressive payments as and when they were from month to month received from the company, such a turning over is a valid and enforceable equitable assignment placing the assignee in the shoes of the original contractor, even without the railway company's consent as a literal compliance with the original contract, and the plaintiff can collect for his work and materials. [Fraser v. Imperial Bank et al., sub nom. Fraser v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 1 D.L.R. 678, 22 Man. L.R. 58.] Where, under an equitable assignment of a railway contract for the construction of a number of railway stations the plaintiff, with the knowledge and permission and encouragement of the defendant bank (whose customer he is) goes on supplying materials for and constructing the railway stations, the defendant bank is estopped from subsequently setting up a prior assignment in his own favour for future advances as against the plaintiff's claim for the materials and work so contributed by him in good faith and without notice; especially where to defeat the plaintiff's claim would be an injustice tantamount to a reproach upon the law, and where the bank failed to notify the plaintiff of its prior assignment. Fraser v. Imperial Bank, 10 D.L.R. 232, 47 Can. S.C.R. 313.

[Russell v. Watts, 10 A.C. 590; Stronge v. Hawkes, 4 DeG. M. & G. 186, applied; Fraser v. Imperial Bank, sub nom. Fraser v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 1 D.L.R. 678, 22 Man. L.R. 58, reversed.]

Note on covenants of railway companies, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 289.

Whether mandamus, injunction, specific performance or damages is the proper remedy for the enforcement of covenants by railway companies. Note, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 294.

CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

See Negligence; Carriers; Crossing Injuries.

As affecting liability for injuries to employees, see Employees.

As affecting liability for injuries to passengers, see Carriers of Passengers; Street Railways.

As arising at crossings, see Crossings, Injuries at.

CONVERSION.

For conversion of goods by carrier after termination of carrier's lien for charges, see Carriers of Goods.

CORPORATE POWERS.

For powers of provisional directors, see Provisional Directors.

RIGHT TO BUILD LINE BEYOND TERMINUS.

Held, Henry, J., dissenting, that the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. have power, under their charter, to extend their line from Port Moody, in British Columbia, to English Bay. 1 B.C.R. (pt. 2) 287, reversed. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Major, 13 Can. S.C.R. 233.

[Adhered to in Canadian Pac. Ry. Co. v. Edmonds, 1 B.C.R. (pt. 2) 296; referred to in Atty.-General v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 11 B.C.R. 314; Vancouver v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co., 23 Can. S.C.R. 21; relied on in Re Branch Lines Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 36 Can. S.C.R. 79.]

LEASE OF ROAD FOR TERM OF YEARS; TRANSFER OF CORPORATE RIGHTS.

The Canada Southern Ry. Co., by its charter and amendments thereto, has authority to enter into an agreement with any other railway company with respect to the traffic arrangements or the use and working of the railway or any part thereof, and by the Dominion Railway Act of 1879, it is authorized to enter into traffic arrangements and agreements for the management and working of its railway with any other railway company, in Canada or elsewhere, for a period of twenty-one years.—Held, reversing the decision of the Court of Appeal, that authority to enter into an agreement for the "use and working" or "management and working" of its road conferred upon the company a larger right than that of making a forwarding agreement or of conferring running powers; that the company could lawfully lease a portion of its road to a foreign company and transfer to the latter all its rights and privileges in respect to such portion, and the foreign company in such case would be protected

from liability for injury to property occurring without negligence in its use of the road so leased, to the same extent as the Canada Southern Ry. Co. is itself protected. Same case sub nom. Wealleans v. Canada Southern Ry. Co., 21 A.R. (Ont.) 297, reversed. Michigan Central Ry. Co. v. Wealleans, 24 Can. S.C.R. 309.

[Distinguished in Lynch v. Wm. Richards Co., 38 N.B.R. 179.]

ABSTAINING EXERCISE OF PUBLIC FRANCHISE; PUBLIC POLICY.

An agreement by a corporation to abstain from exercising franchises granted for the promotion of the convenience of the public is invalid as being contrary to public policy and cannot be enforced by the Courts. Where a company subject to the Dominion Railway Act, with powers to construct railways and tramways has allowed its powers as to construction of new lines to lapse by non-user within the time limited it is not competent for it to enter into an agreement with a municipality for the construction of a tramway within the municipal limits under the provisions of Art. 479 of the Quebec Municipal Code. Montreal Park & Island Ry. Co. v. Chateaugay & Northern Ry. Co., 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 83, 35 Can. S.C.R. 48.

RIGHT TO ERECT POLES ON STREET BY POWER COMPANY; SPECIAL ACT; AMENDMENT; CONSTRUCTION.

Where a general clause of another statute is by the incorporating Act made applicable to a corporation, and its undertakings by a reference which does not specify an amendment already made to such general clause, such amendment is to be read as forming part of the company's Act of incorporation and will control the powers granted to the company. [The Interpretation Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 1, s. 20 (b) construed.] A clause in a general Act making it a condition precedent to the erection of electric light poles and wires, in a municipality, that the consent of the municipal council shall be first obtained and that the whole work incident to the erection of the poles shall be under the supervision of an appointee of the council, is not inconsistent with nor superseded by special provisions contained in the Act of incorporation of an electric light company conferring upon it the power to erect poles in a street, and to operate the business of the company and making the company responsible for damages caused in carrying on or maintaining their works. Powers conferred by a special Act of Parliament incorporating an electric light and power company whose powers

include the erection of poles and the doing of all things necessary for the transmission of light, heat, and power, provided that the same is done so as not to "incommode" the public use of streets are not in conflict with the provisions of an amended section of a general Act, which is made applicable to the corporation by its Act of incorporation, and which makes it a condition precedent to the erection of poles that the consent of the municipal council shall be first obtained. Toronto & Niagara Power Co. v. Town of North Toronto, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 379, 25 O.L.R. 475, 2 D.L.R. 120.

[Reversed in [1912] A.C. 834, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 392, 5 D.L.R. 43.]

SPECIAL ACT CONFERRING POWERS ON ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY; USER OF HIGHWAY; ERECTOR OF POLES IN STREET.

The powers conferred upon the Toronto and Niagara Power Company by ss. 12 and 13 of its Act of incorporation of 1902, remain intact notwithstanding the provisions of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, and that company is entitled to erect poles for the purpose of stringing power of transmission lines along the streets of a municipality, without the consent of the municipality. Toronto and Niagara Power Co. v. Town of North Toronto, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 392, [1912] A.C. 834, 5 D.L.R. 43.

[Toronto and Niagara Power Co. v. Town of North Toronto, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 379, 2 D.L.R. 120, reversed on appeal.]

Note on expiration of charter powers of railway company, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 97.

COSTS.

Costs for the construction of crossings, see Highway Crossings; Railway Crossings; Farm Crossings; Wire Crossings.

For costs in expropriation proceedings, see Expropriation.

COURTS.

See Jurisdiction; Board of Railway Commissioners; Appeals.

As to assessment of damages by Court or Jury, see Damages.

COVENANTS AND CONDITIONS.

See Contracts.

For covenants limiting liability, see Limitation of Liability.

For conditions in bill of lading, see Carriers of Goods.

For conditions on passenger tickets, see Tickets and Fares.

For conditions as to notice of claims, see Claims.

Covenants of railway companies with employees, see Employees.

Covenants of street railway companies with municipalities, see Street Railways.

Covenants affecting the carriage of live stock, see Limitation of Liability; Carriage of Live Stock.

For covenants in bonds, see Bonds and Securities.

For covenants by railway companies respecting bonuses and subsidies, see Railway Subsidy.

For agreements respecting telephones, see Telegraph and Telephones.

CRIMES AND OFFENCES.

For constitutionality of provincial statute as to railway fires, see Constitutional Law.

For imposing penalties on street railways, see Street Railways.

RUNNING CARS WITHOUT PROPER PRECAUTIONS; NEGLIGENCE ENDANGERING LIFE.

The omission of an electric railway company operating their cars upon a highway to use reasonable precautions so as to avoid endangering the lives of the public using the highway in common with the company, is a breach of legal duty constituting a common nuisance under the Criminal Code, ss. 101 and 213, for which an indictment will lie. *R. v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Cr. Cas. 4 (McDougall, Co. J.).

[Referred to in *R. v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 10 O.L.R. 26.]

OBSTRUCTING REGIMENT ON MARCH; STREET CAR AT STREET CROSSING.

(1) Where the alleged obstruction of a regiment on parade by an electric car of which the accused was the motorman, appears on the rehearing on appeal to have been accidental, the Court will reverse the summary conviction. (2) Per Court of Appeal.—A county Judge hearing an appeal from a summary conviction has no power to state a case to the Court of Appeal in respect of points of law arising on the appeal before him. *The King v. McIntosh*, 17 Can. Cr. Cas. 295 (Man.).

PRAIRIE FIRES.

The fact that shortly after the passing of a locomotive a fire is seen near the railway

track, where none existed before, is prima facie evidence that the fire originated from sparks from the locomotive. The provisions of the Prairie Fires Ordinance requiring locomotives to be equipped with certain appliances and in casting on a defendant the onus of proof in a criminal charge relating thereto, are binding on a railway company deriving its powers from the Parliament of Canada, but operating lines of railway in the North-West Territories. *Rex v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 7 Terr. L.R. 286.

EXPRESS COMPANY; DELIVERY OF LIQUOR C.O.D.

A consignment of liquor was shipped by Dominion Express from Amherst to Moncton, C.O.D., and delivered to the purchaser at the latter place by the agent of the company upon payment of the price.—Held, that the agent was not guilty of an offence against the Canada Temperance Act. Rule absolute for certiorari to remove conviction. *Ex parte Trenholm*, 37 C.L.J. 43 (S.C.N.B.).

MANSLAUGHTER; GRIEVOUS BODILY INJURY; INDICTMENT OF CORPORATION; PUNISHMENT.

The defendants, a corporation, were indicted for that they unlawfully neglected, without lawful excuse, to take reasonable precautions and to use reasonable care in maintaining a bridge forming part of their railway which was used for hauling coal and carrying passengers, and that on the 17th August, 1898, a locomotive engine and several cars then being run along said railway and across said bridge, owing to the rotten state of the timbers of the bridge, were precipitated into the valley underneath, thereby causing the death of certain persons. The defendants were found guilty and a fine of \$5,000.00 was inflicted by Walkem, J., at the trial.—Held, per McColl, C.J., and Martin, J., on appeal affirming the conviction, that such an indictment will lie against a corporation under s. 252 of the Code. Per Drake and Irving, JJ.: Such an indictment will not lie against a corporation. Sections 191, 192, 213, 252, 639 and 713 of the Code considered. A corporation cannot be indicted for manslaughter. Per McColl, C.J.: The words "grievous bodily injury" in s. 252 have no technical meaning, and in their natural sense include injuries resulting in death. Per Drake, J.: The indictment charges the company with the death of certain persons owing to the company's neglect of duty and is a charge of manslaughter, the punishment of which is a term of imprisonment for life, and because a corporation cannot suffer imprisonment therefore the punishment laid down in the

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Code is not applicable to such a body. When death ensues the offence is no longer "grievous bodily injury," but culpable homicide. Regina v. Union Colliery Co., 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 499, 7 B.C.R. 247.

[Affirmed in 31 Can. S.C.R. 81; 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 511; 4 Can. Cr. Cas. 400. Referred to in R. v. Toronto Ry. Co. (No. 1), 18 Can. Cr. Cas. 426.]

MANSLAUGHTER; INDICTMENT AGAINST BODY CORPORATE; CRIM. CODE; FINE.

Under s. 213 of the Criminal Code a corporation may be indicted for omitting, without lawful excuse, to perform the duty of avoiding danger to human life from anything in its charge or under its control. The fact that the consequence of the omission to perform such duty might have justified an indictment for manslaughter in the case of an individual is not ground for quashing the indictment. As s. 213 provides no punishment for the offence the common law punishment of a fine may be imposed on a corporation indicted under it. Union Colliery Co. v. The Queen, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 511, 31 Can. S.C.R. 81.

FAILURE TO ISSUE TARIFF OF FARES; OFFICER OF RAILWAY COMPANY; OFFENCE OF COMPANY.

The defendant, who was second vice-president and the general manager of a railway company, was convicted by a police magistrate under s. 138 of the Criminal Code of an offence against s. 3 of 16 Vict. c. 37 (C.) on the following findings: that the company had not during the year 1906 fixed or issued a tariff of fares or charges, payable by each third class passenger by any train on said railway for each mile travelled; that the company had not during that time permitted a third class passenger to travel by any train on said railway at the fare or charge of one penny currency for each mile travelled; and that the said company had not, during that time provided that at least one train having in it third class carriages should run each day to . . . from . . . , being part of the said railway:—Held, that the conviction of the defendant for the omission of the company was bad:—Held, also, that in any event the operation of s. 138 of the Criminal Code was in this case excluded by the existence of a penalty for the offence under s. 294 of the Railway Act, 1903. Rex v. Hays, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 480, 14 O.L.R. 201.

PROTECTION OF STREET CROSSING; CHARGE OF FAILURE; JOINT INDICTMENT.

The Railway Committee of the Privy Council of Canada, upon the application of

a city, in order to provide protection at a place where a street was crossed by the tracks of two railways, ordered and directed that the two railways should, within a specified time, properly plank between their said tracks, and also provide gates and watchmen thereat, and should thereafter maintain and protect the said crossing:—Held, that a joint indictment against the two companies for the failure to place gates and a watchman at the crossing, would not lie; and therefore there was no jurisdiction in the Court of general sessions of the peace to try such an indictment, and a conviction made at the sessions against the two companies was quashed. The effect of ss. 165, 221 and 247 of the Criminal Code, and ss. 33, 427 and 431 of the Railway Act, considered. Rex v. Grand Trunk & Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos., 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 453, 17 O.L.R. 601.

ORDER OF BOARD OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS; ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF FIRE-GUARD; CONVICTION; NON-PUBLICATION OF ORDER IN CANADA GAZETTE.

R. v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co., 8 W.L.R. 889 (Sask.).

Note on liability of a railway company to indictment, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 521, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 489.

CROSSING INJURIES.

- A. In General.
- B. Speed.
- C. Signals and Warnings.
- D. Duty to Look and Listen.
- E. Flagmen; Gates.

For injuries on street intersections, see Street Railways.

For protection of highways, see Highway Crossings.

For protection of railway crossings, see Railway Crossings.

For regulation of farm crossings, see Farm Crossings.

For regulation of wire crossings, see Wire Crossings.

For defective approaches to station causing injury, see Stations.

A. In General.

COLLISION; AIR-BRAKES; FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH STATUTE.

The Grand Trunk Ry. crosses the Great Western Ry., about a mile east of the city of London, on a level crossing. On the 19th

June, 1876, a Grand Trunk train, on which plaintiff was on board as a conductor, before crossing, was brought to a stand. The signal-man who was in charge of the crossing, and in the employment of the Great Western Ry. Co., dropped the semaphore, and thus authorized the Grand Trunk train to proceed, which it did. While crossing the track, appellants' train, which had not been stopped, owing to the accidental bursting of a tube in air-brakes, ran into the Grand Trunk train and injured plaintiff. It was shown that these air-brakes were the best known appliances for stopping trains, and that they had been tested during the day, but that they were not applied at a sufficient distance from the crossing to enable the train to be stopped by the hand-brakes, in case of the air-brakes giving way. C.S.C., c. 66, s. 142, Rev. Stats. Ont., c. 165, s. 90, enacts that "every railway company shall station an officer at every point on their line crossed on the level by any other railway, and no train shall proceed over such crossing until signal has been made to the conductor thereof, that the way is clear." S. 143 enacts that "every locomotive . . . or train of cars on any railway shall, before crossing the track of any other railway, on a level, be stopped for at least the space of three minutes"—Held, that the appellants were guilty of negligence in not applying the air-brakes at a sufficient distance from the crossing to enable the train to be stopped by hand-brakes in case of the air-brakes giving way. That there was no evidence of contributory negligence on the part of the Grand Trunk Ry., as they had brought their train to a full stop, and only proceeded to cross appellants' track when authorized to do so by the officer in charge of the semaphore, who was a servant of the Great Western Ry. Co. 2 A.R. (Ont.) 64, 40 Q.B. 333, affirmed. Great Western Ry. v. Brown, 3 Can. S.C.R. 159.

[Approved in *White v. Gosfield*, 10 A.R. (Ont.) 555; *Jennings v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 15 A.R. (Ont.) 477; referred to in *Gray v. Steel Co. of Canada*, 12 N.S.R. 509.]

OBSTRUCTION TO HIGHWAY; CAR LYING ON CROSSING; FRIGHTENING OF HORSE.

Defendants have two lines of railway crossing a street known as Spadina crescent in Saskatoon. In obtaining permission to build the second line of railway across this street the Board of Railway Commissioners required the company to raise the street to a certain level. This work had partly been done, but there was a portion left unfinished which left a ditch

about three feet deep in one part of the street. The plaintiff was driving along this street and when crossing the defendants' track his horse shied at a caboose lying on the track and projecting into the street, and which had been so lying for more than five minutes. Upon the horse shying the plaintiff's buggy went over the side of the ditch before referred to, throwing him out, whereby he was injured and the horse running away was also injured.—Held, that leaving the caboose standing on the street for the time it was shown to have been constituted an unauthorized user of the highway, and the accident having resulted from such unauthorized user together with the condition of the street by reason of the company's failure to comply with the order of the Board, the company was liable in damages. *Weaver v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 468, 4 Sask. L.R. 201.

INJURY TO PERSON CROSSING TRACK.

The fact that the person injured was walking on the tracks itself and not alongside will not constitute him a trespasser if his walking on the track was incidental to a reasonable attempt on his part to cross the railway at a crossing regularly used by the public without objection or warning on the part of the railway company. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. McSween*, 2 D.L.R. 874.

FOOT CAUGHT IN SPACE OF RAIL.

A verdict of a jury for the plaintiff, in an action to recover damages for injury resulting from the alleged negligence of a railroad company in leaving an unnecessarily wide space between the planking and the inside of one of the rails of their track at a highway crossing, whereby the plaintiff while walking along the highway at night got his foot caught in the space, and being unable to extricate it in time, it was cut off by a locomotive, should not be disturbed on appeal, where the jury find that the railroad company was negligent in not having the crossing in proper order, and that the plaintiff could not by the exercise of reasonable care have avoided the accident. *Stevens v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 10 D.L.R. 88, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 28.

B. Speed.

EXCESSIVE SPEED; RUNNING TRAIN THROUGH TOWN; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

In an action against the G.T.R. Co. for causing the death of the plaintiff's husband by negligence of their servants, it was proved that the accident occurred while the train was passing through the town of

Strathroy; that it was going at a rate of over thirty miles an hour; and that no bell was rung or whistle sounded until a few seconds before the accident:—Held, affirming the judgment of the Court of Appeal, 13 Ont. App. R. 174, that the company was liable in damages. For the defence it was shewn that the deceased was driving slowly across the track with his head down, and that he did not attempt to look out for the train until shouted to by some persons who saw it approaching when he whipped up his horses and endeavoured to drive across the track and was killed. As against this there was evidence that there was a curve in the road, which would prevent the train being seen, and also that the buildings at the station would interrupt the view. The jury found that there was no contributory negligence:—Held, per Ritchie, C.J., and Fournier and Henry, J.J., that the finding of the jury should not be disturbed. Strong, Taschereau and Gwynne, J.J., contra. 13 A.R. (Ont.) 174, 8 O.R. 401, affirmed. Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Beckett (1887), 16 Can. S.C.R. 713.

[Leave to appeal was refused by the J. C. of the P. C., 9 Gaz. 394. See the Grand Trunk Ry. Co. of Canada v. Jennings, 13 App. Cases 800, in which this case was discussed and approved.]

[Approved in Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Jennings, 13 A.C. 802; followed in Preston v. Toronto Ry. Co., 13 O.L.R. 369; referred to in Hollinger v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co., 21 O.R. 705; Warboys v. Lachine Rapids Hydraulic and Land Co., Q.R. 22 S.C. 541; distinguished in Tinsley v. Toronto Ry. Co., 17 O.L.R. 74; followed in Cameron v. Royal Paper Mills Co., Q.R. 31 S.C. 286.]

RUNNING LOCOMOTIVE REAR END FOREMOST; SPEED OF TRAIN AT RAILWAY CROSSING.

(1) A railway company that uses a locomotive, rear end foremost, to haul a train, so that the driver cannot see the track immediately ahead, is guilty of negligence and liable to contribute to the loss arising from a carriage being run down at a railway crossing, when the accident might possibly have been averted, had the driver of the locomotive been able to see the carriage approach. (2) There is no statutory obligation to slacken the speed of a railway train at an ordinary railway crossing. Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Daoust, 14 Que. K.B. 548.

[Applied in Canadian Pac. Ry. Co. v. Toupin, Q.R. 18 K.B. 559.]

SPEED OF TRAINS; STREET CROSSINGS; EXTRAORDINARY PRECAUTIONS.

(1) A railway company is under no legal

obligation to slacken the speed of its trains through a town, if its track is properly fenced. (2) The failure of a railway company to have a guardian, or gates or some equivalent form of protection at a street crossing, however dangerous from the lay of the land making it impossible to see approaching trains, is not a fault that will make the company liable for accidents by collision with its passing trains. Quebec and Lake St. John Ry. Co. v. Girard, 15 Que. K.B. 48.

EXCESSIVE SPEED; THICKLY PEOPLED DISTRICT.

Railway companies are responsible for accidents caused by their trains in thickly peopled portions of towns travelling at a rate of speed exceeding ten miles per hour. They cannot invoke the exception made when the right of way is enclosed if the fences have gaps or openings without protection opposite intersecting streets on one of which the accident occurred. Jolicoeur v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., Q.R. 34 S.C. 457.

STREET CROSSING; EXCESSIVE SPEED; INJURY TO PERSON DRIVING ACROSS TRACKS.

In an action against a railway company for negligence, it appeared that a locomotive of the defendants was running at a dangerous rate of speed for the locality, and struck and killed a person who was driving a team and wagon over the track at a street crossing. There was a tool house near the crossing, which to some extent obstructed the view, and there was also another train shunting near by. The jury found that death was caused by the defendants' negligence in failing to reduce the speed of their train as provided by the Railway Act, and that the deceased had committed no acts of contributory negligence. No questions were submitted to the jury as to whether the defendants were guilty of any other acts of negligence. It was held, that as the noise of the shunting train might have reasonably engaged the attention of the deceased, and as his view near the crossing was obstructed by the tool house, the jury was justified in finding that there was no contributory negligence; but that following G.T.R. v. McKay, 34 Can. S.C.R. 81, the verdict in the plaintiff's favour should be set aside, and (Wetmore, J., dissentiente) a new trial ordered. Andreas v. Canadian Pacific Ry Co., 7 Terr. L.R. 327.

INJURY TO PERSON CROSSING TRACK; TRAIN RUNNING BACKWARDS; RATE OF SPEED IN CITY; WARNING; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

Special circumstances may call for other precautions in addition to those prescribed

by statute, as to ringing the bell or blowing the whistle as a warning, and what those additional precautions are, is, in each case, a question of fact for the jury. *Lake Erie and Detroit River Ry. Co. v. Barclay*, 30 Can. S.C.R. 360, followed. The provision that the speed of trains on the Toronto Esplanade shall not exceed four miles an hour, 28 Vict. c. 34, s. 7, has not been superseded by 51 Vict. c. 29 (D.), s. 259, and 55 & 56 Vict. c. 27, s. 8. It is for the jury to consider in the light of all the surrounding circumstances whether the fact that deceased did not look in the direction of an approaching engine, is such negligence as disentitles his representatives from recovering in an action against a railway company for negligence. The jury found that deceased was guilty of contributory negligence, but that defendants could have avoided the accident by the exercise of reasonable care. Held, that the plaintiff was entitled to judgment. *Moyer v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 1, 2 O.W.R. 83.

[Referred to in *Smith v. Niagara, etc., Ry. Co.*, 9 O.L.R. 158.]

STREET CROSSING; COLLISION; RATE OF SPEED.

Held, (reversing the judgment of the Superior Court, *White J.*):—Where all the usual signals and warnings were given by the railway company, and the proximate and determining cause of the accident of which the plaintiff complained was the imprudence and recklessness of her deceased husband and his brother, the plaintiff is not entitled to recover. It was unnecessary to decide whether s. 259 of the Railway Act prohibiting a rate of speed, through a thickly peopled portion of a city, exceeding six miles an hour applies to high-way crossings, because, in the opinion of the Court of Review, the accident would have happened even if the rate of speed had been less than six miles an hour. *Tanguay vs Qual. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 13, Q.R. 20 S.C. 90.

[NOTE.—The two Courts differed upon a question of fact. The Judge a quo was of opinion that the accident would not have occurred if the train had been going at a speed less than six miles an hour, and that s. 259 of the Railway Act prohibits a speed exceeding six miles an hour across highway crossings in cities, towns and villages.

EXCESSIVE SPEED; CROSSING TRACK WHILE ENGINE ABOUT STARTING; PROXIMATE CAUSE.

Three persons were near a public road

crossing when a freight train passed after which they attempted to pass over the track and were struck by a passenger train coming from the direction opposite to that of the freight train and killed. The passenger train was running at the rate of forty-five miles an hour, and it was snowing slightly at the time. On the trial of actions under Lord Campbell's Act against the Railway Company the jury found that the death of the parties was due to negligence "in violating the statute by running at an excessive rate of speed" and that deceased were not guilty of contributory negligence. A verdict for the plaintiff in each case was maintained by the Court of Appeal:—Held, that the Railway Company was liable; that the deceased had a right to cross the track and there was no evidence of want of care on their part and the same could not be presumed; and though there may not have been precise proof that the negligence of the company was the direct cause of the accident the jury could reasonably infer it from the facts proved and their finding was justified. *McArthur v. Dominion Cartridge Co.* [1905 A.C. 72] followed; *Wakelin v. London & South Western Ry. Co.*, 12 App. Cas. 41, distinguished:—Held, also, that the fact of deceased starting to cross the track two seconds before being struck by the engine was not proof of want of care; that owing to the snowstorm and the escaping steam and noise of the freight train they might well have failed to see the head-light or hear the approach of the passenger train if they had looked and listened. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Hainer*; *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Hughes*; *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Bready*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 59, 36 Can. S.C.R. 180.

[Applied in *Jolicoeur v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, Que. R. 34 S.C. 460; distinguished in *Beek v. Can. Nor. Ry. Co.*, 2 A.L.R. 558; *Tinsley v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 17 O.L.R. 74; referred to in *Eisenhauer v. Halifax & S. W. Ry. Co.*, 42 N.S.R. 434.]

EXCESSIVE SPEED; FINDING OF JURY; MIS-DIRECTION; SIGNALS AND WARNINGS.

Where in an action against a railway company to recover damages for the death of the plaintiff's husband, the findings of the jury are to the effect that the death of the deceased was caused in consequence of running the defendant's train at an excessive rate of speed, but were not directed to any findings as to whether or not the deceased had been guilty of contributory negligence where there was sufficient evidence of the ringing of the bell, the blowing of the whistle, the shunting of cars, together with other circumstances which might

have acquainted the deceased of an approaching train, a verdict in favour of the plaintiff under such facts does not warrant a new trial, but the whole action must be non-suited. *Andrews v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 440, 2 W.L.R. 249.

[Affirmed in 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 450, 37 Can. S.C.R. 1.]

EXCESSIVE SPEED; SIGNALS.

A. brought an action, as administratrix of the estate of her husband, against the C.P.R. Co., claiming compensation for his death by negligence and alleging in her declaration that the negligence consisted in running a train at a greater speed than six miles an hour through a thickly populated district and in failing to give the statutory warning on approaching the crossing where the accident happened. At the trial questions were submitted to the jury who found that the train was running at a speed of 25 miles an hour, that such speed was dangerous for the locality, and that the death of deceased was caused by neglect or omission of the company in failing to reduce speed as provided by the Railway Act. A verdict was entered for the plaintiff and on motion to the Court, en banc, to have it set aside and judgment entered for defendants a new trial was ordered on the ground that questions as to the bell having been rung and the whistle sounded should have been submitted to the jury. The plaintiff appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada to have the verdict at the trial restored, and the defendants, by cross-appeal, asked for judgment:—Held, affirming 2 W.L.R. 249, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 440, Idington, J., dissenting, that by the above findings the jury must be held to have considered the other grounds of negligence charged, as to which they were properly directed by the judge, and to have exonerated the defendants from liability thereon, and the new trial was improperly granted on the ground mentioned:—Held, also, that though there was no express finding that the place at which the accident happened was a thickly peopled portion of the district, it was necessarily imported in the findings given above; that this fact had to be proved by the plaintiff and there was no evidence to support it; and that as the evidence shewed it was not a thickly peopled portion, the plaintiff could not recover and the defendants should have judgment on their cross-appeal. *Andreas, Administratrix, etc., v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 450, 37 Can. S.C.R. 1.

[Followed in *McGraw v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 18 O.L.R. 154; referred to in *Eisenhauer et al. v. Halifax & S.W. Ry. Co.*, 42 N.S.R.

438; followed in *Paquette v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 68, 19 O.W.R. 305.]

C. Signals and Warnings.

FAILURE TO SOUND WHISTLE; ACCIDENT FROM HORSE TAKING FRIGHT.

Held, affirming the judgment of the Court of Appeal for Ontario, that Consolidated Statutes of Canada, c. 63, s. 104, must be construed as ensuring to the benefit of all persons who, using the highway which is crossed by a railway on the level, receive damage in their person or their property from the neglect of the railway company's servants in charge of a train to ring a bell or sound a whistle, as they are directed to do by said statute, whether such damage arises from actual collision, or, as in this case, by a horse being brought over near the crossing and taking fright at the appearance or noise of the train. The jury, in answer to the question, "If the plaintiffs had known that the train was coming would they have stopped their horse further from the railway than they did?" said "Yes":—Held, though the question was indefinite, the answers to the questions as a whole, viewed in connection with the Judge's charge, and the evidence, warranted the verdict. 8 A.R. (Ont.) 482, affirming 32 U.C.C.P. 349, affirmed. *Grand Trunk Ry. v. Rosenberger*, 9 Can. S.C.R. 311.

[Followed in *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Sibbald*, 20 Can. S.C.R. 259, 19 O.R. 164; approved in *Hollinger v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 21 O.R. 705; *Lemay v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 17 A.R. (Ont.) 293; commented on in *Roe v. Lucknow*, 21 A.R. (Ont.) 1; applied in *Sibbald v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 18 A.R. (Ont.) 184, 20 Can. S.C.R. 259; discussed in *Hurd v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 15 A.R. (Ont.) 58; *Vanwart v. N.B. Ry. Co.*, 27 N.B.R. 65; distinguished in *New Brunswick Ry. Co. v. Vanwart*, 17 Can. S.C.R. 41; followed in *Henderson v. Can. Atl. Ry. Co.*, 25 A.R. (Ont.) 437; referred to in *Atkinson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 17 O.R. 220; *Nightingale v. Union Colliery Co.*, 8 B.C.R. 137.]

APPROACHING SIDING; NOTICE OF APPROACH.

At a place which was not a station nor a highway crossing, the N.B. Ry. Co. had a siding for loading lumber delivered from a saw mill and piled upon a platform. The deceased was at the platform with a team for the purpose of taking away some lumber when a train coming out of a cutting frightened the horses, which dragged the deceased to the main track, where he was killed by the train:—Held, that there was no duty

upon the company to ring the bell or sound the whistle or to take special precautions in approaching or passing the siding. 27 N.B.R. 59 reversed. New Brunswick Ry. Co. v. Vanwart, 17 Can. S.C.R. 35.

[Discussed in *Hollinger v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co.*, 21 O.R. 705.]

FAILURE TO GIVE SIGNALS WHEN APPROACHING CROSSING.

On the trial of an action against a railway company for injuries alleged to have been caused by negligence of the servants of the company in not giving proper notice of the approach of a train at a crossing, whereby plaintiff was struck by the engine and hurt, the case was withdrawn from the jury by consent of counsel for both parties and referred to the full Court, with power to draw inferences of fact and on the law and facts either to assess damages to the plaintiff or enter a judgment of non-suit. On appeal from the decision of the full Court assessing damages to plaintiff—Held, Gwynne and Patterson, JJ., dissenting, that as by the practice in the Supreme Court of New Brunswick all matters of fact must be decided by the jury, and can only be entertained by the Court by consent of parties, the full Court in considering the case pursuant to the agreement at the trial acted as a quasi-arbitrator, and its decision was not open to review on appeal as it would have been if the judgment had been given in the regular course of judicial procedure in the Court:—Held, further, that if the merits of the case could be entertained on appeal the judgment appealed from should be affirmed:—Held, per Gwynne and Patterson, JJ., that the case was properly before the Court, and as the evidence shewed that the servants of the company had complied with the statutory requirement as to giving notice of the approach of the train the company was not liable. 31 N.B.R. 318 affirmed. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Fleming, 22 Can. S.C.R. 33.

[Applied in *Quebec & Lake St. John Ry. Co. v. Girard*, Q.R. 15 K.B. 56; followed in *Champaigne v. G.T.R. Co.*, 9 O.L.R. 589; referred to in *Voigt v. Groves*, 12 B.C.R. 180.]

IMPAIRING USEFULNESS OF HIGHWAY; FRIGHTENING HORSES.

A railway company has no authority to build its road so that part of its road-bed shall be some distance below the level of the highway unless upon the express condition that the highway shall be restored so as not to impair its usefulness, and the company so constructing its road and any other company operating it is liable for injuries result-

ing from the dangerous condition of the highway to persons lawfully using it. A company which has not complied with the statutory condition of ringing a bell when approaching a crossing is liable for injuries resulting from a horse taking fright at the approach of a train and throwing the occupants of the carriage over the dangerous part of the highway on to the track though there was no contact between the engine and the carriage. Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Rosenberger, 9 Can. S.C.R. 311, followed; 18 A.R. (Ont.) 184, 19 O.R. 164, affirmed. G.T.R. Co. v. Sibbald; G.T.R. Co. v. Tremayne, 20 Can. S.C.R. 259.

[Approved in *Fairbanks v. Township of Yarmouth*, 24 A.R. (Ont.) 273; *Hockley v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 7 O.L.R. 186; followed in *Steves v. South Vancouver, 6 B.C.R. 23*; referred to in *Fraser v. London Street Ry. Co.*, 18 O.P.R. 370; *McHugh v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 2 O.L.R. 600; *Sheppard Pub. Co. v. Press Pub. Co.*, 10 O.L.R. 243; *Henderson v. Canada Atlantic Ry. Co.*, 25 A.R. (Ont.) 437.]

FAILURE TO GIVE SIGNALS OR WARNINGS.

The respondent (Wilson) obtained a verdict from a jury in the Superior Court District of Iberville, for injuries sustained by being run over on the 21st November, 1876, by a locomotive engine of the appellants, the G.T.R. Co., while he was crossing their railway track on a public highway at St. Johns, P.Q. The motion for judgment on the verdict was not made before the Superior Court District of Iberville, but was drawn up and placed on the record while the case was pending before the Court of Review at Montreal. That Court, on motion, directed a new trial, but the Court of Queen's Bench, on appeal, held that from the evidence in the record it appeared that the accident occurred through the gross negligence of the employees of the appellants in not ringing the bell and sounding the whistle, as they were bound to do, when approaching the crossing, and that the verdict rendered by the jury ought, therefore, to be maintained and the motion for a new trial rejected. See 2 *Dorion's Q.B.R.* 131. On appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada:—Held, Taschereau and Gwynne, JJ., dissenting, that the judgment of the Court of Queen's Bench should be affirmed. Per Taschereau and Gwynne, JJ., dissenting:—The Superior Court, sitting in review at Montreal, has no jurisdiction, either under 34 *Vict. c. 4, s. 10*, or 35 *Vict. c. 6, s. 13 (P.Q.)* to determine a motion for judgment upon the verdict in a case tried in one of the rural judicial districts, and therefore the Court of Queen's

Bench had no power to enter judgment for the respondents upon the verdict. (2) The Court of Review, on a motion for new trial in the first instance, having in its discretion granted same, judgment should not have been reversed on appeal. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Wilson*, 30th April, 1883. *Cass. Can. S.C.R. Dig. 1893, p. 722.*

FAILURE TO BLOW WHISTLE AND RING BELL.

Action for damages for the killing of plaintiff's horses at a highway crossing by an engine of the defendants. The learned trial Judge did not think it necessary to decide, upon the conflicting evidence, whether the whistle had been blown as required by s. 224 of the Railway Act, 1903, but he found that the bell had not been rung and the defendants had, therefore, been guilty of negligence. He was, however, inclined to believe that the plaintiff's driver had been guilty of contributory negligence in not looking out for the engine. The action was dismissed on the ground that the plaintiff had not proved that there was no by-law of the city prohibiting the blowing of whistles and ringing of bells because, under that section, if such a by-law was in force, the whistle should not be blown nor the bell rung:—Held, on appeal, that, upon the plaintiff filing an affidavit proving the non-existence of such a by-law, there should be a new trial, as the evidence strongly indicated negligence and there was no positive finding of contributory negligence. Quaere, whether the onus was on the plaintiff to prove the non-existence of such a by-law. *Semble*, the trial Judge, might properly have allowed such proof to have been made by affidavit. *Pedlar v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 18 Man. L.R. 525.

ACCIDENT AT LEVEL CROSSING; SOUNDING WHISTLE AND RINGING BELL.

Two of the plaintiff's teams driven by his servants were approaching the level crossing of the highway with defendants' railway. The drivers were on the look-out for trains but saw and heard nothing and proceeded to drive across the track when a train struck and killed one of the teams and damaged the wagon and harness. The engineer and fireman both swore that the whistle had been sounded as required by s. 274 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, but they did not claim that the bell had been rung as that section also required. The two drivers swore that they did not hear the whistle. The defendants also contended that the drivers should have seen the headlight of the engine and therefore were guilty of contributory negligence, but there was some evidence that the head-

light might have been obscured at the moment by escaping steam:—Held, that the plaintiff was entitled to a verdict for the amount of his loss. *Pedlar v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 20 Man. L.R. 265, 15 W.L.R. 613.

FOOT-PATH CROSSING; REVERSING TRAIN; PRECAUTIONS.

There is negligence for which a railway company is responsible when the conductor of a train moving backwards to be coupled to a car left upon a siding crossed by a frequented foot-path did not station somebody at the place to warn people passing. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Daoust*, Q.R. 14 K.B. 548. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Brazeau*, Q.R. 19 K.B. 293.

[Applied in *Can. Pac. Ry. Co. v. Toupin*, Q.R. 18 K.B. 559.]

SIGNALS AND WARNINGS; ACCIDENT; LIFE POLICY; DEDUCTION FROM DAMAGES.

Plaintiff's husband was driving in his wagon along the highway in the town of Strathroy where it crossed the defendant's line of railway. There was evidence to shew that the view of an approaching train was obstructed by the station house, buildings and cars, until a person approaching on the highway had reached within a short distance of the main line. The evidence was contradictory as to the ringing of a bell or the sounding of a whistle, but the jury found that the engineer had failed to do either in approaching the crossing in question. The plaintiff's evidence shewed that the deceased, in approaching the crossing, was driving with his head down, apparently oblivious of his surroundings. For the defence, it was deposed to, that the deceased was driving slowly in approaching the main track with his head down, but when some distance off he perceived the train and struck his horse with a whip, but was hit before he was able to cross the line. The jury found the defendants guilty of negligence and negated any contributory negligence on the part of the deceased. The deceased had effected a policy of insurance on his life, and, at the trial, the jury were directed to deduct the amount of the policy from the verdict. The Divisional Court, *Wilson, C.J.*, dissenting, held that the case was one for the jury; that the findings in plaintiff's favour should not be disturbed, and that the policy of insurance had been improperly directed by the learned Judge at the trial to be deducted from the damages. In the Court of Appeal it was held that it could not be said that the verdict of the jury was against the weight of evidence, applying the principles

aid down in Metropolitan Ry. Co. v. Wright, 11 App. Cas. 152. Hagarty, C.J., and Osler, J., were of opinion that the policy of insurance should be deducted from the damages, while Burton and Patterson, J.J., were of the contrary opinion:—Held, per Sir W. J. Ritchie, C.J., Fournier and Henry, J.J., that the appeal should be dismissed with costs:—Held, per Strong, Taschereau and Gwynne, J.J., dissenting, that the deceased was guilty of contributory negligence:—Held, per Sir W. J. Ritchie, C.J., and Strong, Fournier and Henry, J.J., that the policy of insurance should not be deducted from the damages:—Held, per Taschereau, J., that it was the duty of the deceased before attempting to cross the track to look and see whether a train was approaching, and that his failure to do so was the cause of the accident:—Held, the Court being equally divided, that the appeal should be dismissed without costs. 13 A.R. (Ont.) 174, 8 O.R. 601, affirmed. Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Beckett (1887), 1 S.C. Cas. 228, 16 Can. S.C.R. 713.

[Distinguished in Tinsley v. Toronto Ry. Co., 17 O.L.R. 74; followed in Cameron v. Royal Paper Mills Co., Q.R. 31 S.C. 286; approved in Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Jennings, 13 App. Cas. 802; followed in Preston v. Toronto Ry. Co., 13 O.L.R. 369; referred to in Hollinger v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 21 O.R. 705; Warboys v. Lachine Rapids Hydraulic and Land Co., Q.R. 22 S.C. 541.]

HIGHWAY CROSSING; NEGLIGENCE TO GIVE STATUTORY WARNING; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

Persons lawfully using a highway are entitled to assume that the statutory warning will be given by a train crossing the highway, and are not necessarily guilty of contributory negligence because, while driving a restive horse, they approach, in the absence of warning, so close to the crossing as to be unable to control the horse when the train crosses, and are injured, even though by looking or listening they probably would have learned of the approach of the train in time to stop far enough away to be in safety. The question of contributory negligence in such a case is for the jury to determine under all the circumstances of the case. Morrow v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. (1894), 21 A.R. 149, followed. Judgment of Meredith, C.J., affirmed. Vallee v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 338, 1 O.L.R. 224.

[Discussed in Champaigne v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 9 O.L.R. 589; distinguished in Tinsley v. Toronto Ry. Co., 15 O.L.R. 438; followed in Misener v. Wabash Ry. Co.,

12 O.L.R. 71; followed in Sims v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 10 O.L.R. 330, 12 O.L.R. 39; followed in Wright v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 12 O.L.R. 114; referred to in Jones v. Toronto, etc., Radial Ry. Co., 20 O.L.R. 71; referred to in London & Western Trusts v. Lake Erie, etc., Ry. Co., 12 O.L.R. 28.]

HIGHWAY CROSSING; OMISSION TO RING BELL OR SOUND WHISTLE; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

(1) The word "highway" in s. 256 of The Railway Act, 1888 (D.) 51 Vict. c. 29, requiring a bell to be rung or a whistle sounded by a railway locomotive engine on approaching a crossing over a highway, means a public highway, which is so as of right. Semble: The question whether there is a public highway at any point is one which a County Court is precluded by sub-s. (d) of s. 59 of The County Courts Act, R.S.M., c. 35, from trying. (2) Where a trail or way over a railway track is used by the public by invitation or license of the railway company, a person crossing the track upon the same is bound to observe reasonable precautions to avoid injury by trains; and where the evidence shews that he had not done so, he cannot recover from the company for such injuries without proving that they were immediately caused by the negligence of the company's servants only. Quære: Whether the failure of the person in charge of a locomotive to ring a bell or sound a whistle or observe other precautions on approaching such a crossing constitutes actionable negligence. [Cotton v. Wood (1860), 8 C.B.N.S. 568, and Weir v. C.P.R. (1889), 16 A.R. 100, followed.] Royle v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co., 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 4, 14 Man. L.R. 275.

DANGEROUS CROSSING; FAILURE TO GIVE WARNING; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

A siding of the defendants' line of railway, which was not used by the defendants more than two or three times a week, crossed a narrow arched-in lane or alleyway, held on the evidence to be a highway, very close to the face of the walls. The plaintiff's servant had driven the plaintiff's horse and waggon across the siding and through the alleyway to a warehouse close by, there being no engine or cars on the siding. The waggon was within a short time loaded with boxes, and the plaintiff's servant then returned through the alleyway, the servant walking beside the waggon in order to steady the load. Just as the horse came out of the alleyway it was struck by a passing engine and severely injured. The whistle of the engine had not been sounded nor the bell rung. The plaintiff's servant did not stop the

horse at the mouth of the alleyway or look or listen for trains:—Held, that assuming, but not deciding, that the duty to sound the whistle or ring the bell did not apply in the case of engines using a siding, it was nevertheless incumbent upon the defendants to give some warning before crossing the lane, especially in view of the very dangerous nature of the crossing, and that, not having done so, they were guilty of negligence and prima facie liable in damages:—Held also, that under all the circumstances it could not be said that there was not some evidence to support the finding of the Judge at the trial (the case having been tried without a jury) that the plaintiff's servant had not acted unreasonably, and was therefore not guilty of contributory negligence. Judgment of the County Court of Lincoln affirmed. *Smith v. Niagara and St. Catharines Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 220, 9 O.L.R. 158.

NEGLECT OF STATUTORY WARNING; COLLISION AT CROSSING; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

The deceased, who was well acquainted with the locality, while driving along a highway running in the same direction as and crossing a railway was killed at the crossing by a locomotive, running alone, coming from a direction behind him. The trial Judge left it to the jury to say whether there was negligence on the part of the defendants, and whether the deceased could with ordinary diligence have seen the engine in time to avoid the collision, and whether he was guilty of any want of ordinary care and diligence which contributed to the accident. The jury found that the engine was going unusually fast; that the whistle was sounded at a crossing three-fifths of a mile off, but was not continued at the other crossings and that the deceased was not guilty of contributory negligence:—Held, affirming 10 A.R. (Ont.) 191, that the case had been properly left to the jury and that the verdict not being against the weight of evidence ought not to be disturbed. *Pearl v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 347, 10 O.L.R. 753.

[Considered in *Weir v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 16 A.R. (Ont.) 100; discussed in *Blake v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 17 O.R. 177; *Ryan v. Can. South. Ry. Co.*, 10 O.R. 745; followed in *Misener v. Wabash Ry. Co.*, 12 O.L.R. 71; *Tinsley v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 17 O.L.R. 74; *Sims v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 12 O.L.R. 39; referred to in *Champaigne v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 9 O.L.R. 589; *Copeland v. Blenheim*, 9 O.R. 19; *Hollinger v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 21 O.R. 705; *Johnston v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 21 A.R.

(Ont.) 408; *Jones v. Toronto, etc., Ry. Co.*, 20 O.L.R. 71; *Pettigrew v. Thomas*, 12 A.R. (Ont.) 577; *Wright v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 12 O.L.R. 114.]

INJURY TO PERSON AT HIGHWAY CROSSING; TRAIN "BEHIND TIME."

In an action to recover damages for the death of a man who was struck by a train of the defendants at a highway crossing, the evidence as to whether the statutory signals were given was conflicting, and, while it was shewn that the train was about ten minutes late, there was no evidence as to the cause of the delay, nor was it shewn that the deceased was misled thereby. The jury found that the defendants were guilty of negligence, which consisted in the train being "behind time"; but they did not answer a question put to them as to whether the bell was ringing:—Held, that no actionable negligence was shewn or found, and the action should be dismissed; it was not a case for a new trial. Section 215 of the Dominion Railway Act, 1903, which requires that all regular trains shall be started as nearly as practicable at regular hours, fixed by public notice, did not aid the plaintiffs. Judgment of *Boyd, C.*, reversed. *Hanly et al. v. Michigan Central Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 240, 13 O.L.R. 560.

[Followed in *McGraw v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 18 O.L.R. 154.]

CROSSING IN TOWN; HAND-CAR; WARNING; INFANT; COASTING.

A child of ten years of age was coasting down an incline on a street in a town crossed by a railway, and was run down and injured by a hand-car proceeding along the railway. At the trial, the jury found, in answer to questions, that the defendants were negligent in not giving some warning in approaching the crossing; that the defendants could have avoided injuring the plaintiff by stopping the hand-car, and that it was their duty, apart from the provisions of the Railway Act, to have given warning:—Held, that the jury, in finding that warning should have been given, were not assuming to lay down any general rule as to what care or precaution should be taken, but simply that under the circumstances some warning should have been given, and that the answer was unobjectionable and in no way infringed upon the jurisdiction of the Railway Commission:—Held, also, that even if a hand-car is not a train, a warning is necessary apart from the Railway Act:—Held, also, that, although there was a municipal by-law prohibiting coasting, the plaintiff had not been notified as required by the by-law, and the onus was on the de-

defendants to prove criminal capacity at common law and under the Code of an infant under fourteen, and the defendants were not entitled to invoke such by-law for another purpose.—Held, lastly, that, although a defendant is not liable if the injury is caused entirely by an infant's own negligence, the capacity of the infant to be guilty of contributory negligence is a question for the jury, and that as the plaintiff was not a trespasser and was where he had a right to be, and had not been notified under the provisions of the by-law, or his capacity for crime shewn, the whole case was properly submitted to the jury. *Burteh v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 461, 13 O.L.R. 632.

**DESTRUCTION OF HORSES AT CROSSING;
FAILURE TO RING BELL; NEGLECT TO
LOOK OUT.**

An accident having occurred upon a highway crossing in the city of Winnipeg and there having been some evidence of neglect on the defendants' part, the plaintiff would have been entitled to recover but for his failure to shew under s. 224 of the Railway Act, 1903, that there was no by-law of the city of Winnipeg prohibiting the defendants from sounding the whistle and ringing the bell, the onus being upon the plaintiff to prove the non-existence of such by-law. *Podlar v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 1, 6 West. L.R. 201.

**SIGNALS AND WARNINGS; CONTRIBUTORY
NEGLECTANCE.**

In an action to recover damages for the death of a man who was struck by a train of the defendants at a highway crossing where the evidence for the plaintiff shewed at most a total absence of warning, but there was not at the close of the whole case any evidence upon which the jury, acting reasonably, could find that the absence of warnings caused, or in the slightest degree contributed to the accident, which the undisputed evidence shewed was wholly due to the reckless conduct of the deceased in attempting to cross after he became fully aware of the approaching train:—Held, reversing the judgment at the trial, that the case should not have been submitted to the jury, but the action should have been dismissed. In such cases, the facts, if in dispute, must be found by the jury, but the Judge must first rule as a matter of law whether there is any evidence from which the inference necessary to support the plaintiff's case can reasonably be drawn, if there is no such evidence, the plaintiff's case fails. The statutory signals required to be given by s. 274 of the Railway Act, R.S.C., c. 37, are intended to warn persons

likely to be in danger. If not given there is a presumption of safety upon which a reasonable person may act, and if, while so acting, he is injured, the company may be liable, but he cannot, because no warning had been given, proceed to cross in front of an advancing engine which he sees or hears, and then blame the absence of warnings for his injury. *Hanna v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 392, 11 O.W.R. 1069.

**COLLISION; DISOBEDIENCE OF ORDERS; SIG-
NALS; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE; LORD
CAMPBELL'S ACT.**

John McKay, a locomotive engineer in the employ of the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., was killed in a collision between trains of the Canadian Pacific and defendant railway companies. An action was brought by his widow against the Wabash Company claiming damages under Lord Campbell's Act. McKay, before attempting to cross, brought his train to a full stop, but not at the stop-board, as required by the rules of the railway company, and proceeded slowly when the signals indicated the crossing was clear, thus complying with the Railway Act, ss. 277, 278. The Wabash train, on the other hand, without coming to a full stop, although the signals were against it, attempted to make the crossing at the speed, according to the jury, at "the diamond" of eight or nine miles an hour. The real cause of the accident was the reckless disregard of the statute by the defendant's employees in charge of the train:—Held, Meredith, J.A., dissenting, that on the answers of the jury the defendant company was liable in damages for the accident. *McKay v. Wabash Ry. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 444, 10 O.W.R. 416.

[Affirmed in 40 Can. S.C.R. 251, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 466.]

**COLLISION; STOP AT CROSSING; STATUTORY
RULE; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.**

A train of the Wabash Railroad Co., and one of the C.P.R. Co. approached a highway crossing at obtuse angles. The former did not, as required by s. 278 of the Railway Act, come to a full stop; the latter did at a semaphore nearly 900 feet from the crossing and receiving the proper signal proceeded without stopping again at a "stop post" some 400 feet nearer where a rule of the company required trains to stop. The trains collided and the engineer of the C.P. Ry. Co. was killed. In an action by his widow:—Held, that the failure of the engineer to stop the second time was not contributory negligence which prevented the recovery of damages for the loss of

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plaintiff's husband caused by the admitted negligence of defendants. *Wabash Ry. Co. v. McKay*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 466, 40 Can. S.C.R. 251.

FAILURE TO GIVE SIGNALS; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE; HUSBAND AND WIFE.

A wagon driven by E., and containing in addition to E., his wife and his son A., while attempting to pass a dangerous crossing on defendants' railway, on Sunday on their way to church, was struck by an engine sent out to perform some special work, resulting in E. and his wife being killed and the son seriously injured. There was negligence on the part of the company's servants in failing to give proper signals in approaching the crossing, and in running the engine at excessive speed which would have rendered the company liable, but the trial Judge found contributory negligence on the part of E. precluding those claiming under him from recovering, and this finding was sustained by the Court.—Held, nevertheless, that such negligence was not a bar to the wife or those claiming under her, or to the son, precluding them from recovering for personal injuries in the absence of evidence of contributory negligence on their part. While the common law relations between husband and wife have been changed by statute so that a married woman is entitled to recover in her own right in cases of damages, the contributory negligence of the husband, when in company with his wife, is not chargeable to her in such actions. *Eisenhauer v. Halifax & South Western Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 168, 42 N.S.R. 426.

DEATH OF PERSONS CROSSING TRACK; INEFFICIENT HEAD-LIGHT ON SNOW-PLOUGH; EXCESSIVE SPEED.

The plaintiffs sought damages, under the Fatal Accidents Act, for the death of their children, alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the defendants. The deceased were driving across the defendant's track at a street crossing in a village, when they were struck by a snow-plough in front of the locomotive of a train, and sustained injuries which resulted in their death. The jury found that the snow-plough had a head-light, but it was insufficient because not placed in a suitable position so as to shew the light directly in front of the snow-plough; that there was a failure to sound the whistle and to ring the bell as required by the statute; that the place was thickly peopled; that the speed was 15 miles an hour, and was excessive; that the three causes of the injury were, an insufficient head-light on the snow-plough, failure to sound the whistle and bell, and excessive speed; and that

there was no contributory negligence; and they assessed the damages at \$3,000. Judgment was entered by the trial Judge, upon these findings, in favour of the plaintiffs, for the recovery of \$3,000.—Held, that the verdict was not satisfactory, and there should be a new trial. *Per Moss, C.J.O.*:—There is no obligation, statutory or otherwise, upon railway companies to maintain a head-light on a snow-plough; but there was a head-light upon this particular snow-plough; and there was no evidence upon which a jury could reasonably find negligence so far as the head-light was concerned. The finding with regard to running at an excessive speed through a thickly peopled portion of the village was not complete, for all the necessary facts were not found. And the finding with respect to the statutory signals was not a reasonable one upon the evidence. *Per Garrow, J.A.*: As to the sufficiency of the head-light, if that was a question proper for the jury at all, which was doubtful, there was no evidence to justify their finding. As to the statutory signals, the onus was upon the plaintiffs to give some evidence from which the jury might reasonably find the fact to be that the signals were not given. Evidence of persons who say that they did not hear the signals must go for nothing if there is reasonable evidence, by equally credible witnesses, that the signals which the others did not hear were actually given; and that was the situation here. The finding was not merely against the weight of evidence, but approached, if it did not reach, the perverse. The findings as to excessive speed and a thickly peopled place were immaterial without a finding as to fencing. *Per Meredith, J.A.*: The verdict was not rightly found, because the jury were, in effect, told by the trial Judge, that any ten of them could answer any of the questions, and that it was not necessary that the same ten should agree upon more than one answer; and that was erroneous. On the facts of this case, it was necessary that the same ten jurors should have agreed upon some set of facts entitling the plaintiffs to recover before any verdict or judgment could be given in their favour. *Per Moss, C.J.O.*, and *Garrow, J.A.*, that, upon the proper construction of s. 108 of the Judicature Act, having regard particularly to the language of sub-s. 2, it is enough if any ten jurors concur in answering each question. *Per Garrow and Maclaren, J.J.A.*:—"Village" in s. 275 of the Railway Act of Canada includes what is known as "a police village," that is, an unincorporated village, organised for certain limited purposes under the Municipal Act. *Zuvelt v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 420, 23 O.L.R. 602.

SIGN-BOARD AT CROSSING; ABSENCE OF; EXCESSIVE GRADE; STATUTORY SIGNALS.

An action to recover damages for the death of a farmer named Crouch on the ground that it was due to the negligence of the appellants company. The accident happened about seven o'clock in the evening of a winter's day said to be somewhat dark while a wagon in which the respondent was simply a passenger was being driven across the tracks of the appellants at the intersection of the highway. Three acts of negligence were found by the jury, to which they attributed the accident:—(1) Absence of warning sign-board required by the Railway Act at highway crossings; (2) Excessive grade in highway approaching crossing; (3) Failure to give statutory signals, and negating contributory negligence.—Held, affirming the judgments of the trial Judge, the Divisional Court and the Court of Appeal for Ontario, in favour of the respondent for damages with costs. Girouard and Idington, J.J., that the absence of the sign-board was the cause of the accident. Duff, J., that the failure to give the statutory signals caused the accident. Davies and Anglin, J.J., dissenting, that because no one saw the accident the proximate cause thereof was a guess or conjecture. *Pere Marquette Ry. Co. v. Crouch*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 247.

ABSENCE OF WARNING AT CROSSING; REASONABLE INFERENCES.

An action for damages for death of one Griffith, caused by being run down by the defendants' train, while deceased was crossing a public highway. The evidence shewed that the train gave no warning either by whistle or bell. Another train was passing upon the other track in the opposite direction at the same time, which gave the necessary signals. No one saw the accident. The jury found that the accident was caused by the violation of the statutory duty to whistle and ring the bell, and negated contributory negligence. Middleton, J., entered judgment for plaintiff for \$2,000 and costs as awarded by the jury. Moss, C.J.O., granted leave to appeal direct to the Court of Appeal. The Court of Appeal dismissed the defendants' appeal with costs. Meredith, J.A., dissenting, being in favour of granting a new trial. *Griffith v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 287, 17 O.W.R. 509, 19 O.W.R. 53.

[Affirmed in 45 Can. S.C.R. 380; 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 302.]

ABSENCE OF WARNING AT CROSSING; REASONABLE INFERENCES.

About 5.30 on a December afternoon, G. left his place of employment to go home.

An hour later his body was found some 350 yards east of a crossing of the Grand Trunk Railway, nearly opposite his house. There was no witness of the accident, but it was shewn on the trial of an action by his widow and children, that shortly after he was last seen an express train and a passenger train had passed each other a little east of the crossing, and there was evidence shewing that the latter train had not given the statutory signals when approaching the crossing. The jury found that G. was killed by the passenger train, and that his death was due to the negligence of the latter in failing to give such warnings. This finding was upheld by the Court of Appeal.—Held, that the jury were justified in considering the balance of probabilities and drawing the inference from the circumstances proved, that the death of G. was caused by such negligence. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Griffith*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 302, 45 Can. S.C.R. 380.

INJURY TO PERSON CROSSING TRACK.

A railway company will be liable in damages for injuries suffered by a person, who whilst attempting to cross the tracks to reach an adjoining roadway or whilst walking along the tracks with this end in view is struck by a train moving backwards (or engine backing up) when no one has been placed at the forward end of the train to warn persons at the crossings or along the tracks. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. McSween*, 2 D.L.R. 874.

ACCIDENT AT CROSSING; SIGNALS; CITY STREETS; SHUNTING ENGINE.

The requirement of s. 274 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, that a train on approaching a highway crossing shall sound its whistle when at least eighty rods therefrom is not applicable to an engine engaged in shunting cars in a city yard, which at no time was more than one hundred yards distant from a street crossing. It is not necessary that a person about to cross a railway track at a street crossing should have actually heard the warning given by an employee standing on the tender of a backing locomotive, in order to relieve a railway company of the duty imposed on it by s. 276 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, in running trains not headed by an engine moving forward in the ordinary manner over a level crossing, to have a man stationed on that part of the train then foremost, in order to warn persons standing on or about to cross the tracks; since the warning required is only such that, if given in time to avoid danger, it ought to have been apprehended by a person in possession of ordinary faculties, in a reasonably sound, active and alert condition. (3) The duty

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incumbent on a person who is about to cross a railway track at a highway crossing at grade to look for moving trains is not satisfied by merely looking both ways on approaching the tracks; he must look again just before crossing. (4) In order that a railway company may be held responsible in damages for its negligent omission to perform a statutory duty, it must appear that the injury was the result of such omission and not of the folly or recklessness of the injured person; but the fact that the negligence of the plaintiff contributed to or formed a material part of the cause of his injury, will not preclude him from recovering damages if the consequences of his contributory negligence could have been avoided by the exercise of ordinary care and caution on the part of the defendant. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. McAlpine*, (P.C.) 13 D.L.R. 618.

[*Dublin, Wicklow & Wexford Ry. v. Slattery*, 3 A.C. 1155, 1166; and *Davey v. London & South Western Ry. Co.*, 12 Q.B.D. 70, specially referred to.]

D. Precautions; Duty to Look and Listen.

FAILURE TO STOP, LOOK OR LISTEN.

It is a matter of common sense that a person about to pass over a railway crossing upon a level would look to see whether or not a train is approaching. The driver of a train approaching the crossing is entitled to rely upon such person using due care and stopping before reaching the track. He is not bound to anticipate negligence on the part of the person approaching the track and guard against it beforehand. He is only bound, where he has notice of the negligence, to take the ordinary means of evading its consequences. Where deceased, driving a carriage, attempted to cross the track of the defendant company without looking to see whether a train was approaching, or the direction from which the train was coming, the finding of the jury to the effect that deceased should have stopped a short distance from the track and made sure that there was no danger from trains, indicates that the efficient proximate cause of the accident was her not stopping and that such cause was in force at the time of the accident. *Morrison v. Dominion Iron and Steel Co., Ltd.*, 45 N.S.R. 466.

INJURY TO PERSON CROSSING TRACKS; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

The plaintiff in attempting to cross the defendants' tracks at a busy level crossing in a city, where there were five tracks, with gates and a watchman, came into contact with a locomotive of the defendants, and was injured. The jury found that the gates

were down when the plaintiff attempted to cross, except the arm over the southeast sidewalk; that the defendants were guilty of negligence in not having the arm over the southeast sidewalk; that the plaintiff was guilty of negligence because she should have used more precautions to protect herself; that the accident would not have happened but for her negligence; that the driver of the engine could not, after he became aware of the plaintiff's danger, by the exercise of reasonable care have prevented the accident; that the driver, if he had exercised reasonable care, ought to have sooner seen the danger to the plaintiff, and he could, by the exercise of reasonable care, have prevented the accident, if he had acted more promptly.—Held, that, upon these findings, the judgment should have been entered for the defendants. Judgment of Meredith, C.J.C.P., reversed. Per Osler, J.A., that the negligence of both parties was concurrent and continuous down to the moment of the accident. The proximate cause of the injury was the negligence as well of the plaintiff as of the defendants. Where that is the case, the plaintiff is not entitled to recover—in *pari delicto potior est conditio defendentis*. *Fewings v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 1 O.W.N. 1 (C.A.).

CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE; TRAIN RUNNING BACKWARDS; OBSTRUCTION OF VIEW; FAILURE TO LOOK AND LISTEN.

The defendants' track passes there, along the basin, 4 feet 8 inches from Mr. Rioux's shed, the latter extending backwards on the Gagnon wharf. This wharf is 45 feet wide; Mr. Rioux's shed is 17 feet wide, is situated on the western side of the wharf, and hides from view the defendants' train coming from the west. At about noon, in that day, plaintiff had loaded his cart with cordwood, near the middle of the wharf, farther down than the shed. From this point, the shed did not prevent him from seeing a train coming from the west, and one could see that in that direction a distance of 252 feet. The plaintiff proceeded to get off the wharf with his load. During this time, the defendants' train, running backwards, with cars ahead and locomotive behind, came from the west; but as he got alongside of the shed the plaintiff could not see it. Plaintiff was seated on the left shaft of his cart leaning on his load, and he drove his horse without being prudent enough to stop, before crossing the track, to look and see whether an engine or a train was coming on either side. He went along the road, and the horse had barely reached the track, when the tender struck his cart, plaintiff was thrown off and both

his legs lying on the track were cut off by the train.—Held, when a railway company, directly or through its employees, has taken all possible and reasonable precautionary measures, it is ipso facto exempt from any responsibility. *Villeneuve v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 360, Que. R. 21 S.C. 422.

[Referred to in *Girard v. Quebec & Lake St. John Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 25 S.C. 247.]

CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE; FAILURE TO LOOK; TRAIN MOVING REVERSELY.

The plaintiff while crossing the tracks of the Grand Trunk Ry. Co. at Seaforth was injured by a train moving reversely. After having crossed a siding and the main track of the railway in safety the plaintiff while attempting to cross the second siding without looking drove into a train which was crossing the highway.—Held (Boyd, C., MacMahon and Teetzel, JJ.), reversing the judgment entered upon the verdict of the jury at the trial, that the plaintiff's failure to look was not a matter of contributory negligence but was the real cause of the accident and the omission to give him warning, if such was the case, was immaterial. *Wright v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 202, 5 O.W.R. 802.

[Reversed in 12 O.L.R. 114, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 361.]

INJURY TO PERSON CROSSING TRACK; FAILURE TO LOOK; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

The plaintiff was injured by being run over at a highway crossing by a train moving reversely, and brought this action to recover damages for his injuries. The jury found that the plaintiff's injury was caused by the defendants' negligence in not using sufficient signals to attract his attention, that the conductor was not on the rear end of the car, and that the plaintiff could not by the exercise of ordinary care have avoided the injury. The train was coming from the east, and the plaintiff on approaching the track looked to the east and did not see it, his view being obstructed, and, his attention being directed to a train standing at the station to the west, did not again look to the east when, just before attempting to cross, he might have seen the train approaching.—Held, that it was not so clearly manifest that the plaintiff was the cause of his own injury that there was nothing to leave to the jury; although the plaintiff might be guilty of some neglect in approaching the track, it was for the jury to say whether the defendants might not still have avoided the accident if they had discharged their statutory duty; the case was properly left to the jury; and their findings

were sufficient to support a verdict for the plaintiff. Decision of a Divisional Court reversed. *Wright v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 361, 12 O.L.R. 114.

[Referred to in *Jones v. Toronto, etc., Ry. Co.*, 20 O.L.R. 71; *Cooper v. London Street Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 91, 5 D.L.R. 198.]

LOOKING OUT; WHISTLING AND RINGING BELL.

Plaintiff was driving a buggy on a road which crossed a railway. There was evidence that the night was very dark, the landmarks being undistinguishable; that he was watching to keep on the highway, to avoid other vehicles, and was going faster than he thought he was, and not knowing he was near it, came on the railway crossing before he expected and was struck by a train, which had not given the statutory warning by blowing a whistle or ringing a bell, as it approached the crossing. There was also evidence that had he looked he might have seen the headlight of the advancing train, as the country was flat, and only one obstacle, an orchard and some trees, near the crossing.—Held, that the case should not have been withdrawn from the jury, and a non-suit was set aside and a new trial granted. *Champagne v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 207, 9 O.L.R. 589.

[Referred to in *London & Western Trusts Co. v. Lake Erie, etc., Ry. Co.*, 12 O.L.R. 28.]

INJURY TO PERSON CROSSING TRACK; FAILURE TO LOOK FOR TRAIN; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

The plaintiff was injured by being struck by the engine of a train of the defendants while crossing their track at a level highway crossing. Had he looked, he could have seen the approach of the train, but he did not look. There was some evidence that the usual statutory signals of the approach of the train were not given. The plaintiff sought to recover damages for his injuries.—Held, not a case which could be withdrawn from the jury. The defence that the plaintiff should have looked out for the train was one of contributory negligence, and must be left to the jury. *Morrow v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.* (1894), 21 A.R. 149, and *Vallee v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* (1901), 1 O.L.R. 224, followed. *Sims et al. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 82, 10 O.L.R. 330.

[Affirmed in 12 O.L.R. 39, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 352; reversed in 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 61; distinguished in *Tinsley v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 15 O.L.R. 438, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 69.]

INJURY TO PERSON CROSSING TRACK; FAILURE TO LOOK FOR TRAIN; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

The infant plaintiff was injured by being struck by the engine of a train of the defendants while crossing their track at a level highway crossing. Had he looked, he could have seen the approach of the train, but he did not look. There was some evidence that the usual statutory signals of the approach of the train were not given.

The infant plaintiff sought to recover damages for his injuries, and the adult plaintiff, the infant's father, claimed damages for loss and expense incurred by him in consequence of the injuries.—Held, affirming the decision of Street, J., 10 O.L.R. 330, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 82, that the case would not have been withdrawn from the jury; but that the findings were opposed to the great weight of evidence, and the damages recovered by the father excessive; and therefore there should be a new trial. *Sims et al. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 352, 12 O.L.R. 39.

[Reversed in 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 61.]

LEVEL CROSSING; STATUTORY SIGNALS.

S. sustained injuries through running into the engine of a railway train while he was riding a bicycle over a level highway-crossing. On the trial of his action to recover damages, his witnesses stated that they had not heard the whistle sounded nor the bell of the engine rung, and he admitted that he had not taken any precautions to ascertain whether he could cross the track in safety. The evidence for the defence was positive as to the statutory signals being properly given, as well as other warnings of danger.—Held, per Fitzpatrick, C.J., and Duff J., that the question was not as to the credibility of the witnesses on either side, but whether the character of the evidence for the plaintiffs could, in a reasonable view of the whole evidence adduced, be held to countervail the direct and positive testimony on behalf of the defendants, and, as it could not, the findings by the jury that the company had been guilty of negligence in failing to give the statutory signals were against the weight of evidence and unreasonable. Per Gironard, J., that S. was guilty of contributory negligence in failing to take proper precautions to avoid the accident and the action should be dismissed. *Railroad Company v. Houston*, 95 U.S.R. 697, referred to. The judgment appealed from was reversed and a new trial ordered. *Idington and MacLennan, J.J.*, dissenting. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Sims*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 61.

[Distinguished in *Tinsley v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 15 O.L.R. 438, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 69.]

FAILURE TO LOOK; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

In an action under the Fatal Accidents Act to recover damages for the death of a man who was struck by a light engine of the defendants when attempting to cross their track in a wagon with horses, it appeared that the deceased on approaching the track looked both ways, but did not look again just before crossing when he could have seen the engine. The jury found that the whistle was not sounded nor the bell rung, that such neglect was the proximate cause of the injury, and that the deceased could not by the exercise of ordinary care have avoided the injury.—Held, that the omission to look again was not such a circumstance as would have justified withdrawing the case from the jury; and a judgment for the plaintiffs upon the findings should not be disturbed. Decision of Meredith, J., affirmed. *Misener et al. v. Wabash Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 356, 12 O.L.R. 71.

[Affirmed in 38 Can. S.C.R. 94, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 70; referred to in *Jones v. Toronto, et al.*, Ry. Co., 20 O.L.R. 71.]

CROSSING AT ACUTE ANGLE; SIGNALS AND WARNINGS; FAILURE TO LOOK.

M. attempted to drive over a railway track which crossed the highway at an acute angle where his back was almost turned to a train coming from one direction. On approaching the track he looked both ways, but did not look again just before crossing when he could have seen an engine approaching which struck his team and he was killed. In an action by his widow and children the jury found that the statutory warnings had not been given and a verdict was given for the plaintiffs and affirmed by the Court of Appeal.—Held, affirming the judgment of the Court of Appeal (12 Ont. L.R. 71). Fitzpatrick, C.J., hesitatingly, that the findings of the jury were not such as could not have been reached by reasonable men and the verdict was justified. *Wabash Ry. Co. v. Misener, et al.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 70, 38 Can. S.C.R. 94.

[Referred to in *Hansen v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 6 Terr. L.R. 420; *Jones v. Toronto, et al.*, Ry. Co., 20 O.L.R. 71; vide *Andreas v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 440, 450, 37 Can. S.C.R. 1, affirming 2 W.L.R. 249.]

FOGGY WEATHER; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

The defendants' railway ran east and west through the plaintiff's farm. The dwelling house was on a hill about 330 feet north of the railway track and standing about twenty feet from the highway lead-

ing to and across the railway track. There was nothing to obstruct the view in coming from the plaintiff's house to the crossing for a considerable distance on either side. The down grade of the highway is very slight for the last forty or fifty feet from the track. The morning train coming from Elora, west of the plaintiff's farm, due to cross the highway three or four minutes before nine a.m., was eight minutes late on the morning in question. The plaintiff before leaving his house that morning saw that it was ten or fifteen minutes after nine and concluded that the train must have passed without any one noticing it. In two or three minutes he heard a long whistle denoting a whistle for a station which he concluded was for Belwood Station, distant three miles to the north-east and therefore thought the train had passed over the highway at his farm. The whistle he heard, however, was to the south-west as there was no other train on the line and it passed across the highway a few minutes later. Shortly after this his son Byron, who intended going to a farm owned by the plaintiff across the railway track asked his father if the train had passed, who replied it must have passed, as it was nearly fifteen minutes past nine when he left the house. Byron then went into the house and left it with his brother James, a lad of twelve years old, to cross the railway track. A few minutes after Byron had left the plaintiff was standing near the barn, beside the house, when he heard the train rush eastward through the mist, but he heard no whistle or bell. The morning was foggy and the plaintiff stated a person could not see an object at a greater distance than 37 yards. After the accident the plaintiff was notified and at once went to the crossing where he found Byron on the eastern half of the highway about two feet from the north rail of the track. He was taken home and died shortly afterwards, remaining perfectly conscious meanwhile. According to the statement of the deceased, made to his father, he was some yards from the track when he heard the noise of the train and the steam from the engine as it passed, but was unable to stop and was struck by the step of the last coach. A motion for a nonsuit at the close of the plaintiff's case was refused and the jury brought in a verdict for \$2,000 in favour of the plaintiff, finding the defendants guilty of negligence in not giving the statutory signals, that the injury was caused by the defendants' negligence, and that the deceased was not guilty of negligence and could not be guilty of negligence and could not be guilty of negligence and could not be guilty of negligence of reasonable care have avoided the accident. The Divisional Court dismissed the

defendants' appeal, holding that the case could not have been withdrawn from the jury. MacMahon, J., dissenting, held that on the admission made by the deceased that he heard the train coming and did not stop or could not stop, there was nothing to be left to the jury and the motion for nonsuit should have prevailed. The Court of Appeal allowed the defendants' appeal and dismissed the action. Per Osler, J. A., agreeing with MacMahon, J.—The deceased according to the evidence was the author of his own injury, the accident could only be attributed to his negligence, and not to the negligence of the defendants in omitting, if they did omit, to sound the bell or whistle. Per Meredith, J. A.:—The plaintiff should not have been nonsuited but there was no reasonable evidence upon which the jury could find that there was no contributory negligence. The evidence shewed that the deceased was to have the farm on the father's death, in the meantime they were to be partners, and the son was to get what he needed out of the common fund, the plaintiff has proved no pecuniary loss and the action must fail on that ground also. *Moir v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 380, 10 O.W.R. 414.

CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE AT CROSSINGS; DUTY TO STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN.

Although a railway company is negligent in leaving cars standing upon a side track at a public crossing in such a way as to obstruct the public view of trains approaching the crossing on the main track, still a person operating an automobile over the crossing is guilty of such contributory negligence as will bar a recovery against the railway company for injuries sustained by reason of a collision with one of its trains if, when approaching the track, knowing that trains, yard engines and hand cars were liable to pass at any moment, and finding his view obstructed by the standing cars and realizing the danger, he fails to reduce the speed of the automobile which he was operating, and fails to exercise care both by looking and listening. *Campbell v. C.N.R. Co. (Man.)* 9 D.L.R. 777, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 31.

[Reversed in 12 D.L.R. 272, 23 Man. L.R. 385.]

ACCIDENTS AT CROSSINGS; OBSTRUCTING VIEW; COLLISION WITH AUTOMOBILE.

A railway company that permits the end of a string of freight cars to project into a highway for some time, in violation of s. 279 of the Canada Railway Act, so as to obstruct the public view of approaching

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trains, is liable for a collision between an engine and an automobile driven by the plaintiff who, although he exercised due care, was unable, because of such obstruction, to see the engine in time to avoid the collision. It is not contributory negligence to drive an automobile across a railway track at a speed of eight miles an hour at a public highway crossing, although the plaintiff knew that trains and engines were liable to pass at any time, where, by reason of cars negligently left projecting into the highway, it was impossible for him to discover the approach of an engine, although the statutory signals were given, where the plaintiff and those riding with him looked and listened before going upon the track without hearing the engine, which was travelling "light." *Campbell v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, (No. 2) 12 D.L.R. 272, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 357, 23 Man. L.R. 385.

[*Campbell v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 9 D.L.R. 777, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 31, reversed.]

INJURY TO PERSON ON TRACK; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE; LICENSEE.

A railway company is not answerable for the death of a person who, in possession of his faculties of seeing and hearing, walks along a railway track without looking for an approaching train which he could have seen by the exercise of the most ordinary care. A licensee who walks along a railway track assumes all risk of injury from being struck by trains. *Henrich v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, (B.C.) 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 393, 12 D.L.R. 367.

E. Flagmen; Gates.

SHUNTING CARS; WANT OF WARNINGS AND WATCHMAN.

B., in driving towards his home on a night in September, had to cross a railway track between nine and ten o'clock, on a level crossing near a station. Shortly before a train had arrived from the west which had to be turned for a trip back in the same direction, and also to pick up a passenger car on a siding. After some switching the train was made up, and just before coming to the level crossing the engine and tender were uncoupled from the cars to proceed to the roundhouse. B. saw the engine pass but apparently failed to perceive the cars, and started to cross, when he was struck by the latter and killed. There was no warning of the approach of the cars which struck him. In an action by his widow under Lord Campbell's Act the jury found that the railway company was guilty of negligence,

and that a man should have been on the crossing when making the switch to warn the public. A verdict for the plaintiff was sustained by the Court of Appeal:—Held, affirming the judgment of the Court of Appeal, Gwynne, J., dissenting, it was properly left to the jury to determine whether or not, under the special circumstances, it was necessary for the company to take greater precautions than it did and to be much more careful than in ordinary cases where these conditions did not exist; and that the case did not raise the question of the jury's right to determine whether or not a railway company could be compelled to place watchmen upon level highway crossings to warn persons about to cross the line. *Lake Erie and Detroit River Ry. Co. v. Barclay*, 30 Can. S.C.R. 360.

[Discussed in *Champaigne v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 9 O.L.R. 589; distinguished in *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. McKay*, 34 Can. S.C.R. 101; followed in *Burteh v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 13 O.L.R. 632; referred in *Smith v. Niagara Ry. Co.*, 9 O.L.R. 158.]

NEGLECTANCE; DANGEROUS CONDITION OF CROSSING.

Where the railway traffic at the crossing of a highway was very great, and there was no gate, guardian, lamp, or other protection, for the public, although the railway company had been notified of the dangerous condition of the crossing, the company was responsible under s. 288 of the Railway Act of Canada for a collision which caused the death of plaintiff's son, and which occurred without any fault on his part. *Girouard v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 343, 19 Q.R.S.C. 539.

SPEED; GATES AND WATCHMEN; STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS; INJURY TO PERSON CROSSING TRACK.

By the Dominion Railway Act, 1888, s. 197, as amended by 55 and 56 Vict. c. 27, s. 6, it is provided that "at every public road crossing at rail level of the railway, the fence on both sides of the track shall be turned in to the cattle guards, so as to allow of the safe passage of trains." By s. 259 of the former Act, as amended by s. 8 of the latter, it is provided that "no locomotive or railway engine shall pass in or through any thickly peopled portion of any city, town or village, at a speed greater than six miles an hour, unless the track is fenced in the manner prescribed by this Act:—Held, that the words "in the manner prescribed by this Act" do not refer to the turning in of the fence to the cattle guards; and, although no other fence is specifically

prescribed in the railway legislation, the meaning of s. 259 is, that unless the track, including the crossing, is properly fenced or otherwise protected so as to efficiently warn or bar the traveller while a train is crossing or immediately about to cross, the maximum speed at which a train may cross in thickly peopled portions of cities, towns and villages, is six miles an hour. The plaintiff was struck by a train at a crossing over a main street in an incorporated town, not protected by a gate or watchman. In an action to recover damages for his injuries, the jury found that the train was travelling at the rate of twenty miles an hour, and that the injury complained of was caused by this excessive speed, coupled with the absence of proper protection at the crossing and without negligence on the plaintiff's part; and the Court, though there was strong evidence of contributory negligence, declined to interfere. *McKay v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 42, 5 O.L.R. 313.

[Reversed in 34 Can. S.C.R. 81, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 52.]

PROTECTION AT CROSSINGS; SPEED OF TRAINS.

The Dominion Railway Act, 1888, ss. 197 and 259, as amended by 55 and 56 Vict. c. 26 (D.), ss. 6 and 8, do not require that railway companies shall erect fences and gates at highway crossings in thickly peopled parts of cities, towns, and villages before running their trains across such highways at a greater speed than six miles an hour. The power to determine whether gates should be placed at highway crossings rests with the Committee of the Privy Council and not with a jury. *Lake Erie, etc., Ry. Co. v. Barelay*, 30 Can. S.C.R. 360, distinguished. *McKay v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 52, 34 Can. S.C.R. 81.

[Followed in *Tabb v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 8 O.L.R. 514; *Clark v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 51, 2 D.L.R. 331; adhered to *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Hainer*, 36 Can. S.C.R. 183; *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Perrault*, 36 Can. S.C.R. 678; *Lake Erie & D.R.Ry. Co. v. Marsh*, 35 Can. S.C.R. 198; discussed in *Perrault v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, Que. R. 14 K.B. 248, 260; distinguished in *Burich v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 13 O.L.R. 632; followed in *Carrier v. St. Henri*, Que. R. 30 S.C.R. 47; *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Daoust*, Que. R. 14 K.B. 551; *Quebec & Lake St. John Ry. Co. v. Girard*, Que. R. 15 K.B. 51; referred to in *R. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 17 O.L.R. 601; *Smith v. Niagara & St. Catharines Ry. Co.*, 9 O.L.R. 158; *Wabash Ry. Co. v. Misener*, 38 Can. S.C.R.

99; relied on in *Girard v. Quebec & Lake St. John Ry. Co.*, Que. R. 25 S.C. 248.]

PUBLIC PARK; GATE AND WATCHMAN AT RAILWAY CROSSING; INJURY TO PERSON CROSSING TRACK.

Within a public park maintained and controlled by the defendants, a municipal corporation, they erected a gate near a railway crossing, and kept a watchman to open the gate when there was no danger from passing trains, and to close it when trains were approaching the crossing. The plaintiff, driving through the park, desiring to pass through the gate to the highway beyond the railway, and finding the gate open, took that as an intimation that no train was approaching, and attempted to cross the railway, when he was struck by a train and injured.—Held, that the defendants owed him no duty, and were not liable in damages for his injuries. *Soulsby v. City of Toronto*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 65, 15 O.L.R. 13.

[Referred to in *Woodburn Milling Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 19 O.L.R. 276.]

FAILURE TO FENCE AND PROTECT; CROSSING NOT A HIGHWAY.

A crossing built by a railway company and designated by a sign as a "railway crossing" which the public is permitted to use, but the opening of which has not been sanctioned by the Board of Railway Commissioners, is not a highway under the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, ss. 242, 243, so as to impose a duty on the railway company as to construction and maintenance of fences and the protection of highways, and, therefore, cannot be charged with negligence for any omission to fence or for defective approaches, particularly where the crossing had been previously used safely by the same person and others. *Bird v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 195, 6 W.L.R. 393.

[Reversed in 1 S.L.R. 266, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 314.]

CROSSING NOT AUTHORIZED BY BOARD; DEDICATION.

Held, reversing 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 195, 6 W.L.R. 393 (*Wetmore, C.J.*, hesitant), that when a railway company establishes a crossing, not authorized by the Board of Railway Commissioners, over its railway, at a point other than on a highway and invites the public to use such crossing, it is the duty of the company to take every precaution for the safety of the public using such crossing, and in view of the statutory provisions requiring the company to fence the approaches to a railway crossing over a highway properly authorized, the failure

of the company to so fence an authorized crossing constitutes such negligence as will render the company liable for injury to any person sustained on such crossing when the proximate cause of such injury is the failure of the company to fence. *Bird v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 314, 1 S.L.R. 266.

Note on signals at highway crossings, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 347.

Note on contributory negligence at highways, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 350.

Note on Negligence and Contributory Negligence, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 225.

CROWN RAILWAYS.

See Government Railways.

CULVERTS.

Duty to fence, see Farm Crossings.

CUSTOMS DUTIES.

REFUND OF DUTIES IMPROPERLY IMPOSED.

In a case before the Exchequer Court for return of duties improperly imposed, judgment was given against the claimants and afterwards affirmed by the Supreme Court, but reversed by the Privy Council and judgment ordered to be entered for the suppliant for the amount claimed with costs. On the case coming up again in the Exchequer Court judgment was entered for the principal sum only, interest being refused, and an appeal was taken to the Supreme Court. In the meantime the Crown presented a petition to the Privy Council for a declaration that the claimants were not entitled to interest under their Lordships' judgment. The petition was dismissed, their Lordships stating that interest having been claimed, and the question not having been argued in any of the Courts, it should be allowed. The Crown thereupon consented, under s. 52 of the Supreme and Exchequer Courts Act, to a reversal of the judgment of the Exchequer Court as to interest. *Toronto Ry. Co. v. The Queen*, Oct., 1897; *Cass. Sup. Ct. Prac.* (2nd ed. by Masters), p. 87.

[Vide [1896] A.C., reversing 25 Can. S.C.R. 24, 4 Ex. C.R. 262.]

EXEMPTION FROM DUTY; STEEL RAILS FOR USE ON STREET RAILWAYS.

The exemption from duty in 50 & 51 Vict. c. 39, item 173, of "steel rails weighing not less than twenty-five pounds per lineal yard, for use on railway tracks," does not apply to rails to be used for street railways, which

are subject to duty as "rails for railways and tramways of any form," under item 88. *Strong, C.J.*, and *King, J.*, dissenting. *Toronto Ry. Co. v. The Queen*, 25 Can. S.C.R. 24.

[Reversed in [1896] A.C. 551.]

IMPORTED STEEL RAILS; STREET RAILWAYS.

Although there may be in various Canadian Acts and for other purposes substantial distinctions between railways or railway tracks and street railways and tramways, yet, for the purpose of separating free and dutiable articles, such distinction is not maintained in Canadian Act, 50 & 51 Vict. c. 39, and its three predecessors. According to the true construction of that Act (see s. 1, item 88, and s. 2, item 173), the question whether imported steel rails are taxed or free depends solely upon their weight, not upon the character of the railway track for which they are intended. 25 Can. S.C.R. 24, affirming 4 Ex. C.R. 262, reversed. *Toronto Ry. Co. v. The Queen*, [1896] A.C. 551.

[Approved in *Edison Gen. El. Co. v. Edmonds*, 4 B.C.R. 367; commented in *Ross v. The King*, 32 Can. S.C.R. 538.]

FOREIGN-BUILT SHIPS.

A foreign-built ship bought in the United States and brought to Canada is liable to the duty imposed by the Canadian Customs Tariff Act, 1897, s. 4. 32 Can. S.C.R. 277 affirmed. *Algoma Central Ry. Co. v. The King*, [1903] A.C. 478.

AGENT FOR CUSTOMS; CONVERSION OF MONEY FURNISHED FOR PAYMENT OF DUTIES; LIABILITY OF PRINCIPAL.

Where, without the knowledge of a railway company an agent appointed by it under R.S.C. 1886, c. 32, s. 137, etc., for customs purposes, by a system of frauds in the underpayment to the Crown of customs duties converted to his own use moneys furnished by the company for the payment of the rightful amount of duties, the company is answerable to the Crown upon the discovery of the fraud, for duties on all goods, which, by reason of the agent's fraud, were not declared or entered and the customs paid thereon, since the agent's acts in that the frauds were committed were within the scope of his employment. An internal rule of a customs house prohibiting the cashier from furnishing change beyond fifty cents, is not a limitation of his authority sufficient to relieve a company from liability for unpaid duties on goods entered fraudulently by its duly appointed customs agent, where the company furnished cheques for the correct amount of duties and the cashier returned to the agent, who con-

verted it to his own use, the difference between the amount of the cheque and the duties actually paid, since the agent's authority was broad enough to include the receipt of such moneys. In an action by the Crown to recover customs duties on goods not entered or declared, the onus rests upon the defendant to shew payment and full compliance with the requirements of the Customs Act. *The King v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 11 D.L.R. 681, 14 Can. Ex. R. 150.

[*Lloyd v. Grace*, [1912] A.C. 735; *Brocklesby v. Temperance Permanent Building Society*, [1895] A.C. 173; *Fry v. Smellie*, [1912] 3 K.B. 295, specially referred to; *Erb v. G.W.R. Co.*, 5 Can. S.C.R. 179; *City Bank v. Harbour Commissioners of Montreal*, 1 L.C.J. 288, distinguished.]

DAMAGES.

- A. Assessment; Excessiveness.
- B. Personal Injuries.
- C. Nervous or Mental Shock.
- D. Lord Campbell's Act.
- E. Workmen's Compensation.
- F. Injury to Property.

For damages in lieu of injunction, see Injunction.

For damage caused by operation of government railways, see Government Railways.

For damage and compensation under expropriation proceedings, see Expropriation.

A. Assessment; Excessiveness.

DAMAGES; BY WHOM ASSESSED; JUDGE OR JURY; EXCESSIVENESS.

The words "the Court may give such damages," in C.O. (1898) c. 48, s. 3 means the Judge at trial, or the Judge and the jury, as the case may be. *Semble*, a verdict of \$4,500, awarded to a widow for the death of her husband caused by the defendants' negligence cannot be seriously excepted to. *Toll v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 1 Alta. L.R. 318, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 294.

DAMAGES; HOW ASSESSED; COURT OR JURY.

Per *Harvey, J.*, s. 3, c. 48 of the Consolidated Ordinances of the Northwest Territories providing that damages are to be determined by the Court, means a "Court" consisting of a Judge and jury, and the jury is the proper part of the Court

to fix the amount of damages. *Andreas v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 440, 2 W.L.R. 249.

[Affirmed in 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 450, 37 Can. S.C.R. 1.]

REDUCTION; CONSENT; NEW TRIAL.

The Court of Appeal pronounced judgment on the 4th of April, 1905, dismissing the defendant's appeal except upon the question of damages. It was held that the damages assessed by the jury were excessive, and a new trial was ordered unless the plaintiff would consent to a reduction. The certificate of this judgment not having issued, the Court on the 2nd June, 1905, reconsidered the matter, and, acting under Rule 786, directed a new trial confined to the question of the amount of damages.—Held, following *Watt v. Watt*, [1905] A.C. 115, that the Court has no jurisdiction, without the defendant's consent, to make the new trial dependant upon the consent of the plaintiff to reduce the damages. *Hockley v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 10 O.L.R. 363 (C.A.).

REMOTENESS; DEPRIVATION OF USE.

Damages for breach of contract must be direct and none are recoverable that are indirect or remote. Hence, where a carrier for hire loses a piece of machinery, sent through him for repairs, the owner is not entitled to recover from him, as damages, the loss incurred through having been deprived of the use of it for a season. *Thiauville v. Canadian Express Co.*, 33 Que. S.C. 403.

SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGES; DIFFICULTY IN ASSESSING.

Substantial damages may be awarded in spite of the fact that some speculation and uncertainty is necessarily involved in the assessment thereof. *Chaplin v. Hiels*, [1911] 2 K.B. 786, followed. *Wood v. Grand Valley Ry. Co.*, 5 D.L.R. 428, 3 O.W.N. 1356, 22 O.W.R. 269, 26 O.L.R. 441.

[Varied, and damages reduced, 10 D.L.R. 726, 4 O.W.N. 556.]

REFERENCE; POWERS OF CLERK.

The clerk of a Court cannot, upon a reference to him to ascertain the plaintiff's damages, consider the question of the liability of the defendant in the action, since that was settled by the order of reference. *Lavallee v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.* (No. 2), 4 D.L.R. 376, 20 W.L.R. 547.

ASSESSMENT ON REFERENCE.

If the clerk of a Court, on a reference to ascertain the plaintiff's damages, misconceiving his duty, hears evidence and, de-

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termining that the defendant was not liable, refuses to assess damages in the plaintiff's favour, the Supreme Court of Alberta may, on an application to vary the clerk's report, direct him to proceed with the assessment of damages. *Lavallee v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.* (No. 2), 4 D.L.R. 376, 20 W.L.R. 547.

MISDIRECTION AS TO ASSESSMENT; EXCESSIVE DAMAGES.

Where there was a misdirection as to the assessment of damages merely, and it appeared to the Court that the damages assessed by the jury were grossly excessive, the Supreme Court of Canada made a special order, applying the principle of art. 503 of the Code of Civil Procedure, directing that the appeal should be allowed, and a new trial had to assess damages, unless the plaintiff consented that the damages should be reduced to an amount mentioned. *Central Vermont Ry. Co. v. Franchere*, 35 Can. S.C.R. 68.

[Referred to in *Renwick v. Galt Street Ry. Co.*, 11 O.L.R. 168; *Sadlier v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 28 S.C. 502.]

REVIEW OF AMOUNT BY APPELLATE COURT.

Where the damages awarded by the jury at the first trial were held to be excessive and the Court of Appeal had ordered a new trial and the result of the new trial was a verdict for a still larger sum, the Court of Appeal, upon an appeal from the second verdict, may itself fix the amount of damages instead of sending the case back for a third trial before a jury by virtue of its statutory powers. [See Annotation to this case.] *Taylor v. B.C. Electric Ry. Co., Ltd.*, 1 D.L.R. 384, 19 W.L.R. 851.

[Affirmed in 8 D.L.R. 724.]

REDUCTION BY APPELLATE COURT.

The rule that the Supreme Court of Canada will not interfere with the judgment of a Provincial Court of Appeal reducing the quantum of damages assessed by the trial Court does not prevent interference in cases where some element of damages for which no compensation is allowed by law may have been given a place in the total of damages reached. (*Dictum per Idington, J.*) *Taylor v. British Columbia Electric Ry. Co.* (No. 2), 8 D.L.R. 724.

[*Praed v. Graham*, 24 Q.B.D. 53, considered; see also *Johnston v. Great Western Ry. Co.*, [1904] 2 K.B. 250, and *Dunn v. Prescott Elevator Co.*, 26 A.R. (Ont.) 389, 30 Can. S.C.R. 620.]

REVIEW OF QUANTUM BY APPELLATE COURT.

The Supreme Court of Canada will not

disturb a judgment of the Court of Appeal of British Columbia on a mere question of quantum of damages, where that Court, by virtue of the power given to it by rule 869 (a) of the rules of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, has reduced a verdict of the trial Court in an action for personal injuries arising out of an accident. *Taylor v. British Columbia Electric Ry. Co.* (No. 2), 8 D.L.R. 724.

[*Taylor v. British Columbia Electric Ry. Co.*, 1 D.L.R. 384, 16 B.C.R. 420, affirmed.]

EXCESSIVENESS; DISREGARDING DIRECTION OF COURT.

To justify the setting aside of a verdict on the ground of excessive damages, the Appellate Court must find that the damages are so excessive that twelve reasonable men could not have given them, or that the jury have disregarded some direction of the Judge or have considered topics which they ought not to have considered, or have applied a wrong measure of damages. *Praed v. Graham*, 24 Q.B.D. 53, and *Johnston v. Great Western Ry.* [1904], 2 K.B. 250, 73 L.J.K.B. 568, 20 Times L.R. 455, applied. *Taylor v. B. C. Electric Ry. Co., Ltd.*, 1 D.L.R. 384, 19 W.L.R. 851.

[Affirmed in 8 D.L.R. 729.]

VARYING ASSESSMENT ON REFERENCE.

The Supreme Court of Alberta cannot entertain an application to vary the finding of a clerk of the Court on a reference to him to ascertain damages, since that can be done only on an appeal from the final judgment in the action. *Lavallee v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.* (No. 2) 4 D.L.R. 376, 20 W.L.R. 547, 4 A.L.R. 245.

[*Marson v. G.T.P.R.*, 17 W.L.R. 603, on appeal, 1 D.L.R. 850, 20 W.L.R. 161, followed.]

REDUCTION OF DAMAGES BY APPELLATE COURT.

Where an action has been twice tried with a jury, and upon the second trial the jury have found in favour of the same party, but have reduced the damages, a third trial will not be ordered merely because the findings of the jury at the second trial are contrary to what the appellate Court regards as the weight of evidence, if there is some evidence upon which the verdict can be sustained. *Zufelt v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 7 D.L.R. 81, 4 O.W.N. 39.

AGREEMENT FOR COMPENSATION; SCOPE AS TO COSTS "INCIDENTAL TO THE REFERENCE."

Where a railway company agreed with a town corporation to pay the latter any dam-

ages accruing by reason of the building of a bridge by the railway company, such damages to be ascertained in a summary manner by a Referee appointed by the Dominion Railway Board for the purpose, and subsequently pursuant to this agreement an application was made to the Board and a Referee appointed, in which order of appointment it was provided "that the costs of and incidental to the reference, including those of the Referee shall be in the discretion of the said Referee," the Referee has power to award the costs of the application to the Board, notwithstanding the general policy of the Board not to award costs of proceedings before it. *Re Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. and Town of Walkerton*, 10 D.L.R. 347, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 55.

[*Curry v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 31, criticised; *Re Bronson and Canada Atlantic Ry. Co.*, 13 P.R. (Ont.) 440, applied; see also *Re False Creek Flats Arbitration*, 8 D.L.R. 922.]

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SUSPENDING THE PAYMENT OF DAMAGES TO INFANT DURING MINORITY.

The Court has the power, by its judgment, to order that a sum assessed by a jury as the amount of damages sustained by the plaintiff, a minor suing through his tutor in an action of tort or ex quasi-delicto, be paid, in part at once, the remainder when he becomes of age, and not at all if he dies before, and that the interest on such remainder be paid to his tutor until he comes of age or dies during minority. *Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Girard*, 21 Que. K.B. 121.

B. Personal Injuries.

BODILY DISFIGUREMENT; PERMANENT IMPAIRMENT OF PHYSICAL STRENGTH.

When damages from an explosion consist of total inability to work and acute suffering during three months, bodily disfigurement, diminished sense of hearing and permanent impairment of physical strength to a table-waiter on a steamboat, whose earnings are about fifty dollars a month during the season of navigation, a verdict of \$6,000 is not so grossly excessive that it should be set aside. *Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company v. Dorman*, 16 Que. K.B. 375.

EXCESSIVE OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES; PERMANENT INJURY.

Plaintiff was injured in a collision between two cars of the defendant company, the collision having occurred admittedly through the company's negligence. No evidence was offered by the company at the trial. Plaintiff's hip was dislocated and permanently injured, rendering him unable to follow certain branches of his trade, that of tinsmith. There was some medical evidence that an operation might improve his condition so as to reduce the disability. He was, at the time of the accident, 24 years of age, and earned \$4 per day when working. His medical and other expenses in connection with the accident amounted, roughly, to \$500. Added to this should be loss of work on account of the accident. In an action for damages, the jury awarded him \$11,500.—Held, on appeal, that the damages were excessive, and there should be a new trial. *Farquharson v. British Columbia Electric Ry. Co.*, 15 B.C.R. 280.

MARRIED WOMAN; PERSONAL INJURY TO; DAMAGES AWARDED HUSBAND.

The female plaintiff, 62 years of age, wife of the male plaintiff, who was 70 years of age, in attempting to alight from one of the defendants' cars, was through the defendants' negligence thrown to the ground and seriously injured. She was in the doctor's hands for several months, and her arm and hand which were injured were not likely to be as useful to her as before the accident. The jury awarded the wife \$1,000 and the husband \$1,200.—Held, that the amount awarded the wife could not be deemed to be unreasonable; but, as regarded the husband, after due allowance for the medical expenses and for nursing, and attendance, and considering the age of the parties, the amount awarded him was excessive, and a new assessment was ordered, unless an

agreement was come to between the parties that the damages should be reduced to \$400. *Clarke v. London Street Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 381, 12 O.L.R. 279.

IMPAIRMENT OF PROSPECTS OF MARRIAGE; REMOTENESS; EXCESSIVE DAMAGES.

In an action for negligence, impairment of the prospects of matrimony, in the case of a young woman, by reason of physical injuries, may be taken into consideration by the jury in estimating the damages. In such a case of accident to a young woman of about 21 years of age, living with her father, but earning \$6 a week as a stenographer, which accident resulted in the amputation of her left leg at the knee, paresis in a hand and arm of which there might never be complete recovery, injury to her back, and a very serious shock to her nervous system:—Held, that a verdict of \$5,500 damages was not so excessive as to necessitate a new trial. *Morin v. Ottawa Electric Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 113 18 O.L.R. 209.

PERSONAL INJURIES; MINING ENGINEER; PERMANENT DISABILITY; MENTIONING SUM TO JURY.

The plaintiff, though not originally trained as a mining engineer, had by long experience become an expert examiner of gold mining locations; was 37 years of age, physically strong and healthy, and of excellent character. He was in receipt of a salary of \$6,000 a year from employers interested in gold properties, who spoke very highly of his capabilities and prospects. He was permanently disabled by injury sustained on one of the defendants' cars through their negligence. A jury awarded him \$30,000:—Held, on appeal, that the amount was not so excessive as to entitle the defendants to a new trial:—Held, also, that by a reference in the charge to the jury to \$25,000 as a sum which would not appear large to a man earning \$6,000 a year, and by a mention of the sum claimed as \$50,000, the jury were not, reading the charge as a whole, left under the impression that they were directed as to the amount they were to fix:—Held, also, that counsel for the plaintiff, in opening to the jury, mentioning the sum claimed in the statement of claim, was not so objectionable as to be a ground for granting a new trial. *Judgment of Anglin, J.*, affirmed. *Bratdenburg v. Ottawa Electric Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 242, 19 O.L.R. 34.

PERSONAL INJURIES; LOSS OF BUSINESS PROFITS.

The plaintiff, a married woman, was injured while a passenger on one of the de-

fendant's cars, by reason of the negligence of the defendants' servants, as found by a jury, who assessed her damages at \$1,900 for her injuries and \$600 for loss of business.

The separation of the two items was made by the jury, and the Judge entered judgment for \$2,500:—Held, notwithstanding the form of the judgment, that the Court was enabled by the division made by the jury, to consider the propriety of the allowance made for loss of profits. The plaintiff was fifty-six years old, and was in business as a baker. After her injury she sold the business. Some evidence was given as to profits being earned in the business at the time of the injury, but there was nothing to shew a reasonable certainty of future profits:—Held, that the allowance for loss of profits was not supportable, the alleged damages being remote and conjectural, and the judgment should be varied by reducing the amount to \$1,900:—Held, as to the \$1,900, that the amount was not so large as to shew that the jury neglected their duty or were actuated by any improper motive or did not appreciate the grounds on which they might act in awarding damages. *Judgment of Britton, J.*, varied. *Wright v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 10, 20 O.L.R. 498.

PERSONAL INJURY; REDUCTION OF DAMAGES; PRINCIPLE OF ASSESSMENT.

The plaintiff's damages for personal injury by the negligence of the defendants having been assessed by a Judge at \$10,000, the Court of Appeal reduced the amount to \$7,000, evidence having been received by the Court to shew that a large sum paid to the plaintiff, and said by her to be part of her earnings, was in fact paid upon another account. *Per Meredith, J.A.*:—In estimating damages recoverable for personal injury by negligence, the jury must not attempt to award the full amount of a perfect compensation for the pecuniary injury, but must take a reasonable view of the case and give what they consider, in all the circumstances, a fair compensation; and the same rule applies to a Judge. *Sheehan v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 270, 25 O.L.R. 310.

PERMANENT DISABILITY; MEASURE OF DAMAGES; REDUCTION; REMITTITUR.

In an action for personal injuries in a negligence action against a street railway, where it appeared that the plaintiff, a man aged thirty-one, was permanently incapacitated by the injury from following any continuous occupation, although he might be able to earn something towards his own support, a verdict for \$11,500 is not unreasonable and will not, under ordinary cir-

in an enclosed vehicle which owing, as was found, to the negligence of the defendants, was struck by a moving car of the defendants, pushed a short distance sideways, and struck on the other side by another car moving in the opposite direction. The plaintiffs suffered no visible bodily injuries except slight bruises, but complained of mental or nervous shock, and a jury assessed damages therefor.—Held, that damages of this kind were not recoverable notwithstanding the impact and the bodily injuries. *Victorian Railways Commissioners v. Coultas* (1888), 13 App. Cas. 222, and *Henderson v. Canada Atlantic Ry. Co.* (1898), 25 A.R. 437, followed. *Geiger v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 85, 10 O.L.R. 511 (D.C.).

[Distinguished in *Toms v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 126, 22 O.L.R. 204.]

EXCESSIVENESS; SOLATIUM DOLORIS.

The Court refused to order a new trial or reduction of damages, under the provisions of arts. 502, 503, C.P.Q., where it did not appear that, under the circumstances, the amount of damages awarded by the verdict was so grossly excessive as to make it evident that the jury had been led into error or were influenced by improper motives. *Davies, J.*, dissented in respect of that part of the verdict awarding damages in favour of one of the sons who was almost 21 years of age and earning wages at the time deceased was killed. *Quere.*—In an action under art. 1056 C.C. can a jury award damages in solatium doloris? *Robinson v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, [1892] A.C. 481, referred to. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Lachance*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 22, 42 Can. S.C.R. 205.

[Commented on in *Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Brialofsky, Que. R.* 19 K.B. 338.]

COLLISION OF STREET CAR; PHYSICAL SHOCK; RESULTING NERVOUS CONDITION.

The plaintiff, an elderly man, was a passenger in a street car of the defendants, which was negligently allowed to come into collision with an engine at a railway crossing. By the force of the collision he was violently thrown from his seat over to the back of the next seat in front of him. No bones were broken, and there was no great bruising or other external injury. He got off the car without assistance and walked a short distance, and then, as he said, "collapsed," and for the time could go no further. Eventually he reached the place where he was employed, but was quite unable to work, and was obliged to go to his home and to bed, where he remained off and on for several weeks under a physician's care. Subsequently, the condition of traumatic

neurasthenia developed, as the result, it was said, of the shock of the collision, and the plaintiff, it was asserted, was still suffering from that trouble at the time of the trial. A physician testified that the physical shock suffered excited the subsequent condition, and that that condition did not arise purely from an effect created on his mind.—Held, that the case was different from those in which the mental shock, as from fright and the like, was the primary cause to which the resulting physical consequences had to be traced—the shock in this case was not primarily mental at all, but physical; the trial Judge properly refused to direct the jury to assess separately the damages resulting exclusively from mental shock and those resulting from physical injury; and a judgment for the plaintiff for \$1,500 damages assessed by the jury should not be disturbed. *Victorian Railways Commissioners v. Coultas* (1888), 13 App. Cas. 222, *Henderson v. Canada Atlantic Ry. Co.* (1898), 25 A.R. 437, and *Geiger v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* (1905), 10 O.L.R. 511, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 85, distinguished. Judgment of *Falconbridge, C.J.K.B.*, affirmed. *Toms v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 126, 22 O.L.R. 204.

[Affirmed in 44 Can. S.C.R. 268, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 250.]

PHYSICAL INJURIES; MENTAL SHOCK.

T. was riding in a street car when it collided with a train. He was thrown violently forward on the back of the seat in front of him, but was able to leave the car and walk a short distance towards his place of business when he collapsed and was taken home in a cab. He was laid up for several weeks and never recovered his former state of health. On the trial of an action against the railway company one medical witness gave as his opinion that the physical shock received by T. was the exciting cause of his condition, while others ascribed it to a disturbed nervous system. Negligence on the part of the company was not denied, but the trial Judge was asked to direct the jury to distinguish, in assessing damages, between the physical and nervous injuries, which he refused to do.—Held, affirming the judgment of the Court of Appeal (22 Ont. L.R. 204, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 126), that the trial Judge properly refused to direct the jury as requested; that the injuries to T.'s nervous system were as much the direct result of the negligence of the company as those to his physical system, and he could recover compensation for both; and that in any case it was impossible for the jury to sever the damages. *Victorian Railway Commissioners v. Coultas*, 13 App. Cas. 222, distinguished. *Toronto Ry. Co. v. Toms*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 250, 44 Can. S.C.R. 268.

MENTAL SHOCK; EXCESSIVENESS.

Following Victorian Railways Commissioners v. Coultas (1888), 13 App. Cas. 222, a jury should not be asked to assess separately damages resulting from shock caused by blows and those resulting from bodily injury independently of nervous shock. Remarks per Irving, J.A., as to cases in which the damages were so assessed. In this case a new trial was ordered (Irving J.A., dissenting), on the ground that the damages awarded were excessive. Taylor v. British Columbia Electric Ry. Co., 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 400, 16 B.C.R. 109.

CONSEQUENTIAL INJURIES; TRAUMATIC NEURASTHENIA.

Where as a result of a collision between a railway train and a street car due to negligent operation of the train, a passenger on the street car was thrown into a subway, a verdict for substantial damages may be given against the railway company whose negligence caused the injury, although the only substantial injury proved was that the plaintiff had in consequence suffered from traumatic neurasthenia and caused the plaintiff to be subject to insomnia and nerve troubles incapacitating him for his usual occupation, although such result is attributable to the mental shock as well as to the physical. Victorian Railways Commissioners v. Coultas (1888), 13 A.C. 222, and Dulieu v. White, [1901] 2 K.B. 669, considered; Geiger v. G.T.R. Co., 10 O.L.R. 511, and Henderson v. Canada Atlantic, 25 O.A.R. 437, specially referred to. Ham v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co., 1 D.L.R. 377, 20 W.L.R. 359.

[Varied by disallowing claim for interest, Ham v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co. (No. 2), 7 D.L.R. 812.]

D. Lord Campbell's Act.**DEATH OF WIFE; DAMAGES TO HUSBAND; LOSS OF HOUSEHOLD SERVICES; CARE AND TRAINING OF CHILDREN.**

Held, affirming the judgment of the Court of Appeal for Ontario (11 Ont. App. R. 1), that although on the death of a wife, caused by negligence of a railway company, the husband cannot recover damages of a sentimental character, yet the loss of household services, accustomed to be performed by the wife, which would have to be replaced by hired services, may be a substantial loss for which damages may be recovered, and so also may be the loss to the children of the care and moral training of their mother. In this case the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council refused leave to appeal; see Canadian Gazette,

vol. 6, p. 583; 11 A.R. (Ont.) 1, reversing 1 O.R. 545, affirmed. St. Lawrence & Ottawa Ry. Co. v. Lett, 11 Can. S.C.R. 422.

[Discussed in Ricketts v. Markdale, 31 O.R. 610; followed in McKeown v. Toronto Ry. Co., 19 O.L.R. 361; referred to in Beckett v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 13 A.R. (Ont.) 174; Hollinger v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 21 O.R. 705; New Brunswick Ry. Co. v. Yanwart, 17 Can. S.C.R. 37; Rombough v. Balch, 27 A.R. (Ont.) 32; relied on in Davidson v. Stuart, 14 Man. L.R. 81, 89; adopted in Collins v. St. John, 38 N.B.R. 90, 91; applied in Canada Atl. Ry. Co. v. Henderson, 29 Can. S.C.R. 636.]

RIGHT TO DEDUCT LIFE INSURANCE OF DAMAGES.

The life of the deceased was insured, and on the trial the learned judge deducted the amount of the insurance from the damages assessed. The Divisional Court overruled this, and directed the verdict to stand for the full amount found by the jury. This was affirmed by the Court of Appeal.—Held, that the judgment in this respect should be affirmed. 13 A.R. (Ont.) 174, 8 O.R. 601, affirmed. Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Beckett, 16 Can. S.C.R. 713.

LORD CAMPBELL'S ACT; PECUNIARY LOSS; LIFE INSURANCE.

The right conferred by Lord Campbell's Act, adopted by Consolidated Statutes of Ontario, c. 135, ss. 2 and 3, to recover damages in respect of death occasioned by wrongful act, neglect or default is restricted to the actual pecuniary loss sustained by the plaintiff. Where the widow of deceased is plaintiff, and her husband had made provision for her by a policy on his own life in her favour, the amount of such policy is not to be deducted from the amount of damages previously assessed irrespective of such consideration. She is benefited only by the accelerated receipt of the amount of the policy, and that benefit being represented by the interest of the money during the period of acceleration, may be compensated by deducting future premiums from the estimated future earnings of the deceased. Hicks v. Newport, etc., Ry. Co., 4 B. & S. 403, n. approved; 15 A.R. (Ont.) 477, affirmed. Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Jennings (1888), 13 App. Cas. 800.

[Adopted in Royal Paper Mills Co. v. Cameron, 39 Can. S.C.R. 369; referred to in Warboys v. Lachine Rapids, etc., Co., of R., 22 S.C. 541; relied on in Davidson v. Stuart, 14 Man. L.R. 81; applied in Allen v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 19 O.L.R. 510; followed in London & Western Trusts v.

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Traders Bank, 16 O.L.R. 382; referred to in Bicknell v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 26 A.R. (Ont.) 431; Nightingale v. Union Colliery Co., 8 B.C.R. 136.]

LORD CAMPBELL'S ACT; EFFECT OF INSURANCE.

Where the widow or heirs of a person killed as the result of an accident sue the person responsible for such death in damages the defendant is entitled to have the amount of damages suffered diminished by whatever sums the heirs may have received under the terms of accident policies carried by the deceased. Canadian Northern Quebec Ry. Co. v. Johnston, 7 D.L.R. 243, 22 Que. K.B. 63.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAY; NEGLIGENCE OF CROWN'S SERVANTS; ACTION BY PARENT OF DECEASED; PECUNIARY BENEFIT; PAIN AND SUFFERING.

In the case of death resulting from negligence, and an action 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. (2) Such party is not to be compensated for any pain or suffering arising from the loss of the deceased, or for expenses of medical treatment of the deceased, or for his burial expenses, or for family mourning. McDonald v. The King, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 1, 7 Ex. 216.

[Osborne v. Gillett, L.R. 8 Ex. 88, distinguished.]

NEGLECTING CAUSING DEATH; APPORTIONMENT OF BETWEEN WIDOW AND CHILDREN.

An action brought against a railway company by a widow on behalf of herself and four infant children, aged respectively seven, five, three and one year, to recover damages for the death of her husband through the company's negligence, was settled by the company paying \$4,800. On application to a Judge the amount was apportioned by giving the widow \$1,200 and each of the children \$900, the widow also to be paid for the children's maintenance, \$200 a year for three years, the fact of the widow having already received \$1,000 for insurance on the husband's life, being taken in consideration in apportioning her share. Burkholder v. The Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 5, 5 O.L.R. 428.

LORD CAMPBELL'S ACT; SERVICES OF CHILD; INTENTION OF HELPING PARENT.

Damages to the amount of \$2,100 were

recovered by the plaintiff suing as the father and administrator of his deceased son, 22 years of age, who was killed through defendants' negligence. The son's occupation was principally that of a labourer, the highest rate of wages received by him being for a few days at the rate of \$35 a month. His mother was dead and his father had married again. He lived with a widowed sister, but was on good terms with his father and step-mother, whom he visited once or twice a month, on such occasions giving his father from \$2 to \$4, and once \$5. His habits were good and he was of a generous disposition. Evidence was received of his intention of helping his father to build a house, of assisting him in paying off a mortgage of \$650 on his property, as well as a debt of \$400, which he owed another son, and for which the father had given his promissory notes.—Held, that the evidence of such expressed intention was properly admitted, not necessarily as shewing a promise to make the payments, but of his being well disposed to his father; the amount awarded the plaintiff for damage however was clearly excessive, and a new trial was ordered unless the parties agreed to a reduction of the damages to \$500. Stephens v. Toronto Ry. Co., 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 102, 11 O.L.R. 19.

[Reversed in Moffit v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 2 A.L.R. 486, 489.]

NEGLECTING; DEATH OF CHILD; REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF PECUNIARY BENEFIT.

The plaintiff, a married woman, who had to depend on her own exertions for her support and maintenance and that of her daughter, her husband contributing nothing, had striven to give her daughter a good education. The daughter was a little over seventeen years of age, and was just finishing her course at a collegiate institute, which would have qualified her for a first-class teacher's certificate, and expected to be earning in the course of a year from \$300 to \$500. She was a strong active girl and worked in a mill during the holidays, earning from \$6 to \$7 a week, which she gave to her mother, for whose maintenance and support she had often expressed the intention of providing. The daughter having been killed through the defendants' negligence, a finding in favour of the mother for \$3,000 was upheld. Renwick v. Galt, Preston, etc., Ry. Co., 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 108, 11 O.L.R. 158.

[Reversed in 12 O.L.R. 35, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 376; referred to in McKeown v. Toronto Ry. Co., 19 O.L.R. 361.]

FATAL ACCIDENTS ACT; LOSS OF CHILD; REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF PECUNIARY BENEFIT.

Damages assessed by a jury at \$3,000 for the loss of a daughter seventeen years old by reason of the negligence of the defendants, were held to be excessive, and a new trial was directed unless both parties would agree to have the damages fixed at \$1,500. Order of a Divisional Court, 11 O.L.R. 158, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 108, reversed. *Renwick v. Galt, Preston, and Hespeler Street Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 376, 12 O.L.R. 35.

SERVICE OF CHILD; PECUNIARY LOSS; OWNERSHIP IN COMMON BETWEEN PARENT AND CHILD; SURVIVORSHIP.

In an action by a father to recover damages for the death of his son caused by the negligent operation of a train, no pecuniary loss is proven where it is shewn that the services rendered by the deceased to his father were in pursuance of an agreement that they were both to be partners of the farm where the work was being done but that the son was to have the farm on the father's death, and that he was also to get what he needed out of the common fund. *Moir v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 380, 10 O.W.R. 414.

FATAL ACCIDENTS ACT; EXCESSIVE DAMAGES; DEATH OF WIFE AND MOTHER.

In an action under the Fatal Accidents Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 166, to recover damages for the death of a married woman, 62 years of age, the jury awarded \$3,325, apportioning \$325 to the executors of her husband who survived her, \$800 to a daughter 36 years of age, \$700 to a son 27 years of age, and \$1,500 to a son 21 years of age.—Held, that damages recoverable being entirely pecuniary, the above (except as to the executors), considering the ages and circumstances of the children, and the age and financial ability of the mother, were grossly excessive, and the case must go to a new assessment. *Ronson v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas., 361, 18 O.L.R. 337.

FATAL ACCIDENTS ACT; DEATH OF CHILD; PECUNIARY LOSS OF PARENT; REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF BENEFIT.

A verdict of a jury for \$300 damages for the death of the plaintiff's child, aged four years, in an action under the Fatal Accidents Act, was upheld by a Divisional Court and by the Court of Appeal (Moss, C.J.O., and Maclaren, J.A., dissenting), where it appeared that the child was healthy, intelligent, and with as good a

prospect of prolonged life as any infant of that age could be said to have. The question is for the jury, upon the evidence; pecuniary benefit or advantage need not have been actually derived by the parent previous to the death; the probability of the continuance of life and the reasonable expectation that in that event pecuniary benefit or advantage would have been derived are proper subjects for consideration. *Fym v. Great Northern Ry. Co.* (1862), 2 B. & S. 759, and *Blackley v. Toronto Ry. Co.* (1897), 27 A.R. 44 n., applied and followed. The trial Judge's direction to the jury upon the questions of damages and the findings of the jury upon the question of negligence were also considered and upheld by the Divisional Court. *McKeown v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 449, 19 O.L.R. 361.

[Referred to in *Moffit v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 2 A.L.R. 489.]

FATAL ACCIDENTS ACT; PECUNIARY LOSS OF PARENTS; REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF BENEFIT.

A lad of twenty, a brakeman employed by the defendants, was killed in a collision upon the railway, by reason of the negligence of the defendants' servants, and this action was brought under the Fatal Accidents Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 166, by the administrators of his estate, to recover damages for his death, for the benefit of his parents, who lived in England. The claim was made and the assessment of the damages was based upon the principle of the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act. The jury found that the estimated earnings of a person in the same grade as the deceased, in the like employment, in this Province, for the three years allowed by the statute, would be \$1,800, and they assessed the damages at that sum apportioning them between the father and mother. The evidence shewed that the deceased was unmarried; had been about four years in Canada, and about a month in the service of the defendants. He had corresponded with his mother, but had sent his parents no money. He had received a good and rather expensive education, at his father's expense, and the father swore to an understanding between the son and the parents that the son would, in consideration of the large sum so expended, assist the parents in their old age.—Held, that the plaintiff's right of recovery was limited in amount to the pecuniary loss which it could be fairly and reasonably found that the parents had suffered by the son's death; and, upon the evidence and in all the circumstances, taking into account

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the uncertainties and contingencies, there was such a reasonable and well-founded expectation of pecuniary benefit as could be estimated in money so as to become the subject of damages; but, having regard to all these matters, the award of damages was excessive and extravagant, and therefore unreasonable; and there should be a new assessment of damages, unless the parties could agree upon some amount. It is the plain duty of the Court to see that an award of damages, in an action of this kind, which appears to have been arrived at upon considerations not warranted by the evidence, shall not stand. Principles upon which damages to be assessed pointed out. *London & Western Trusts Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 133, 22 O.L.R. 262.

DEATH; PAIN AND SUFFERING; RECOVERY BY DECEDENT'S FAMILY.

In an action by the widow and administratrix of the deceased for damages under the Manitoba Act, for compensation to families of persons killed by accident (R.S.M. 1902, c. 31), the measure should be for the widow's pecuniary loss sustained because of the death, in a sum that will give her the physical comfort which she had at the time of her husband's death out of his labour and earnings to be continued during the expectancy of life, subject to the accidents of health and employment; but not covering the physical and mental sufferings of the deceased nor the mental sufferings of the plaintiff for the loss of her husband. \$5,000 is an excessive recovery by a surviving wife under the Manitoba Act (R.S.M. c. 31) for accidental death of her husband, and the recovery should be reduced to \$3,000, where he was 65 years old and earned only \$45 monthly, and she was 57 years old, though he was apparently a strong, healthy man. *Pettit v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.* (No. 2), 11 D.L.R. 316, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 272, 23 Man. L.R. 213.

[*Blake v. Midland*, 18 Q.B. 93; *C.P.R. Co. v. Robinson*, 14 Can. S.C.R. 105; *Rowley v. London, L.R.* 8 Ex. 221, and *Lamonde v. G.T.R. Co.*, 16 O.L.R. 365, referred to; *Pettit v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.* (No. 1), 7 D.L.R. 645, varied.]

LORD CAMPBELL'S ACT; DEDUCTION OF MONEY PAID BEFORE DEATH.

In an action brought by the widow and children of a decedent under the Families Compensation Act, R.S.B.C. c. 82, for damages for injuries sustained through the alleged negligence of the defendants resulting in the death of the decedent, where it appears that prior to the death of the de-

ceased the latter received a sum of money for the injuries sustained and executed a release of the cause of action to the defendants, it is not necessary for the plaintiffs to return the sum of money received by the deceased, or to offer to return it, as a condition precedent to their right to have the release set aside on the ground that it was obtained from the deceased by fraud, but such money is to be taken into consideration on the assessment of damages and the amount treated as a payment on account. *Trawford v. B.C. Elec. Ry. Co.*, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 39, 9 D.L.R. 817.

[*Trawford v. B.C. Electric Ry. Co.*, 8 D.L.R. 1026, reversed; *Lee v. Lancashire, L.R.* 6 Ch. 527, distinguished.]

FATAL ACCIDENTS ACT; MOTHER AND WIDOW; APPORTIONMENT OF DAMAGES.

On an application by a widow of a deceased for apportionment, under ss. 4 and 9 of the Fatal Accidents Act, 1 Geo. V. (Ont.) c. 33, between her and the mother of the deceased of a sum of money paid over as damages for the death of the deceased, the apportionment should be made in proportion to the damages sustained by each of them and the analogy of the Statute of Distributions does not apply. The basis of apportionment on an application by a widow of a deceased person, under ss. 4 and 9 of the Fatal Accidents Act, 1 Geo. V. (Ont.) c. 33, for apportionment between her and the mother of the deceased of a sum of money paid over as damages for the death of the deceased, is not affected by the fact that the widow was separated from her husband, inasmuch as he still continued to be liable for her support, and the amount the husband contributed to his mother's support is immaterial, the only question being, on such an application, what the wife and mother would relatively have had a right to expect if the deceased had continued to live. *Scarlett v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, (Ont.) 9 D.L.R. 780, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 184.

[*Sanderson v. Sanderson* (1877), 36 L.T. N.S. 847, disapproved; *Bulmer v. Bulmer*, 25 Ch.D. 409, and *Burkholder v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 5 O.L.R. 428, followed.]

APPORTIONMENT OF DAMAGES; LORD CAMPBELL'S ACT; BENEFICIARIES.

In apportioning money recovered under the Fatal Accidents Act, 1 Geo. V. (Ont.) c. 33, and under the Ontario Workmen's Compensation for Injuries enactments, the true guide must be the actual pecuniary loss of each of the claimants, and the statute as to distribution of decedents' estates furnishes no satisfactory guide. Money recovered under the Fatal Accidents Act,

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1 Geo. V. (Ont.) c. 33, or the Ontario Workmen's Compensation for Injuries enactments, may properly be apportioned by the Court in one of two ways: (1) by finding the amount of pecuniary damages which each of the claimants has really sustained, and if the whole be more or less than the fixed sums, awarding to each his proper proportion; or (2) by finding the proportion which the right of each bears to the others, and dividing the amount available accordingly. Infant step-children of the deceased who were dependent upon him for support have a right to share in the distribution of the proceeds of money collected under the Ontario Workmen's Compensation for Injuries enactments or the Fatal Accidents Act, 1 Geo. V. (Ont.), c. 33, as damages for his death through the negligence of another, though in the apportionment of the fund they would not be entitled to as large a sum as would be children of deceased's own. *Brown v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 350, 11 D.L.R. 97, 28 O.L.R. 354.

E. Workmen's Compensation.

INJURY AFFECTING CLAIMANT'S EARNING POWER.

In estimating compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act for the loss of a thumb, consideration must be given to the fact that while the claimant is not thereby entirely prevented from carrying on his occupation, his chances of employment in competition with others are lessened, and his earning power consequently reduced. *Roylance v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 14 B.C.R. 20.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT; DEATH OF WORKMAN; ACTION BY WIDOW; DEDUCTION OF INSURANCE MONEYS.

In an action under the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, by the widow and administratrix of a man who was killed while in the employment of the defendants, to recover damages as compensation for his death, the evidence shewed that the damages, based upon an estimate of the wages for three years of a person in the same grade as the deceased, would amount to at least \$2,200. Counsel for the plaintiff, however, in addressing the jury told them that they should deduct from the amount they found on that basis a sum of \$1,000 which the plaintiff had received for insurance on the life of the deceased. The jury announced a verdict of \$1,200, not saying that they had found \$2,200 and deducted \$1,000; but the trial Judge asked them if that was what they meant, and they said it was:—Held, having regard to

s. 7 of the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 160, that the \$1,000 ought not to have been deducted; and that, upon the findings of the jury, judgment should be entered for \$2,200. *Beckett v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* (1885) 8 O.R. 601, 13 A.R. 174, 16 S.C.R. 713, and *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Jennings* (1888) 13 App. Cas. 800, specially referred to. *Dawson v. Niagara & St. Catharines Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 107, 22 O.L.R. 69.

[Varied in 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 411, 23 O.L.R. 670.]

DEATH OF WORKMAN; ACTUAL PECUNIARY LOSS; WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT; PROCEEDS OF ACCIDENT INSURANCE POLICY.

The plaintiff sued, as administratrix of the estate of her deceased husband, to recover damages for his death, alleged to have been caused, while he was a workman in the defendants' employment, by their negligence. At the trial the jury found negligence of the defendants and absence of contributory negligence on the part of the plaintiff; they assessed the damages at \$1,200. The trial Judge, on questioning the jury, found that they had estimated the damages, under the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, at \$2,200, and had deducted \$1,000 which the plaintiff had received from the proceeds of an accident insurance policy upon the life of her husband; and he directed judgment to be entered for the plaintiff for \$2,200.—Held, that the action rested for its basis upon the Fatal Accidents Act, R.S.O. 1897, ch. 166 (now 1 Geo. V. c. 33), and upon it alone, although the amount recoverable was necessarily limited by the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act. Under the Fatal Accidents Act, the only recovery possible is in respect of proved pecuniary loss; and it is the exclusive province of the jury, upon the evidence and under proper instructions by the Judge, to fix the amount of such loss, limited in such a case as this by the maximum amount recoverable under the first part of s. 7 of the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, but unaffected by the latter part of that section, which has no application in a case where the plaintiff's actual pecuniary loss is to be ascertained. The jury should be told that it is their duty to take into account such items as the insurance money in question, but there is no cast-iron rule which compels them to deduct the whole amount. They are to consider all the circumstances, that included, and to return such a verdict as the whole evidence warrants. *Semble*, that there is no dis-

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tion in this regard between moneys received under a life insurance policy and moneys received under an accident insurance policy. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Jennings* (1888), 13 App. Cas. 800, followed. *Hicks v. Newport, etc., Ry. Co.* (1857) 4 B. & S. 403 (n.), remarked upon:—Held, also, that the findings of the jury were based upon reasonably sufficient evidence, and should not be disturbed. *Judgment of Clute, J.*, 22 O.L.R. 69, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 107, varied by directing a new assessment of damages, if the defendants desired it. *Dawson v. Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 411, 23 O.L.R. 670.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

A reduction in wage-earning capacity is to be established according to the ordinary rules, and the employer cannot, by offering a higher wage or a new employment at the old figures, prevent the workman from obtaining compensation under the Quebec Workmen's Compensation Act. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. of Canada v. McDonnell*, 5 D.L.R. 65, 18 Rev. de Jur. 369. *McDonnell v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 7 D.L.R. 138, 22 Que. K.B. 207.

MEDICAL SERVICES; NURSES; LOSS OF TIME; EXPENSES OF CURE.

Damages to the amount of \$1,750 are not excessive in an action under the Employers' Liability Act (B.C.) where the plaintiff, a stevedore, was struck between the shoulders by the fall of a "sling board" and traumatic neurasthenia resulted, the medical treatment of which is particularly expensive. *Snell v. Victoria and Vancouver Stevedoring Co., Ltd.*, 8 D.L.R. 32.

[*Toronto Ry. Co. v. Toms*, 44 Can. S.C.R. 268, referred to.]

F. Injury to Property.

TRESPASS; SPECIAL DAMAGE; MEASURE OF.

The rental value of land is not to be adopted as the measure of damages for a trespass thereon if special damage is alleged and proved and the trespasser will be liable for loss shewn to have been suffered by the owner by reason of his being deprived of an actually intended and natural and probable use of his land. *France v. Gaudet, L.R.* 6 Q.B. 199, followed. *Marson v. Grand Trunk Pac. Ry. Co.*, (Alta.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 26, 1 D.L.R. 850.

[Followed in *Lavallee et al. v. C.N.Ry. Co.*, 4 D.L.R. 376.]

FORCIBLE POSSESSION OF LAND; ANTICIPATED USE.

The extension by the owner of land of an existing pig corral is not such a peculiar and unusual use of the land as will relieve a trespasser from the duty of anticipating the probability of it, and being charged in damages for the interference with the owner's intended exercise of his right in that respect. *Marson v. Grand Trunk Pac. Ry. Co.*, (Alta.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 26, 1 D.L.R. 850.

[Followed in *Lavallee et al. v. C.N.Ry. Co.*, 4 D.L.R. 376.]

LOSS OF PROFIT; EXCLUSION FROM LAND.

Where excavations and other trespasses by a railway company prevented the land owner from extending his pig corral so as to keep the increase of the pigs and the corral thereby became crowded and unhealthy, resulting in the death of some of the pigs and the depreciation of others in value, the owner will be limited to such damage as would have resulted had he reduced the number of his pigs to what he had theretofore safely kept, and he cannot recover as special damage more than the difference in the selling value, at the time of the trespass of the pigs he should have removed and sold for lack of accommodation to keep them and their value at the time when they would have been the most fit to sell less the saving in feed and labour by reason of the reduced number. *Marson v. Grand Trunk Pac. Ry. Co.*, (Alta.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 26, 1 D.L.R. 850.

[Followed in *Lavallee et al. v. C.N.Ry. Co.*, 4 D.L.R. 376.]

MEASURE; WRONGFUL REMOVAL OF SPUR TRACK; SUFFICIENCY.

The measure of damages for the wrongful removal by a railway company of a spur track adjacent to a coal and lumber yard, from which track, at small expense, coal and lumber could be unloaded from cars directly into such yard, is the additional cost of handling and hauling of such commodities from the freight yards of the company to the coal and lumber yard. *Robinson v. Can. North. Ry. Co.*, (Man.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 281, 5 D.L.R. 716.

[Vide 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 101, 37 Can. S.C.R. 541, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 289, 19 Man. L.R. 300, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 304, 43 Can. S.C.R. 387, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 412, [1912] A.C. 739.]

Note on Lord Campbell's Act, measure and apportionment of damages. 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 18.

Note on inadequacy of damages. 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 287.

Note on damages for nervous shock. 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 231.

Note on damages for personal injuries. 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 125.

Note on damages for death and personal injury. 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 247.

DEBENTURES.

See Bonds and Securities.

DEMURRAGE.

For regulation demurrage rates, see Tolls and Tariffs.

QUICK RELEASE OF CARS; SMALL AND LARGE DEALERS; CREDIT FOR FREE TIME.

The Wallaceburg Sugar Company applied to the Board for an order directing the railway companies to establish what is generally known as an Average Demurrage Plan. Under the Canadian Car Service Rules (framed for the quick release of cars rather than the collection of demurrage) of the Canadian Car Service Bureau, to whose rules Canadian and foreign railway companies operating in Canada conform, 48 hours free time are allowed to dealers for the unloading of cars, for an additional time \$1.00 per car per day is charged unless on account of the number of cars tendered to the dealer being unreasonable or the inclemency of the weather preventing unloading with reasonable despatch, an extension of free time is justified and allowed. By the establishment of the Average Demurrage Plan the dealer would get credit on future shipments of the free time he had saved under the 48 hours previously and could hold such shipments in cars without any demurrage charge until the time credited to him had expired:—Held, (1) That in the public interest the application should be dismissed; 48 hours under ordinary circumstances being sufficient time for unloading cars. (2) That the contract of carriage is, that the car containing the goods after reaching the point of destination shall be released and unloaded with all reasonable despatch, not to exceed 48 hours in the case under consideration. (3) The penalty of \$1.00 per day for extra time makes the dealer prompt in releasing cars and thus increases the supply of them for the shipping public, while the Average Demurrage Plan might make a dealer dilatory in unloading so long as he had free time to his credit. (4) Each car, under the Car Service Rules being dealt with by itself, insures equal treatment

between the smaller and larger dealer, but if the Average Demurrage Plan were in force it would give preference and advantage to the dealer with a large number of cars to unload and with a large capacity for storage. Wallaceburg Sugar Co. v. Canadian Car Service Bureau (Average Demurrage Case), 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 332.

FREE TIME; EXTENSION; UNREASONABLENESS OF TWO-DAY LIMIT; WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The applicants applied to the Board to extend the free time for unloading charcoal from two to three days:—Held, (1) That the applicants have failed to show that the time limit of two days is not sufficient under ordinary circumstances and the onus of establishing the unreasonableness of the two-day limit is upon them. (2) Railway companies now allow additional free time when the weather conditions are unfavourable for unloading expeditiously. (3) The application must fail, the time limit of two days being sufficient. *McDiarmid & Gall v. Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 337.

DEMURRAGE CHARGES; SPUR TRACK FACILITIES.

Demurrage charges upon cars, due to slowness in unloading them by reason of a longer haul, may be considered as an element of damages for the wrongful removal by a railway company of a spur track adjacent to a coal and lumber yard, from which trucks cars of coal and lumber could be quickly and cheaply unloaded directly into such yard, where, by reason of such removal, such commodities had to be hauled by the owner of such yard from a greater distance in a slower manner. *Robinson v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, (Man.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 281, 5 D.L.R. 716.

[Vide 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 101, 37 Can. S.C.R. 541, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 289, 19 Man. L.R. 300, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 289, 43 Can. S.C.R. 387, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 412, [1912] A.C. 739.]

DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS.

See Government Railways.

DERAILMENT.

See Negligence; Rails and Roadbed; Street Railways; Carriers and Passengers; Crossings, Injuries at.

For injuries to employees in consequence of derailment, see Employees.

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See Provisional Directors.

For prohibition of railway directors to be parties to railway construction contracts, see Contracts; Constitutional Law.

DISCOVERY.

EXAMINATION; PRIVILEGED DOCUMENTS; REPORTS OF OFFICIALS TO COMPANY RESPECTING ACCIDENTS.

(1) Reports made by the employees of a railway company to their superior officers in accordance with its rules concerning an accident resulting in death, and immediately thereafter, are not privileged from production in an action against the company for damages arising out of the accident, if they were made in the discharge of the regular duties of such employees and for the purpose of furnishing to their superiors information as to the accident itself and were not furnished merely as materials from which the solicitor of the company might make up a brief, and an officer of the company who has made an affidavit on production of documents, must, on his examination on such affidavit, answer questions as to whether such reports were made, who received them, and how they came to be made, and generally furnish such information concerning them that the Court may be in a position to decide, on a further motion, whether they are privileged or not, *Woolley v. North London Railway Co.*, (1869), L.R. 4 C.P. 602; and *Anderson v. Bank of British Columbia* (1876), 2 Ch.D. 64, followed. (2) If any of the information sought on such examination, and to which the plaintiff is entitled, is not within the knowledge of the deponent, he must ascertain the facts and give the information. *Harris v. Toronto Electric Light Co.* (1899), 18 P.R. 285, followed. (3) That the names of some of the defendants' witnesses would be disclosed, if the questions were answered is not a sufficient reason for refusing to answer. *Marriott v. Chamberlain* (1887), 17 Q.B.D. at p. 165, and *Humphries v. Taylor* (1888), 39 Ch.D. 693, followed. (4) Questions as to whether reports had been sent in as to the condition of the locomotive before the accident, and as to repairs thereto, must also be answered. *Savage v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 15 Man. L.R. 401 (Perdue, J.).

[Relied on in *Bain v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 15 Man. L.R. 545.]

REPORTS OF OFFICIALS OF COMPANY RESPECTING ACCIDENTS.

(1) In an action for damages resulting

from a railway accident, when negligence is charged, reports of officials of the company as to the accident made before the defendants had any notice of litigation, and in accordance with the rules of the company, are not privileged from production, although one of the purposes for which they were prepared was for the information of the company's solicitor in view of possible litigation. (2) The fact that the reports sought to be withheld were written on forms all headed, "For the information of the solicitor of the company and his advice thereon," is not sufficient of itself to protect them from production. (3) When the officer of the defendants who made the affidavit on production was cross-examined upon it and as a result made a second affidavit producing a number of documents for which he had claimed privilege in the first, the examination on the first affidavit may be used to contradict the statements in the second, although there was no further examination. (4) An affidavit on production cannot be contradicted by a controversial affidavit; but, if from any source an admission of its incorrectness can be gathered, the affidavit cannot stand. *Savage v. Canadian Pacific Ry.*, 16 Man. L.R. 381.

DAMAGES FOR ACCIDENT; RAILWAY COMPANY; REPORTS; C. P. 334.

A company sued in damages on account of an accident may be compelled to produce at the trial all reports of the accident made by its employees in the ordinary course of their business, or of their duty, but not its reports made at the request or instance of its solicitor, in answer to inquiries made to the latter, with a view to and in contemplation of anticipated litigation. *Stocker v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 5 Que. P.R. 117.

OFFICER OF CORPORATION; RAILWAY COMPANY; STATION AGENT; SECTION FOREMAN; CHIEF CLERK IN OFFICE OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

A station agent is an officer of a railway company within the meaning of rule 201 and liable to be examined for discovery. A section foreman is not such an officer, nor is the chief clerk in the office of a general superintendent. *Eggleston v. C.P.R.*, 5 Terr. L.R. 503 (Scott, J.).

ENGINEER IN CHARGE.

That the word "manager" in art. 286 C.P. may be interpreted as being the manager of the works, and in an action in damages for accident the man that was in charge of the works when the accident took place can be examined on discovery on behalf of

the victim of the accident. *Piti v. Atlantic, Quebec & Western Ry. Co.*, 10 Que. P.R. 162.

DISCOVERY; MEDICAL EXAMINATION BEFORE STATEMENT OF DEFENCE.

An examination under Con. Rule 462 is an examination for discovery, and that rule must be applied in the same way as Con. Rule 442; and an order for the medical examination of the plaintiff, in an action where the liability is disputed, will not be made if opposed before the delivery of the statement of defence. *Burns v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 13 O.L.R. 404.

EXAMINATION OF OFFICER OF DEFENDANT COMPANY; INFORMATION NOT IN PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF OFFICER; MEMORANDUM PREPARED BY OTHERS; REFUSAL TO VOUCH FOR ACCURACY; DUTY OF OFFICER TO INVESTIGATE.

Fraser v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 4 W.L.R. 525 (Man.).

EXAMINATION BEFORE TRIAL; ENGINE-DRIVER.

An engine-driver in the employment of a railway company is an officer thereof within the meaning of Consolidated Rule 439, and may be examined for discovery under the provisions of that rule. *Knight v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* (1890), 13 P.R. 386, overruled. *Leitch v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* (1888), 12 P.R. 541, 671, (1890), 13 P.R. 369; *Dawson v. London Street Ry. Co.* (1898), 18 P.R. 223; and *Casselman v. Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound Ry. Co.* (1898), 18 P.R. 261, considered and applied. *Morrison v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 390, 4 O.L.R. 43.

[Reversed in 5 O.L.R. 38, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 398; considered in *Eggleston v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 5 Terr. L.R. 504; considered in *Gordanier v. Can. North Ry. Co.*, 15 Man. L.R. 5; followed in *Ahrens v. Tanners' Assoc.*, 6 O.L.R. 63.]

EXAMINATION FOR; OFFICER OF COMPANY; ENGINE DRIVER.

On application for leave to examine an engine driver for discovery, under Consolidated Rule 439, as an officer of the defendants, in an action under R.S.O. 1897, c. 166, the Fatal Accidents Act:—Held, reversing the decision reported, 4 O.L.R. 43, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 390, that, inasmuch as the engine driver never was in charge of the train, never assumed the duties of conductor, and never acted for the defendants in relation to the control of the train, so as to make him responsible to the defendants, except for the management of his engine, he was not an officer of the company ex-

aminable under that rule. *Morrison v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 398, 5 O.L.R. 38.

EXAMINATION FOR DISCOVERY.

Where relevant information for discovery to the opposite party in a damage action is specially within the knowledge of the plaintiff company's former agent and not of their present manager, the Court may direct that the plaintiffs shall either produce the former agent for discovery, or in the alternative, that the plaintiff company's manager attend for further examination for discovery after having applied to the former agent for the information and thereupon disclose the information so obtained. *Ont. and Western Co-operative Fruit Co. v. Hamilton, G. & B. Ry. Co.*, 1 D.L.R. 485, 21 O.W.R. 82.

[*Bolekow v. Fisher*, 10 Q.B.D. 161, distinguished.]

DISCOVERY; ACCIDENT REPORTS.

A company examined on discovery by a plaintiff injured in a railway accident will be compelled to produce and file a report of such accident prepared by the company's employees (e.g., motorman or conductor) at the time of the accident when such report is required from them in the ordinary course of their duties; such report being a "document" within the meaning of the Code of Civil Procedure (Que.) (C.P. 289). [*Southwick v. Quick*, 9 Ruling Cases 587, approved. *Feigleman v. Montreal Street Ry. Co.*, 3 D.L.R. 125, 13 Que. P.R. 353.]

[Reversed in 7 D.L.R. 6, 22 Que. K.B. 102.]

DISCOVERY; ACCIDENT REPORTS.

A document or statement of facts prepared by the employees of a company (e.g., conductors and motormen) at the request of the company and ostensibly for the use of the solicitors of the company in case of litigation is a privileged communication of which the adverse party cannot compel the production at an examination on discovery, notwithstanding that such report was made at a time when no litigation was contemplated and that it was only communicated to the solicitors of the company ten months after the accident. *Montreal Street Ry. v. Feigleman*, 7 D.L.R. 6, 14 Que. P.R. 108, 19 Rev. Leg. 45, 22 Que. K.B. 102.

[*Feigleman v. Montreal Street Ry. Co.*, 3 D.L.R. 125, reversed.]

DISCOVERY; ACCIDENT REPORTS.

A statement of facts prepared by the employees of a company at the request of the company is privileged although it were

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only a subterfuge on the part of the company to avoid disclosure of the facts of the action when it appears that the persons making the report prepared it under the impression that it was to be treated as confidential. *Montreal Street Ry. v. Feigleman*, 7 D.L.R. 6, 14 Que. P.R. 108, 19 Rev. Leg. 45, 22 Que. K.B. 102.

[*Southwark and Vauxhall Water Co. v. Quick*, L.R. 3 Q.B.D. 315; *Anderson v. Bank of British Columbia*, L.R. 2 Ch.D. 644; *Bondy v. Valois*, 15 Rev. Leg. 63; *Hunter v. G.T.R.*, 16 Ont. P.R. 385, referred to; *Collins v. London General Omnibus Co.*, 68 L.T. 831, followed; see also *Swaissland v. G.T.R.*, 5 D.L.R. 750.]

DISCOVERY; REPORTS OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS; AFFIDAVIT ON PRODUCTION.

Shapter v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 3 D.L.R. 877, 3 O.W.N. 1334, 22 O.W.R. 252.

DISCOVERY; PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION; OFFICER OF A CORPORATION.

It is not competent for the plaintiff in an action against a railway company for personal injuries to use the examination for discovery of an officer of the company for the purpose of contradicting an affidavit filed by such officer in his examination on a motion to require the production of certain reports to the company as to the happening of the accident which gave rise to the action made by its officials who had investigated the same, which affidavit was to the effect that such reports were made for the information of the company's solicitor and his advice thereon. *Swaissland v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 5 D.L.R. 750, 3 O.W.N. 960.

[Referred to in *Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Feigleman*, 7 D.L.R. 6, 22 Que. K.B. 102.]

DISCOVERY; ACCIDENT REPORTS.

In an examination of an officer of a railway company for discovery in an action against the company for personal injuries where a motion was made by the plaintiff to require the production by the company as to the happening of the accident which gave rise to the action, made by its officials who investigated the same, an affidavit as to the privilege of the reports filed by the officer being examined, must clearly and specifically state that they were provided solely for the purpose of being used by the company's solicitor in any litigation which might arise out of such accident and in the absence of such clear and specific statement a further and better affidavit will be directed to be filed. *Swaissland v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 5 D.L.R. 750, 3 O.W.N. 960.

[Referred to in *Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Feigleman*, 7 D.L.R. 6, 22 Que. K.B. 102.]

EXAMINATION FOR DISCOVERY.

Where the plaintiff in an action against a railway company for personal injuries moved, in the examination of an officer of the company for discovery, to have produced certain reports to the company as to the happening of the accident which gave rise to the action made by its officials who investigated the same, there is no right under the practice established in discovery proceedings to cross-examine upon an affidavit filed by the officer being examined if such reports were made for the information of the company's solicitor and his advice thereon. *Swaissland v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 5 D.L.R. 750, 3 O.W.N. 960.

[Referred to in *Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Feigleman*, 7 D.L.R. 6.]

EXAMINATION FOR DISCOVERY.

In an examination of an officer of a railway company for the purpose of discovery in an action against the company for personal injuries, a motion to require the company to produce reports of its employees as to the accident which gave rise to the action, is answered by an affidavit made by another officer that such reports stated on their face that they were made only for the information of the company's solicitor and his advice thereon, and such affidavit is conclusive on the question of privilege as far as the motion proceedings are concerned, unless it can be shewn from the documents produced or from the admissions in the pleadings or by the party himself that the affidavit is either untrue or has been made under a misapprehension of the legal position. *Savage v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 16 Man. L.R. 376, specially referred to. *Swaissland v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 5 D.L.R. 750, 3 O.W.N. 960.

[Referred to in *Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Feigleman*, 7 D.L.R. 6.]

DISCOVERY; EXAMINATION OF REPORTS.

In an examination of an officer of a railway company in an action against the company for personal injuries on a motion to require the production of certain reports of the company as to the happening of the accident on which the action was based, made by the company's officials who investigated the same, an affidavit filed by the officer being examined as to the privileged character of such reports, must set forth and so clearly identify such reports and give names of the officials investigating the accident so that there will be no difficulty in procuring the conviction of the

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EXAMINATION FOR DISCOVERY.

In an action for damages in a railway accident, reports made by officials of defendant railway company relative to the accident admitted by a district superintendent of the company upon his examination for discovery to be in its custody or power, such reports being made in regular routine as in all such accidents and not for the purpose of the defence of the action at bar nor with reference to any particular action, though perhaps in anticipation of possible future actions, must be produced for inspection upon an examination for discovery, under Alberta rules 207, 212 and 215, and Eng. O. 31, rule 19a (2) of 1893 in force in Alberta. *Cook v. North Metropolitan Tramway Co.*, 6 Times L.R. 22, followed; *R. v. Greenaway*, 7 Q.B. 126; *Phipson on Evidence*, 4th ed., p. 413, referred to. *Stapley v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 6 D.L.R. 97, 22 W.L.R. 1.

[Varied in 6 D.L.R. 180, 22 W.L.R. 85.]

DISCOVERY; INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS.

Where, on an application in Alberta for an order for inspection of documents, privilege is claimed for any document, the Judge applied to should not order the inspection of such document without first exercising his power under the Supreme Court Rules to inspect it himself, in order to see whether the claim for privilege is well founded. *Stapley v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.* (No. 2), 6 D.L.R. 180, 22 W.L.R. 85.

DISCOVERY; PRACTICE.

The object of the provision in the Alberta Supreme Court Rules, permitting the Court to inspect any document, for which privilege is claimed upon an application for an order for inspection, is to get rid of the fetters imposed by the old practice, and to give power to determine at once whether the objection sought to be raised is well founded. *Stapley v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.* (No. 2), 6 D.L.R. 180, 22 W.L.R. 85.

[*Ehrmann v. Ehrmann* (No. 2), [1896] 2 Ch. 826, referred to.]

DISCOVERY; INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS.

An affidavit on production is conclusive, and must be accepted as true by the opposite party, not only as regards the documents that are or have been in the possession of the party making production, and

their relevancy, but also as to the grounds stated in support of any claim for privilege from production, subject, however, to the provisions of a rule of Court whereby the Court is authorized to judicially determine the question of privilege upon inspection of the document. *Stapley v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.* (No. 2), 6 D.L.R. 180, 22 W.L.R. 85.

[*Stapley v. C.P.R.* (No. 1), 6 D.L.R. 97, varied on appeal.]

DISCOVERY; BY INTERROGATORIES OR DEPOSITIONS; EXAMINATION OF FOREIGN DEFENDANT ON COMMISSION; CON. RULE 477; PAYMENT OF CONDUCT MONEY TO BRING DEFENDANT TO ONTARIO.

Allen v. Grand Valley Ry. Co., 1 D.L.R. 903.

DISCOVERY; PRODUCTION OR INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS; ACTION ON JUDGMENT; INQUIRY AS TO PROPERTY OF JUDGMENT DEBTORS; COMPANY; PRODUCTION OF MINUTE BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS.

Carry v. Toronto Belt Line Ry. Co., 1 D.L.R. 908, 21 O.W.R. 348, 3 O.W.N. 751.

DISCOVERY; FURTHER AFFIDAVIT ON PRODUCTION; INSUFFICIENT MATERIAL; INSPECTION OF CAR.

Ramsay v. Toronto Ry. Co., 4 O.W.N. 420, 23 O.W.R. 513.

COSTS OF DEPOSITIONS; UNNECESSARY EXAMINATION FOR DISCOVERY.

An application by defendants for a fiat to tax the costs of examining for discovery a person out of the jurisdiction will be refused where it appears that by the examination of that person the defendants obtained no material discovery that they had not already obtained from other witnesses, that no part of the examination was used at the trial nor did defendants apply for leave to use it, but, instead, they brought in that person as a witness on the trial, although the examination may have been sought to disclose and did disclose that the witness in question could give material evidence for the defendants. *Winnipeg v. Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co.*, 9 D.L.R. 399.

DRAINAGE.

For constitutionality of provincial statute regulating ditches forming part of railway works, see Constitutional Law.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRAIN; POWERS OF COUNCIL AS TO ADDITIONAL NECESSARY WORKS.

Where a municipal by-law authorized the construction of a drain, benefiting lands in

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an adjoining municipality which was to pass under a railway, where it was apparent that a culvert to carry off the water brought down by the drain and prevent the flooding of adjacent lands would be an absolute necessity, the construction of such culvert was a matter within the provisions of s. 573 of the Municipal Act (R.S.O. 1887, c. 184), and a new by-law authorizing it was not necessary. *Taschereau, J.*, dissenting. 22 A.R. (Ont.) 330, affirming 25 O.R. 465, reversed. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Township of Chatham*, 25 Can. S.C.R. 608.

[Leave to appeal to Privy Council refused. *Dist. East Gwillimbury v. King*, 20 O.L.R. 510.]

HIGHER AND LOWER LANDS; DRAINAGE.

Lands of railways under the jurisdiction of the Parliament of Canada are subject, in the Province of Quebec, to art. 501 C.C., and are bound to receive water flowing naturally from higher lands. A ditch on the line between two higher lands, required by the needs of cultivation, is not an aggravation of the servitude of the flow of the water, although it thus receives the water from the two higher lands and ends on the lower land of the railway company. If the company dams the ditch where it reaches its land, it will be liable in damages and will be ordered to remove the obstruction and allow the water to come on its land. The company made a ditch on each side of its road. For want of sufficient slope the water remained stagnant, making the adjoining lands wet and hindering their cultivation:—Held, that the company was liable in damages to the owners of such adjoining lands. The first paragraph of s. 196 of the Railway Act, 1903 (3 Edw. VII. c. 58) does not apply to railways actually constructed when it was passed, and only the Railway Committee of the Privy Council—not the present Board—can order the company owning such a railway to construct works for conducting water which it is bound to receive on its land or to give a greater slope to its ditches. *Langlais v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 26 S.C. 511 (Sup. Ct.), affirmed by Court of King's Bench, 30th May, 1905.

PURPOSES OF RAILWAY EFFICIENCY; DANGERS OF INJURY BY WATER.

When a system of drainage established upon the construction of the railway is subsequently found to be insufficient, improvements may be made therein, and such further drainage works executed as will assist in keeping the railway in efficient condition and relieve it from danger of injury by water. For this purpose the company may avail itself of the power contained in

the Railway Act, 1903, s. 118 (m), to make drains into or through lands adjoining the railway and the lands of others as far as may be reasonably necessary to effect the purpose for which they are constructed. Naturally such drainage works must be adapted to the formation of the lands requiring to be drained without regard to the ownership of the particular strips or parcels of land through which it is necessary to carry them. In such cases ownership should not be treated as an element in determining whether or not any particular lands are "lands adjoining the railway." *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Murphy*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 477.

FILLING UP CULVERT; CATTLE PASS; SUBSTITUTING DRAINAGE PIPE.

In an action against the defendants for damages for filling up a culvert used as a cattle pass under the defendants' embankment and substituting a drainage pipe, the plaintiff claimed the right to have the culvert maintained at its full size under an agreement made at the time of construction, providing that the flow of the waters of a certain drain upon the lands to be crossed by the railway should not be interfered with, that he had acquired an easement by prescription and that under s. 257 of the Railway Act the defendants could not fill in the culvert without leave of the Board:—Held, (1) That the defendants had the right to substitute any other means of drainage to enable the water to flow through the drain mentioned in the agreement. (2) That no easement by prescription had been acquired. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Guthrie*, 31 S.C.R. 155, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 9, followed. (3) That s. 257 of the Railway Act did not apply. *Oatman v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 521, 2 O.W.N. 21, 16 O.W.R. 905.

IRRIGATION WORKS; DUTY TO PROTECT HIGHWAY CROSSINGS.

S. 37 of North-West Irrigation Act, 61 Vict. (Can.) c. 35, providing that any person or company constructing an irrigation works should during such construction keep open for safe and convenient travel "all public highways therefore publicly travelled as such," when they are crossed by such works, and shall, before the water is diverted into, conveyed or stored by any such works, extending into or crossing such highway, construct, to the satisfaction of the Minister of the Interior, a substantial bridge, not less than a certain number of feet in breadth, with proper and sufficient approaches thereto, over such works, and always thereafter maintain every such bridge and approaches thereto, has, of

course, no application to road allowances as in its own words it deals only with "all public highways theretofore publicly travelled as such." *Rex. v. Alberta Ry. and Irrigation Co.*, 7 D.L.R. 513, [1912] A.C. 827.

DRUNKENNESS.

For ejecting drunken passenger from train, see Carriers of Passengers.

EASEMENTS.

See Right of Way; Farm Crossings.

DOMINANT AND SERVIENT TENEMENTS.

When the ownership of the dominant and servient tenements is united the servitude is extinct by confusion unless the relation of common servitude between the two parcels is maintained by the owner through a written instrument declaring his intention therefor. *Rosaire v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 42 Que., S.C. 517 (Sup. Ct.).

EJECTION FROM TRAINS.

See Street Railways; Carriers of Passengers.

For Expulsion from car for non-payment of fare, see Street Railways.

Ejection for non-compliance with requirements of ticket, see Tickets and Fares.

For expulsion of drunken passenger, see Carriers of Passengers.

ELECTRICITY.

See Wire Crossings; Telegraph and Telephones; Street Railways.

ELECTRIC RAILWAYS.

See Street Railways.

EMBANKMENTS.

Embankment causing additional servitude, see Expropriation.

INJURY TO PROPERTY BY CONSTRUCTION OF EMBANKMENT.

F. brought an action on the case against the G.T. Ry. Co. for having been deprived of access from his property to the street by the building of an embankment. The defendants claimed that the work was

done by the P. & C. Lake Ry. Co. who were the parties, if any, liable to plaintiff:—Held, affirming the judgment of the Court of Appeal for Ontario and of the Divisional Court, that the evidence established the liability of the defendants. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Fitzgerald*, 19 Can. S.C.R. 359.

EMBANKMENT CAUSING FLOOD; OBSTRUCTION TO INGRESS AND EGRESS; TRESPASS; CONTINUING DAMAGE.

In 1888 the Canada Atlantic Railway Company ran their line through Britannia Terrace, a street in Ottawa, in connection with which they built an embankment and raised the level of the street. In 1895 the plaintiffs became owners of land on said street on which they have since carried on their foundry business. In 1900 they brought an action against the Canada Atlantic Railway Company alleging that the embankment was built and level raised unlawfully and without authority and claiming damages for the flooding of their premises and obstruction to their ingress and egress in consequence of such work:—Held, that the trespass and nuisance (if any) complained of were committed in 1888, and the then owner of the property might have taken an action in which the damages would have been assessed once for all. His right of action being barred by lapse of time when the plaintiff's action was taken the same could not be maintained. *Chaudière Machine and Foundry Co. v. Canada Atlantic Ry. Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 306, 33 Can. S.C.R. 11.

[Followed in *Anteil v. Quebec*, 33 Can. S.C.R. 349; referred to in *Bureau v. Gale*, Q.R. 36, S.C. 88; *Clair v. Temiscouata Ry. Co.*, 37 N.B.R. 621.

RIPARIAN RIGHTS; ACCESS TO HARBOUR; CONSTRUCTION OF EMBANKMENT.

Application by land owners that in case the respondents' plans were filed for approval, authorizing the respondent to construct a solid embankment across the entrance to Market Cove the rights of the parties located thereon should be protected. The respondent had already by the construction of a solid embankment cut off all access from the Harbour of Prince Rupert to all points around the Cove or Bay:—Held, (1) That these applicants by taking leases of lots abutting on the Cove acquired access to the water and riparian rights. (2) That the statement of the respondent when withdrawing the location plans that the embankment was constructed on their own lands was untrue, but even if the respondent had title to the said lands it had no right to construct its railway without

approval of the route map by the Minister and the location plans by the Board. (3) That the applicants' lands and business had been damaged and injured by the wrongful and illegal acts of the respondent. (4) That there was no necessity for the embankment and no reason existing why a means of access inward and outward should not have been left. (5) That the respondent must leave an opening in the embankment at least 30 feet wide. *Rochester v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 421.

[Affirmed in 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 306.]

CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION; RAILWAY CROSSING; SUBWAY; CONTRIBUTION.

The Canadian Northern Ontario Railway crossed under the line of the Grand Trunk Railway by means of a subway. Subsequently the Campbellford, Lake Ontario and Western Railway obtained authority from the Board to cross the C.N.O. Ry., using for that purpose the embankment of the same subway.—Held, that the C.N.O. Ry. was not entitled to receive any contribution from the C.L.O. & W. Ry. towards the expense it had already incurred in making the embankment. *Campbellford, Lake Ontario and Western Ry. Co. v. Canadian Northern Ontario Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 220.

EMBARGO.

See Cars.

EMINENT DOMAIN.

See Expropriation.

EMPLOYEES.

- A. In General; Wages; Insurance.
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- J. Rules and Orders.
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For measure of damages and compensation, see Damages.

For injuries to employees on Government railways, see Government Railways.

For constitutionality of statute prohibiting agreements exempting employers from liability for negligence, see Constitutional Law.

For limitation of actions, see Limitation of Actions.

For regulation of safety of employees, see Board of Railway Commissioners.

For employees' patents of inventions, see Patents and Inventions.

For injuries to employees of telegraph or telephone companies, see Wire Crossings; Telegraph and Telephone.

For injury to brakeman by overhead bridge, see Bridges.

For regulation of section men, see Board of Railway Commissioners.

A. In General; Wages; Insurance.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION; PROVINCIAL REGULATION OF RAILWAY EMPLOYMENT.

The Dominion railways are subject to provincial legislation on the relations between master and servant, such as the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, unless the field had been covered by Dominion legislation ancillary to Dominion legislation respecting railways under the jurisdiction of Parliament, and sub-s. 4 of s. 306 qualifies its main clause and excludes its operation where the injury complained of comes within the jurisdiction of, and is specially dealt with by the laws of the Province in which it takes place, provided such laws do not encroach upon Dominion powers. *C.P.R. v. Roy*, [1902] A.C. 220, distinguished. *Canada Southern v. Jackson* (1890), 17 S.C.R. 325, followed. *Sutherland v. Can. North Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 495, 21 Man. L.R. 27.

TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT; LENGTH OF NOTICE.

Where a railway conductor had been employed continuously for twelve years by the same railway company and the practice of the company had been not to dismiss employees of that grade in their service without holding an official enquiry, it may be assumed, in the absence of any contract to the contrary, that he should have a reasonable notice of the termination of his engagement other than for cause, and damages for wrongful dismissal are properly computed on the basis of the conductor being entitled to three months' notice. Hal-

liday v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 7 D.L.R. 198, 4 O.W.N. 162, 23 O.W.R. 168, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 275.

CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT; AUTHORITY OF FOREMAN.

A railway company is not liable to an employee as for breach of an agreement by its foreman to allow such employee, as pay for his services and in addition to per diem wages, to cut hay growing on the company's premises, where the wages proper agreed upon were at the maximum rate which the foreman, who employed him, was authorized to allow, and where there was no shewing that the foreman was authorized to bind the company by the agreement respecting the hay, though it was his duty to see that the hay was removed. *Cleveland v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, (Ont.) 11 D.L.R. 118, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 165.

EMPLOYMENT OBTAINED BY INFANT MISREPRESENTING HIS AGE; WHETHER THIS CONSTITUTES "SERIOUS AND WILFUL MISCONDUCT"; RELEASE SIGNED BY INFANT.

The making of a false representation by an infant to the effect that he is of full age in order to secure employment is not such "serious and wilful misconduct or serious neglect" as disentitles the applicant to recover under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1902, it not appearing that the accident in question was "attributable solely" to such misrepresentation. An infant having been injured in the course of employment so obtained, signed a release, but subsequently tendered repayment of the consideration for the release.—Held, that this was not a bar to his recovering. *Darnley v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 14 B.C.R. 15.

EMPLOYEES ENGAGED IN MANUAL LABOUR; CONDUCTORS AND MOTORMEN; LIEN FOR WAGES.

Motormen and conductors on electric tramways and teamsters who haul the materials, remove the snow, etc., for these tramways are "employees of railways engaged in manual labour" within the meaning of paragraph 9 of art. 2009 C.C. These employees have a lien on the tramway and its appurtenances for three full months' wages without regard to the date of seizure or of the sale that may be made of it. *Paquet v. New York Trust Co.*, Q.R. 15 K.B. 179, reversing 28 S.C. 178.

[Followed in *Rousseau v. Toupin* Q.R. 32 S.C. 232.]

SEAMAN'S WAGES; SUNDAY LABOUR IN PORT; REFUSAL TO PERFORM.

The claimant was a seaman on one of the

contestants' vessels. He was discharged, and, when paying him his wages, the contestants deducted \$8 because he refused to work and did not work in port, on Sundays in discharging and loading cargo. He brought this action, under s. 187 of the Canada Shipping Act, to recover the \$8.—Held, that the command to "work cargo" on Sunday for the purpose of hastening the voyage, thereby making it more profitable to the contestants, was not such a command as the claimant was bound, under the terms of his articles, to obey; the evidence did not bring the work within the exception of "works of necessity and mercy" in s. 12 of the Lord's Day Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 153.—Held, also, that, if the refusal to "work cargo" on Sundays was an infraction of the claimant's articles, it was waived by the retention of the claimant in the contestants' service after the breach; and that the deduction from the wages was improperly made. *Green v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 18 W.L.R. 608 (B.C.).

[*Miller v. Brant, 2 Camp. 590, and Train v. Bennett, 3 C. & P. 3, followed.*]

INSURANCE OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES; UNREASONABLE CONDITIONS.

It is a reasonable regulation, and not contrary to good morals and public order, for an association organized to insure the employees of a designated railway company against injury or death, to provide by by-law that it will pay but one-half of the amount due on the death or injury of a member caused by the default of the railway company, unless any action brought therefor against such railway company shall first be formally dismissed or withdrawn. *Cousins v. Moore*, 6 D.L.R. 35, 42 Que. S.C. 156.

[Referred to in *Cousins v. The Brotherhood etc.*, 6 D.L.R. 26, 42 Que. S.C. 110.]

INSURANCE SOCIETIES; DEMAND OF BENEFITS.

The exhibition of a certificate of membership in a mutual association organized to insure the employees of a railway company against death or injury, to the secretary-treasurer of the association, and an offer by the latter to pay the amount due thereon, if, as required by a by-law of the association, a release was furnished of all claim against the railway company for causing the death of a member, and the giving by that officer of a printed receipt to that effect constitute a sufficient demand of payment. *Cousins v. Moore*, 6 D.L.R. 35, 42 Que. S.C. 156.

[Referred to in *Cousins v. Brotherhood etc.*, 6 D.L.R. 26, 42 Que. S.C. 110.]

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B. Injuries to Employees; Workmen's Compensation.

CONFLICT OF LAWS; INJURIES TO EMPLOYEES.

The civil liability, in a matter of délit or quasi-délit, is subject to the rule *lex loci regit actum*. Therefore, workmen engaged in Quebec to work in Quebec and Ontario, who are injured through the act or fault of their employers in Ontario, have only the remedy given by the laws of that Province. When the evidence shews that the foreign law does not recognize the right to the proceedings taken by the plaintiff, and upon which a verdict was found in his favour, his action should be dismissed non obstante veredicto, a new trial being useless. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Maclean*, Q.R. 21 K.B. 269, reversing 38 S.C. 394.

EMPLOYMENT ACCIDENT LAWS; FOREIGN LAW.

Upon a request to authorize a suit by virtue of the employment accident law it is not the place to decide if it is the law of the foreign province, that will apply in such a case, since the petitioner has shewn a sufficient cause of action. *Bonidetti v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 13 Que. P.R. 329 (Sup. Ct.).

[*Gabella v. The Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 12 Que. P.R. 329.]

LIABILITY OF MASTER; CONFLICT OF LAWS.

Held, liability for tort is governed by the *lex loci actus*, and, in an action by an employee against his employer arising out of a personal injury, is not affected by the laws of the place where the contract of lease and hire of work was made. Hence when a railway company running trains in both the provinces of Ontario and Quebec hired one of its servants in Quebec, and he was injured through the fault of the company in Ontario, his claim for compensation is governed by the law of the latter province. *Dupont v. Quebec Steamship Co.*, Q.R. 11 S.C. 188; *Lee v. Logan*, Q.R. 31 S.C. 469 and 39 S.C.R. 311; *Albouze v. Temiskaming Navigation Co.*, Q.R. 38 S.C. 279, referred to. *Marleau v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 149, Que. R. 38 S.C. 394.

[Reversed in part Que. R. 21 K.B. 269, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 284.]

CONFLICT OF LAWS; LIABILITY OF MASTER.

(1) Common law liability, in cases involving delict or quasi delict, is governed by the *lex loci regit actum*. Hence workmen hired in Quebec to be employed in Quebec and Ontario, who are injured by the positive act or by the fault of their employers in the latter province, have no

remedy except under the provisions of its laws. (2) When the evidence shews that the foreign law does not admit of the remedy relied upon by the plaintiff, and upon which a verdict has been given in his favour by the jury, he must be nonsuited, non obstante veredicto, a new trial being ineffective. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Marleau*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 284, Q.R. 21 K.B. 269.

[*Marleau v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 38 S.C. 394, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 149, reversed in part.]

INJURY RESULTING IN DEATH; CLAIM OF WIDOW; PRESCRIPTION.

The husband of respondent was injured while engaged in his duties as appellants' employee, and the injury resulted in his death about fifteen months afterwards. No indemnity having been claimed during the lifetime of the husband, the widow, acting for herself as well as in the capacity of executrix for her minor child, brought an action for compensation within one year after his death:—Held, reversing the judgment of the Superior Court, and the Court of Queen's Bench for Lower Canada (appeal side) (*Fournier, J.*, dissenting), (1) that the respondent's right of action under art. 1056, C.C., depends not only upon the character of the act from which death ensued, but upon the condition of the decedent's claim at the time of his death, and if the claim was in such a shape that he could not then have enforced it, had death not ensued, the article of the code does not give a right of action, and creates no liability whatever on the person inflicting the injury. (2) That as it appeared on the record that the plaintiff had no right of action, the Court would grant the defendant's motion for judgment non obstante veredicto. Art. 433, C.P.C. (3) That at the time of the death of the respondent's husband all right of action was prescribed under art. 2262, C.C., and that this prescription is one to which the tribunals are bound to give effect, although not pleaded. Arts. 2267 and 2188, C.C. M.L.R. 6 Q.B. 118, M.L.R. 5 S.C. 225, reversed. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Robinson*, 19 Can. S.C.R. 292.

[Reversed in [1892] A.C. 481; distinguished in *The Queen v. Grenier*, 30 Can. S.C.R. 42; applied in *Re Aird*, Q.R. 28 S.C. 238; *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Miller*, 34 Can. S.C.R. 58; *Lavoie v. Beaudoin*, Q.R. 14 S.C. 253; *Zimmer v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 19 A.R. (Ont.) 693; considered in *De Laval Separator Co. v. Walworth*, 13 B.C.R. 76; *R. v. Union Colliery Co.*, 7 B.C.R. 251; followed in *Miller v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, [1906] A.C. 187; *Robillard v. Wand*, Q.R. 17 S.C. 474; *Walkerton v.*

Erdman, 23 S.C.R. 362; referred to in Canada Newspaper Syndicate v. Gardner, Q.R. 32 S.C. 454; Canadian Pac. Ry. Co. v. Lachance, 42 S.C.R. 205; Gosselin v. The King, 33 S.C.R. 264; Ikezoya v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co., 12 B.C.R. 456; Miller v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., Q.R. 21 S.C. 351, 362; Warboys v. Lachine Rapids Hydraulic and Land Co., Q.R. 22 S.C. 542; applied in Montreal v. McGee, 30 S.C.R. 586; Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Brialofsky, Q.R. 19 K.B. 338; discussed in Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Miller, Q.R. 12 K.B. 11; followed in Dupuis v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co., Q.R. 12 S.C. 195; Grenier v. The Queen, 6 Ex. C.R. 297; Griffith v. Harwood, Q.R. 9 Q.B. 306; Thibault v. Vanier, Q.R. 11 S.C. 495; referred to in Ordman v. Walkerton, 20 O.A.R. 444; Martial v. The Queen, 3 Ex. C.R. 127.]

WRONGFUL DEATH; RIGHT OF WIDOW.

An appeal to earlier law and decisions for the purpose of interpreting the provisions of a statutory Code can only be justified on some special ground, such as the doubtful import or previously acquired technical meaning of the language used therein:—Held, that the Civil Code of Lower Canada does not make it a condition precedent to the right of action given by s. 1056 to the widow of a person dying as therein mentioned, that the deceased's right of action should not have been extinguished in his lifetime by prescription under s. 2262 (2). The death is the foundation of the right given by the former section, which is governed by the rule of prescription contained therein, and is exempt from the rule of prescription which barred the claim of the deceased. Robinson v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co., [1892] A.C. 481.
[19 Can. S.C.R. 292 reversed; M.L.R. 6 Q.B. 118, M.L.R. 5 S.C. 225, restored.]

ACCIDENT TO EMPLOYEE; PERFORMANCE OF DUTY; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

J., a switch-tender of the C.S. Ry. Co., was obliged, in the ordinary discharge of his duty, to cross a track in the station yard to get to a switch, and he walked along the ends of the ties, which projected some sixteen inches beyond the rails. While doing so an engine came behind him and knocked him down with his arm under the wheels and it was cut off near the shoulder. On the trial of an action against the company in consequence of such injury the jury found that there was negligence in the management of the engine in not ringing the bell and in going faster than the law allowed. They also found that J. could not have avoided the accident by the exercise of reasonable care:—Held, that the Work-

men's Compensation for Injuries Act of Ontario, 49 Vict. c. 28, applies to the C.S. Ry. Co., notwithstanding it has been brought under the operation of the Government Railways Act of the Dominion:—Held, also, Gwynne and Patterson, J.J., dissenting, that there was no such negligence on J.'s part as would relieve the company from liability for the injury caused by improper conduct of their servants and the judgment of the Court below sustaining a verdict for the plaintiff was right, therefore, and should be affirmed. Canada Southern Ry. Co. v. Jackson, 17 Can. S.C.R. 316.

[Considered in Wallman v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co., 16 Man. L.R. 92; discussed in Washington v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 24 A.R. (Ont.) 183; referred to in Acheson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 1 O.L.R. 168; Crawford v. Tilden, 13 O.L.R. 169; relied on in Canadian Pac. Ry. Co. v. Boisseau, Q.R. 11 K.B. 415; Canadian Pac. Ry. Co. v. The King, 39 Can. S.C.R. 497; McMullin v. Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co., 39 Can. S.C.R. 607; Re Railway Act, 36 Can. S.C.R. 151.]

INJURY BY WEEDS GROWING ON TRACKS.

For a railway company to permit grass and weeds to grow on a side track is not such negligence as will make it liable to compensate an employee who is injured in consequence of such growth while on the side track in the course of his employment. 6 B.C.R. 561 affirmed. Wood v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co., 30 Can. S.C.R. 110.

[Applied in Hill v. Granby Consol. Mines, 12 B.C.R. 125; Jamieson v. Harris, 35 Can. S.C.R. 639; referred to in Canada Woollen Mills v. Traplin, 35 Can. S.C.R. 448; Center Star v. Rossland Miners' Union, 11 B.C.R. 205; Warmington v. Palmer, 8 B.C.R. 349.]

INJURY TO CONDUCTOR; PERSON IN CHARGE; MOTORMAN; WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

The motorman of an electric car may be a "person who has charge or control" within the meaning of s. 3 of the Workmen's Compensation Act (R.S.O. [1897] c. 160), and if he negligently allows an open car to come in contact with a passing vehicle whereby the conductor, who is standing on the side in discharge of his duty, is struck and injured, the electric company is liable in damage for such injury. Judgment of the Court of Appeal (Snell v. Toronto Ry., 27 O.A.R. 151) affirmed. Toronto Ry. Co. v. Snell, 31 Can. S.C.R. 241.

SERVANT'S DUTY; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE; EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT.

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[Referred to in *Deyo v. Kingston and Pembroke Ry. Co.*, 8 O.L.R. 588.]

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

An action under the Workmen's Compensation Act when the amount claimed is not stated, is of the second class, even when the verdict against the defendant is for \$300 and \$32.50 per month for twenty-four months. *Rivet v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 13 Que. P.R. 334 (Sup. Ct.).

EMPLOYMENT ACCIDENT LAWS; BENEFITS.

When art. 2 of statute 9 Edw. VII. c. 66, relating to employment accidents, allows to an employee an income in a case when he receives an injury during his employment, which injury carries with it a permanent partial incapacity, it is on condition that his professional capacity would decrease, and be lasting in reduction of his salary. It is this reduction of salary that should be the basis of figuring the income to which the employee will have a right, income which will amount to one-half the reduction in salary which he suffered through the accident. This essential condition required by law will not apply when, after the accident, the plaintiff voluntarily renewed his employment with the same salary as he received before the accident. In such circumstances, he will find that art. 2 of the above law is, by voluntary act of the plaintiff, rendered inapplicable, and that, in the present state of the legislation, he has no right to any income. *Cater v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 18 Rev. de Jur. 27.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT; REVIEW OF ARBITRATOR'S FINDING.

An arbitrator under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1902, s. 2, sub-s. (3), having jurisdiction to settle any question as to whether the employment is one to which the Act applies.—Held, Irving, J.A., dissenting, that the only way to review the

arbitrator's finding thereon is by a case submitted under s. 4 of the second schedule. Per Morrison, J., on the motion to set aside the award of the arbitrator:—The work of clearing land from the natural growth thereon is not a work of construction, alteration or repair meant by the Act to be termed an engineering work. *Basanta v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 16 B.C.R. 304, 18 W.L.R. 353.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION; DEATH OF BRAKESMAN; RIGHT OF MOTHER.

A brakeman who, though forbidden by a superior official, jumps on a train and is killed, is not the victim of an accident happening in the course of his employment. Moreover, his fault is inexcusable and makes the accident one intentionally produced by himself. The mother of a workman killed by an accident in course of his employment, who has re-married and lives with her husband cannot claim that the victim had been her sole support, and, therefore, is not entitled to the recourse given by the Act respecting Accidents to Workmen to the ascendants in such case. *Jetté v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 40 S.C. 204 (Sup. Ct.).

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION; ALIEN DEPENDANTS RESIDING IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY.

The provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1902, awarding compensation to the dependants of a deceased workman in circumstances provided for in the Act, do not apply to alien dependants of such workman resident in a foreign country. *Krzysz v. Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co.*, 16 B.C.R. 120, 17 W.L.R. 687.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT; JOINING COMMON LAW ACTION.

The jurisdiction given to the Court in the matter of the Workmen's Compensation Act is special and limited. It is a sort of procedure on conciliation, an occasion to bring the parties together in order to prevent a law suit if possible. (2) Although it may be clearly shewn that the petitioner has a rather weak case under the Workmen's Compensation Act, the Court would not be justified to dismiss plaintiff's demand in limine. (3) The Court has no jurisdiction to authorize the taking of a joint special action under the Workmen's Compensation Act and under the common law. *McMullen v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 13 Que. P.R. 175.

DEATH WHILE HANDLING DYNAMITE; WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION; COMMON EMPLOYMENT.

The death of the deceased was caused by

carelessness and ignorance in the handling of dynamite by the deceased and a fellow workman named Anderson employed by the roadmaster of the defendants to look after the work. Anderson and White were not competent persons to be so employed, and the roadmaster was aware that they were not.—Held, (1) The plaintiffs could not recover under Lord Campbell's Act, because the roadmaster was a fellow workman with the deceased. (2) The plaintiffs were entitled to recover damages under the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, R.S.M. 1902, c. 178, because, by the jury's findings, the death was caused by reason of the negligence of a person in the service of the employer who had superintendence entrusted to him, whilst in the exercise of such superintendence: paragraph (b) of s. 3. Dominion Natural Gas Co. v. Collins, [1909] A.C. 440, 79 L.J.P.C. 16, followed as to the duty of those who cause others to handle specially dangerous things. White v. Canadian Northern Ry., 20 Man. L.R. 57.

INJURY TO BRAKEMAN; STRUCK BY SWITCH-STAND; FINDING OF JURY.

Leitch v. Pere Marquette Ry. Co., 2 O. W.N. 617, 18 O.W.R. 433.

EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT; COMMON EMPLOYMENT; NEGLIGENCE IN OPERATING RAILWAY IN MINE; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE; STATUTORY OBLIGATION.

Bell v. Inverness Coal & Ry. Co., 4 E.L.R. 144, 405 (N.S.).

NEGLECTANCE; ACCUMULATION OF SNOW; WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT; NOTICE OF INJURY.

The knowledge of the defendants of the injury and the cause of it, at the time it occurs, is (in case of death) a reasonable excuse for the want of the notice of injury required by s. 9 of the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 160, where there is no evidence that they were in any way prejudiced in their defence by the want of it. Where the deceased received the injuries from which he died by being run over by a train of cars, a statement made by him immediately after he was run over, in answer to a question as to how it happened, "I slipped and it hit me," was held admissible in evidence. Thompson v. Trevanion (1693). Skin. 402; Aveson v. Kinnaird (1805), 6 East 188, 193, and Rex v. Foster (1834), 6 C. & P. 325, followed. Upon that evidence, and evidence of the slippery condition, by reason of snow and ice, of the place where the deceased slipped, a question should have been submitted to the jury whether he slipped by reason of

such condition and whether such condition was due to the negligence of the defendants. Armstrong et al. v. Canada Atlantic Ry. Co., 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 444, 2 O.L.R. 219.

[Reversed in 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 339, 4 O.L.R. 560.]

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT; NOTICE OF INJURY; REASONABLE EXCUSE FOR WANT OF.

While the notice of injury required by s. 9 of the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 160, is for the employer's protection against stale or imaginary claims, and to entitle him, while the facts are recent, to make enquiry, the injured workman is the primary object of the legislative consideration; and under such section and ss. 13 and 14, notice may be dispensed with where there is reasonable excuse for the want of it, the employer not being prejudiced. What constitutes reasonable excuse must depend upon the circumstances of each particular case, and such may be inferred where there is the notoriety of the accident, the knowledge of the employers of the injury which resulted in death, and its cause, and of a claim having been made on them by the deceased's representative. Judgment of the Divisional Court, 1 Can. Ry. Cases 444, reversed. Armstrong v. Canada Atlantic Ry. Co., 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 339, 4 O.L.R. 560.

[Considered in Lever v. McArthur, 9 B.C.R. 418; distinguished in Bell Bros. v. Hudson's Bay Ins. Co., 2 S.L.R. 361; followed in O'Connor v. Hamilton, 8 O.L.R. 391, 3 O.W.R. 918; Smith v. McIntosh, 13 O.L.R. 118; referred to in Giovinazzo v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 19 O.L.R. 325; Iveson v. Winnipeg, 16 Man. L.R. 364; O'Connor v. Hamilton, 10 O.L.R. 529, 6 O.W.R. 227; Plouffe v. Can. Iron Furnace Co., 10 O.L.R. 37.]

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION; EMPLOYEE MEMBER OF INSURANCE SOCIETY; RELEASE.

An action for damages under Workmen's Compensation Act against a railway company cannot be maintained where it appears that the servant is a member of the Insurance Society of the company and actually received benefits from it, the rules of the society providing that no member shall have any claim against the railway company for compensation on account of injury or death from accident. Harris v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 172, 3 O.W.R. 211.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION FOR INJURIES ACT; SUPERINTENDENCE; DEFECTS IN WORKS, PLANT, ETC.

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gaged with another railway employee D. in loosening a hand brake on a flat car, the brake being suddenly released by D. H. was thrown from the car by the revolving handle of the brake and received injuries from which he died. D. had general superintendence over H., but had given no orders to H. as to this particular job, and had voluntarily come to the assistance of H. when H. was alone unable to loosen the brake in question.—Held, that D. was not acting in the course of his superintendence nor was H. acting in conformity to any order of D. The use upon a flat car of a "T" brake, that is, a brake having for a handle a straight iron crossbar at the top of the brakemast instead of a wheel brake, that is, a brake having for a handle a wheel, is not a defect in the condition or arrangements of the ways, works, machinery or plant of a railway company. In an action for damages for injuries the presiding judge virtually directed the jury to find for the defendants. Despite his direction the jury answered all the questions submitted to them in favor of the plaintiff. The trial judge, having set aside the findings of the jury as perverse and dismissed the action, his judgment was affirmed by a Divisional Court. *Hodson v. Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 289.

NEGLECT OF FELLOW-SERVANT; DEFECT IN MACHINERY; DEFECTIVE SYSTEM OF INSPECTION; WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

In an action brought against a railway company to recover damages because of the death of a fireman who was scalded by steam which escaped in consequence of the giving way of a water-pipe in an engine, evidence was given on behalf of the plaintiff that the type of engine in question was of dangerous construction and especially liable to accidents of the kind, but it was shewn on cross-examination of the plaintiff's witnesses that the use of engines of this type was well established and that they had many points in their favour.—Held, that the principle adopted in actions of negligence against professional men should be applied, namely, that negligence cannot be found where the opinion evidence is in conflict and reputable skilled men have approved of the method called in question. At common law a master is bound to provide proper appliances for the carrying on of his work, and to take reasonable care that appliances which if out of order will cause danger to his servant are in such a condition that the servant may use them without incurring unnecessary danger. These duties he may discharge either personally or by employing a competent person in

his stead, and the purpose of sub-s. 1 of s. 3 of the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 160, as modified by s. 6, sub-s. 1, is to take from the master his common law immunity for the neglect of such a person. Where therefore an accident occurred as the result of the giving way of a water pipe in an engine which had not long before been in the defendants' repair shop for the purpose of having the water pipes repaired, it was held that the inference might be drawn that there had been negligence on the part of the workman entrusted with the duty of making the repairs and either absence of inspection or negligent inspection, and that if an inference of either kind were drawn the defendants would be liable. A nonsuit granted by Meredith, J., was therefore set aside and a new trial ordered. *Schwoob v. Michigan Central Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 242, 9 O.L.R. 86.

[Affirmed in 10 O.L.R. 647, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 58.]

NEGLECT; DEFECT IN MACHINERY; WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

An appeal by the defendants from the order of a Divisional Court, 9 O.L.R. 86, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 242, setting aside a nonsuit and directing a new trial, was heard by Moss, C.J.O., Osler, MacLennan, Gartow, and MacLaren, J.J.A., on the 29th September, 1905, and on November 13, 1905, the Court gave judgment agreeing that a new trial was properly directed, and dismissing the appeal. *Schwoob v. Michigan Central Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 58, 10 O.L.R. 647.

DEFECT IN MACHINERY; DEFECTIVE SYSTEM OF INSPECTION; WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

On the trial of this action—which was against a railway company to recover damages for the death of the deceased through scalding by the escape of steam occasioned by the giving away of a water tube in a locomotive engine on which he was working—the jury, in answer to questions submitted to them, which, with the answers to them, are set out in the report, found that the death was caused by a defect in the condition of the locomotive, "through the defendants not supplying proper inspection," the defect itself not being specified, but from a discussion which the trial Judge had with the jury when they brought in their answers, and from the answers to further questions submitted to them, such defect it appeared consisted in the fact that the end of the tube in question had not been sufficiently "belled" by one J., who had put the tube in the boiler.—Held

that there was no evidence to support liability at common law, but that the evidence and findings of the jury sufficiently established what the defect was, and that J. was a person entrusted with the work, so that there was liability under the Workmen's Compensation Act, in respect of which the deceased's widow and administratrix could maintain the action, and was entitled to recover the damages assessed by the jury under the above Act. Meredith, J.A., dissenting on the question of liability under the Act. *Schwob v. Michigan Central Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 287, 13 O.L.R. 548.

[Referred to in Hanly v. Michigan Central Ry. Co., 13 O.L.R. 560, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 240.]

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT; LICENSEE; STATUTORY DUTY; DEFECTIVE SYSTEM.

Section 9 of the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, which requires notice of the injury to be given, provides that the notice must be given within twelve weeks after the occurrence of the accident causing the injury, and that in the case of death the want of notice shall not bar the action which the Act gives, if the Judge is of opinion that there was "reasonable excuse" for the want of notice:—Held, that ignorance of the law is not a "reasonable excuse"; and in this case the plaintiff, the brother of the deceased person who was injured, might have given the notice before he was appointed administrator, and his solicitor's mistaken idea to the contrary did not excuse the want of the notice; and the action therefore failed. Judgment of a Divisional Court reversed. The deceased was employed by the defendants as a workman on the tracks in a railway yard, and, when crossing the tracks with other workmen on his way home from work, was struck by an engine and killed. The negligence alleged was that the engineer in charge of another engine in the yard let off a large quantity of steam, which prevented the deceased from seeing or hearing the engine which struck him. The jury found that the defendants were guilty of negligence by blowing off steam or hot water at such a critical moment with such a large number of employees between the tracks; that the deceased came to his death by reason of the negligence of a person in charge of an engine of the defendants, such negligence consisting in blowing off steam or hot water, and that a proper look-out was not kept in a proper place on both engines when backing; and that there was no contributory negligence. On these findings the trial Judge entered judgment for the plaintiff:—Held, by the Divisional Court, that the position of the deceased,

in view of clause 5 of s. 3 of the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, was, in the absence of any finding to the contrary, that of a mere licensee; that he could not claim the benefit of s. 276 of the Dominion Railway Act, because the engine was not passing over or along a highway at rail level; but that the deceased might have had cause to complain of a defective system, within the meaning of clause 1 of s. 3 from the facts developed in the evidence, although not specifically mentioned in the pleadings; and a new trial was ordered, with leave to amend. The Court of Appeal, reversing the judgment upon the other ground, did not as a Court express an opinion upon these points. But, *semble*, per Osler, J.A., referring to *Willets v. Watt & Co.*, [1892] 2 Q.B. 92, that the discretion of the Court below in allowing the plaintiff to make a new case, after the time had elapsed within which a new action could be brought, should not, on that ground, be interfered with. *Semble*, per Garrow, J.A., that the true position of the deceased at the time of the accident was not that of a mere licensee but of a person upon the defendants' premises by their invitation, and one to whom the defendants owed a duty to take reasonable care that he should not be injured. And *semble*, per Meredith, J.A., that there was no proof of any negligence on the part of the defendants; and the granting of a new trial in order to enable the plaintiff to set up an entirely new case was contrary to proper practice. *Giovinazzo v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 423, 19 O.L.R. 325.

INJURY TO SERVANT; FALL OF COAL FROM LOCOMOTIVE TENDER; WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION; RES IPSA LOQUITUR; RELEASE.

The plaintiff was in the employment of the defendants, and, while at work upon a railway track, was struck by a lump of coal which fell from the tender of a passing locomotive, and injured. It appeared from the evidence, in an action for damages for the injury sustained, that the coal was unnecessarily piled in the tender above the sides in such quantity and manner that the rapid motion of the train shook down the lump, which, falling upon the corner, flew off with dangerous force and struck the plaintiff:—Held, that the unexplained fall of the coal, in the circumstances stated, was in itself evidence from which an inference might well be drawn that those in charge or control of the locomotive (Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, R. S.O. 1897, c. 160, s. 3, sub-s. 5) were negligent in their mode of using it by piling or permitting coal to be piled upon the tender

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so high and without protection that chunks of it could be hurled by the necessary motion of the train with such force as to break a man's leg 15 or 20 feet away; and a verdict for the plaintiff for \$1,500 under the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, was upheld. Doctrine of *res ipsa loquitur* explained and applied. The defendants set up as a bar to the action a release signed by the plaintiff, after action, in consideration of \$300 paid to him by the defendants. The plaintiff was without independent advice, and stated that he believed from what was said that what he was releasing, and all he intended to release, was a claim to wages during his compulsory idleness all parties, including the doctor, being under the impression that at the end of the period for which he was being paid he would be well and back at work:—Held, that, as the plaintiff's statement was believed by the trial Judge, a finding against the validity of the release should not be disturbed. Judgment of Clute, J., affirmed. *O'Brien v. Michigan Central Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 442, 19 O.L.R. 345.

[Applied in *Lawrence v. Kelly*, 19 Man. L. R. 372.]

COLLISION; DEFECTIVE SYSTEM, WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

The Railway Act prescribes that rules and regulations for travelling upon and the use or working of a railway must be approved by the Governor-General in Council and that, until so approved, such rules and regulations shall have no force or effect when approved they are binding on all persons. Rule 2 of the rules of the Grand Trunk Ry. Co. provides that "In addition to these rules, the time-tables will contain special instructions, as the same may be found necessary. Special instructions, not in conflict with these rules, which may be given by proper authority, whether upon the time-tables or otherwise, shall be fully observed while in force." Trains running out of Brantford, Ont., are under control of the train-despatcher at London. The railway time-table has for many years contained the following foot-note:—"Tilsonburg Branch.—Yard engines at Brantford are allowed to push freight trains up the Mount Vernon grade and return to Brantford B. & T. station without special orders from the train-despatcher. Yard-foreman in charge of yard-engine will be held responsible for protecting the return of the yard-engine, and for knowing such engine has returned before allowing a train or engine to follow.—A. J. Nixon, Assistant Superintendent." This regulation or instruction had not then been submitted for the approval of the Gov-

ernor-General in Council. By Rule 224 "all messages or orders respecting the movement of trains . . . must be in writing."—Held, Davies and Duff, JJ., dissenting, that assuming the foot-note on the time-table to be a "special instruction" under Rule 2, it is inconsistent with the train-despatching system in force at Brantford and if, as the evidence indicates, it purports to authorize the sending out of engines under verbal orders to push freight trains up the grade it is also inconsistent with Rule 224. Such instruction has, therefore, no legal operation:—Held, per Girouard and Anglin, JJ., that it was not a "special instruction" but a regulation, and not having been sanctioned by order in council operation under it was illegal. By the Railway Act a "train" includes any engine or locomotive. Rule 198 provides that it "includes an engine in service with or without cars equipped with signals":—Held, per Girouard, Idington and Anglin, JJ., Duff, J., contra, that an engine returning to the yard after pushing a train up the grade, is a "train" subject to the provisions of Rule 224, and to the rules of the train-despatching system. The accident in this case occurred through the yard foreman failing to protect the engine on its return to the yard:—Held, Davies and Duff, JJ., dissenting, that the company operated the yard engines under an illegal system and were liable to common law damages and that sub-s. 2 of s. 427 of the Railway Act applied:—Held, per Duff, J., that since, as regards the danger of collision with trains stopping at Brantford for orders, the system of operating the yard-engines through the telegraphic despatchers would clearly have afforded greater protection than that in use, and since there was admittedly no impediment in the way of adopting the former system, there was evidence for the jury of want of care in not adopting the safer system; and the fact that the existing system had been in operation for 25 years was evidence from which the jury might infer that the general governing body of the company was aware of it. And further, following *Smith v. Baker*, [1891] A.C. 325, and *Ainslie Mining and Ry. Co., v. McDougall*, 42 S.C.R. 420, that, in these circumstances, the company was responsible for the defects in the system. *Fralie v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 373, 43 Can. S.C.R. 494.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT; NEGLIGENCE OF FELLOW SERVANT; PERSON IN POSITION OF SUPERINTENDENCE; VOLUNTARY ASSUMPTION OF RISK.

The plaintiff and T. were both employed by the defendants. The plaintiff was assisting T. in repairing a car standing on a track

in the defendants' yard, when the yard engine propelled other cars against the car under repair, and injured the plaintiff, who brought this action to recover damages for his injuries, under the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, alleging negligence on the part of T., a person in a position of superintendence, to whose orders the plaintiff was bound to conform and did conform, in not placing a flag or flags in a position to give warning that work was going on upon the track. At the trial, the jury, in answer to questions, found: (1) that the plaintiff's injuries were caused by negligence of the defendants; (2) that the negligence was the neglect of T. in not placing the flag for protection; (3) that the injuries were caused by the negligence of a person in a position of superintendence over the plaintiff and to whose orders he was bound to conform; (4) that T. was that person, and his negligence consisted in not placing the flag; (5) that the plaintiff's injuries were not caused by his own want of care; "it was no part of his duty to place these flags"; and they assessed the damages at \$1,080.—Held (Meredith, J.A., dissenting), that, notwithstanding that the jury had not found that T. was exercising superintendence at the time of the injury, and had not found that the plaintiff did conform to T.'s orders, yet, having regard to the evidence and the Judge's charge, the findings were sufficient, under the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, to support a judgment for the plaintiff. *Marley v. Osborn* (1894), 10 Times L.R. 388, specially referred to. After counsel had addressed the jury, and when the Judge was about to begin his charge, a discussion arose about the frame of two of the questions proposed to be submitted to the jury, in the course of which the defendants' counsel suggested another question, "Did the plaintiff voluntarily perform the acts which caused his accident, knowing of the dangers which he ran?" This defence was not set up in the pleadings nor previously at the trial; and no application was made for leave to amend or to reopen the case or postpone the trial. The Judge declined to submit the question, saying that he did not think it fair to introduce it at that stage.—Held, Meredith, J.A., dissenting, a proper exercise of discretion. Judgment of Falconbridge, C.J.K.B., affirmed. *Brulott v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 76, 24 O.L.R. 154. [Affirmed in 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 95, 46 Can. S.C.R. 629.]

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION FOR INJURIES ACT; NEGLIGENCE OF FELLOW SERVANT; VOLENS.

Held by Canada Supreme Court, affirm-

ing 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 76, 24 O.L.R. 154, that the jury having found that the defendants were negligent and the plaintiff free from contributory negligence necessarily precluded a finding that the plaintiff was volens:—Held, Idington, J., that s. 306 of the Railway Act was not applicable to the facts of this case and volens should have been specially pleaded. Davies, J., dissenting, thought there should be a new trial. *Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co. v. Brulott*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 95, 46 Can. S.C.R. 629.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION; VOLENS; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

Where one employed by another as a car repairer was ordered by another employee to assist him in repairing a car standing upon a track in the yard when other cars were propelled against it and injured him, the master, in the absence of a plea of volens or evidence that the negligence of the servant contributed to the injury, is liable in an action under the Workmen's Compensation Act (Ont.) for the injuries thus sustained. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Brulott*, 46 Can. S.C.R. 629, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 95, affirming *Brulott v. G.T.R. Co.*, 24 O.L.R. 154, 19 O.W.R. 514, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 76.

INJURY TO EMPLOYEE; NEGLIGENCE OF FELLOW EMPLOYEE; SUPERINTENDENCE; LIABILITY OF EMPLOYER AT COMMON LAW; WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

The plaintiff's claim was for injuries sustained by the explosion of some dynamite while he was thawing it for use in blasting out hard pan in a gravel pit under the superintendence of one Campbell, a roadmaster in defendant's employ. In answer to questions, the jury at the trial found that the plaintiff was ignorant of the material he was using, that Campbell had not given him proper instructions, that the injury had been caused by the negligence of the defendant company, that such negligence consisted in not employing a competent person to superintend the work and in not furnishing proper appliances and storage for explosives, and that the defendant company had not used reasonable and proper care and caution in the selection of the person to superintend the work:—Held, Howell, C.J.M., dissenting, that the evidence at most shewed that, on the occasion in question, Campbell might have been negligent in his superintendence of the work, that there was no proof of his incompetency otherwise or that the defendant had been negligent in appointing him, or in furnishing proper appliances, the onus of proving which was on the plaintiff, and, therefore, the plaintiff could not recover at common law.

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but was entitled under the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, R.S.M. 1902, c. 178, s. 3, to the amount alternatively fixed by the jury under s. 6 of that Act. *Smith v. Howard* (1870), 22 L.T.N.S. 130; *Young v. Hoffman*, [1907] 2 K.B. 650; and *Cribb v. Kynoch*, [1907] 2 K.B. 548, followed. Per *Howell, C.J.M.*: There was evidence to submit to the jury on all the questions answered by them and the verdict for damages at common law should not be disturbed:—Held, also, by all the Judges that the damages had not been "sustained by reason of the construction or operation of the railway," and, therefore, the plaintiff was not barred by s. 306 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, from bringing his action after the lapse of one year. *Anderson v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 321, 21 Man. L.R. 121.

[Reversed as to common law liability, otherwise affirmed in 45 Can. S.C.R. 355, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 339.]

DANGEROUS WORK; DANGEROUS MATERIALS; RISK OF EMPLOYMENT; WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS; EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY.

Where instructions and warning are necessary to enable employees, in circumstances involving danger, to appreciate and protect themselves against the perils incident to the work in which they are engaged, it is the duty of the employer to take reasonable care to see that such instructions and warnings are given. The employer may delegate that duty to competent persons, but, where compensation is sought for injuries sustained by an employee owing to neglect to give such instructions and warning, the onus rests upon the employer to shew that the duty was delegated to a person qualified to discharge it or that other adequate provision was made to ensure protection against unnecessary risk to the employees. The failure of the employer to take reasonable care in the appointment of a properly qualified superintendent, to whom the duty of selecting persons to be employed is entrusted, amounts to negligence involving liability for damages sustained in consequence of the acts of incompetent servants. *Young v. Hoffman Manufacturing Co.* (1907), 2 K.B. 646, applied; judgment appealed from (21 Man. L.R. 121, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 321) affirmed. In this case, as the risk incident to the employment of an incompetent foreman was not one of those which are assumed by an employee, the plaintiff was entitled to recover damages at common law. Judgment appealed from (21 Man. L.R. 121, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 321) reversed. The limitation of one year, in respect of actions to recover

compensation for injuries sustained "by reason of the construction or operation" of railways, provided by s. 306 of the Railway Act (R.S.C. 1906, c. 37) relates only to injuries sustained in the actual construction or operation of a railway; it does not apply to cases where injuries have been sustained by employees engaged in works undertaken by a railway company for procuring or preparing materials which may be necessary for the construction of their railway. *Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Anderson*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 339, 45 Can. S.C.R. 355.

[*Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Robinson*, ([1911] A.C. 739) applied; judgment appealed from, 21 Man. L.R. 121, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 321, affirmed.]

ENGINEER RUNNING A SNOW PLOUGH; PROCEEDING IN ABSENCE OF CROSSING OR STATION SIGNALS; WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

A case for compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 160, but not a case at common law, is shewn where an engineer in charge of a locomotive propelling a snow-plough ran it for some time without ascertaining why crossing or station signals were not being given by the signalman on the plough, and a collision with another train resulted, in which the fireman of such locomotive was killed. *Jones v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, (Ont.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 76, 5 D.L.R. 332.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION; INJURY TO FOREMAN OF RAILWAY YARD; FELLOW SERVANT

Sub-s. 5 of s. 3 of the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 160, should receive a liberal construction in the interests of the workman. An employer may be responsible for the negligence of an employee resulting in injury to another employee, although the one injured is in authority over the other. The plaintiff was foreman of a railway yard of the defendants, and M. was his assistant and subject to his orders. In carrying out the plaintiff's orders, M. gave a wrong direction to the driver of the yard engine, by reason of which the plaintiff was struck by the engine and injured. The engine driver testified that he took his instructions from M.:—Held, *Lennox, J.*, dissenting, that there was reasonable evidence that M. was, on the occasion in question, a person in charge or control of the engine, within the meaning of sub-s. 5; and, upon the findings of the jury (set out below), in an action to recover damages for the plaintiff's injury, the defendants were responsible for the negligence of M. Judgment

of Mulock, C.J.Ex.D., affirmed. *Martin v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 27 O.L.R. 165, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 1.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION; NEGLIGENCE OF FELLOW SERVANT.

A master is liable, under sub-s. 5 of s. 3 of the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 160, making the employer liable where the injury is caused "by reason of the negligence of any person in the service of the employer who has the charge or control of any points, signal, locomotive, engine, machine or train upon any railway, tramway or street railway," where a yard foreman is injured by being struck by an engine engaged in shunting operations and under the control of his assistant by reason of the negligence of the assistant in failing to carry out an order of the foreman. *Martin v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 8 D.L.R. 590, 4 O.W.N. 51, 27 O.L.R. 165, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 1.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT; STRICT OR LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION.

Sub-s. 5 of s. 3 of the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 160, making the employer liable where the injury is caused "by reason of the negligence of any person in the service of the employer who has the charge or control of any points, signal, locomotive, engine, machine or train upon any railway, tramway or street railway," should receive a liberal construction in the interests of the workman. *Martin v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 8 D.L.R. 590, 4 O.W.N. 51, 27 O.L.R. 165, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 1.

[*Gibbs v. Great Western Ry. Co.*, 12 Q.B.D. 108; *McCord v. Cammell & Co.*, [1896] A.C. 57, referred to.]

INJURY TO BRAKEMAN; NEGLIGENCE OF ENGINEER; WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

Where a brakeman engaged in coupling cars at night is injured by reason of the negligence of the engineer in charge of the locomotive in failing to wait for a new signal to start, it having been prearranged between the two that the brakeman was to give such signal by lantern, the master is liable under sub-s. 5 of s. 3 of the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, making an employer responsible "by reason of negligence of any person in the service of the employer who has the charge or control of any points, signal, locomotive, engine, machine or train upon a railway, tramway or street railway." *Martin v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 4 O.W.N. 51, applied. *Allan v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 8 D.L.R. 697, 4 O.W.N. 325, 23 O.W.R. 453, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 14.

[Applied in *Simmerson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 11 D.L.R. 104.]

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT; PROCEDURE; ARBITRATOR.

After an award of an arbitrator appointed under the Workmen's Compensation Act, R.S.B.C. 1911, c. 244, has been reduced to writing and published, he cannot submit questions under s. 4 of the Act, to a Judge of the Supreme Court. *Lewis v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co.*, (B.C.) 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 173, 13 D.L.R. 152.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

Under the Quebec Workmen's Compensation Act the annual payment to be made for permanent disability is one-half of the average yearly wage of which the injured party is deprived by reason of such incapacity. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. of Canada v. McDonnell*, 5 D.L.R. 65, 18 Rev. de Jur. 369; *McDonnell v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 7 D.L.R. 138, 22 Que. K.B. 207.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

The workman entitled to a permanent disability claim under the Quebec Workmen's Compensation Act has the option of accepting the annual income specified in the Quebec Workmen's Compensation Act or of demanding that the capitalization thereof (not exceeding \$2,000) be handed over to an insurance company in order to purchase an annuity therewith, but no similar option is available to the employer to confess judgment for \$2,000 or for the annuity which that sum would purchase, as in satisfaction of his liability. *McDonnell v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 7 D.L.R. 138, 22 Que. K.B. 207.

[*Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. McDonnell*, 5 D.L.R. 65, followed.]

FOR WHAT ACTS OF CONTRACTOR EMPLOYER IS LIABLE.

Under the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 160, s. 4, both the immediate employer and owner of the premises on which one is working as an independent contractor are jointly responsible for injuries to a servant of the latter, where it appears that, although the work was being done originally by the independent contractor alone, it later developed that it was impossible to carry out the original agreement and an arrangement was entered into whereby the work was done under their joint supervision, and the accident occurred through the negligence of both the independent contractor and the owner. *Dallontania v. McCormick and the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 8 D.L.R. 757, 4 O.W.N. 547, 23 O.W.R. 861.

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LIABILITY OF MASTER; COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT; SASKATCHEWAN WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

Where a railway employee is injured while removing personal belongings from the defendants' car with the permission of the defendant company, the accident is one arising out of and in the course of his employment, for which he is entitled to compensation under the provisions of the Saskatchewan Workmen's Compensation Act, even though an action brought by him at common law for damages had been dismissed on the ground that at the time of the accident he was on business of his own and was a mere licensee, if the accident occurred during the time he was in defendant's employment. *Gonyea v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, (Sask.) 9 D.L.R. 812.

[*Blovelt v. Sawyer*, 89 L.T. 658, and *Morris v. Mayor*, etc., of Lambeth, 22 Times L.R. 22, followed.]

DEATH; RIGHT OF ACTION; WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

Under the Ontario Workmen's Compensation for Injuries enactments giving any person entitled in case of death "the same right of compensation as if the workman had not been a workman," the "same right of compensation" means that which is conferred by the Fatal Accidents Act, 1 Geo. V. (Ont.) c. 33. *Brown v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 350, 11 D.L.R. 97, 28 O.L.R. 354.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT; ACCIDENT CAUSING DEATH; COMPENSATION TO CHILDREN.

Notwithstanding the provision in art. 7323, R.S.Q., 1900, that compensation is payable to children "to assist them to provide for themselves until they reach the full age of sixteen years," the child of a workman killed in an accident, whatever his age may be, however near to that of sixteen years, is entitled to recover from the employer a sum equal to four times the average yearly wages of the deceased. *Palmiero v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 354, Q.R. 42 S.C. 435.

PERSON IN CHARGE; BRAKEMAN GIVING SIGNALS.

A brakeman, standing on the ground and giving signals to the engineer of a locomotive engaged in transferring cars from one track to another, is a person in charge or control of the engine, within the meaning of s. 3, sub-s. 5, of the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 160. *Allan v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 8 D.L.R. 697; *Martin v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 8

D.L.R. 590, applied. *Simmerson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co. (Ont.)*, 11 D.L.R. 104.

[Affirmed in 12 D.L.R. 847.]

MASTER AND SERVANT; WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION; "COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT."

A claim for compensation against a railway company, under the provisions of the Alberta Workmen's Compensation Act, 1908, by reason of the death of an alleged employee, cannot be made unless it appears that the accident in question not only arose out of the employment, but also happened in the course thereof, as it is impossible to construe disjunctively the word "and" in the second line of s. 3 of the Act. [See also *Re Eddles and School District (No. 1) of Winnipeg*, 2 D.L.R. 696.] Where one who has left the employ of a railroad company is killed while on his way to the office of the company to get his pay on the day following such abandonment of his employment, no compensation for his death can be claimed under the Alberta Workmen's Compensation Act, 1908, since the accident in question did not arise out of or happen in the course of his employment within the meaning of the third section of that Act. *Lastuka v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co. (Alta.)* 11 D.L.R. 375.

INJURY TO SERVANT; COUPLING CARS; NEGLIGENCE.

A railway company is liable for injury to an employee who was caught in a narrow space between a car which he was moving and a nearby building, while he was climbing the nearest side-ladder to reach the brake to stop the car, though he could have safely used a ladder on the other side of the car, where, he, being ignorant of the closeness of the building to the track, naturally used the particular ladder, and where the danger must have been obvious to the foreman who directed him to move the car, and the foreman negligently failed to warn him of the danger. *Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co. v. Shondra*, 11 D.L.R. 392.

[*Shondra v. Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co.*, 21 Man. L.R. 622, affirmed.]

LIABILITY FOR INJURY TO SERVANT; WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT; NOTICE OF INJURY.

A notice of injury given by a workman is sufficient to entitle those dependant upon him after his death to the benefits of the Workmen's Compensation Act, R.S.B.C. 1911, c. 244, without any other or further notice. *Moffatt v. Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co.*, (B.C.) 12 D.L.R. 643.

[*Moffatt v. Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co.*, 12 D.L.R. 642, affirmed.]

C. Safety as to Place and Appliances.

REGULATION OF SAFETY OF EMPLOYEES; WAGES OF INJURED EMPLOYEES.

Application that railway companies remedy certain complaints dealing with (1) and (6) installation of signboards at the limits of municipalities and yards, (2) and (11) liability to accident and exposure from locomotives running tender first and recommending storm protector on locomotive, (3) installation of power head-lamps and air bell ringers, (4) providing an engineer as pilot instead of conductor, brakeman or fireman, where the regular engineer is unfamiliar with the road, (5) and (9) providing suitable quarters at divisional and terminal points and more ample room on locomotives for engineers and firemen, (7) removal of certain snow cleaning devices from locomotives, inspection (8) of wooden bridges and (10) of locomotives by a competent inspector after arrival at terminals, (12) payment of wages of injured employees during recovery:—Held, 1. That the request in (1) is too broad and no general order should be made, and (6) that in all individual instances where necessity exists, the request shall be granted. 2. That in (2) and (11) the requests should be refused, no evidence being given that trains were so operated, except in cases of emergency, and nothing being known as to the storm protector. 3. That the request in (3) as to the installation of power head-lamps should be refused, and as to air bell ringers granted. 4. That the request in (4) should be refused, as granting it would rescind a previous rule. 5. That the Board has no jurisdiction to deal with the requests in (5) and (12). 6. That the application in (7) should stand for further information. 7. That as to the request in (9) the Board should not make any general regulation without specific information. 8. That the application in (8) had been dealt with by order No. 11445 and that the application in (10) should be refused. *Re Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers*, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 330.

DEFECTIVE APPLIANCES; ABSENCE OF BUFFERS ON CARS.

The plaintiff was a motorman in the employ of the defendant company and his action was brought under the Workmen's Compensation Act to recover damages for injuries sustained while coupling together a street car and trailer. The main ground of negligence charged was the absence of buffers to protect the employees from injury in coupling. The plaintiff had a verdict at the trial which, on motion for a new

trial, was affirmed by the Divisional Court and by the Court of Appeal for Ontario. The Supreme Court of Canada held that there was negligence on the part of the company in not having proper appliances to prevent injury, and that a new trial had been properly refused. 22 A.R. (Ont.) 78, affirmed. The appeal was dismissed with costs. *Toronto Railway Co. v. Bond*, 15th May, 1895, 24 Can. S.C.R. 715.

DEATH OF SERVANT CAUSED BY COLLISION; FAULT OF FELLOW-SERVANT; DEFECTIVE SYSTEM.

Deceased, a motorman, met his death in a collision between two cars of the defendant company, on the 7th of November, 1908, but the writ in the action was not issued until the 2nd of August, 1909, the action being brought under Lord Campbell's Act. The questions at issue were: (1) Was the accident caused by the negligence of a fellow-servant? On this point the facts were that the cars leaving Vancouver had a double line of track as far as a place called Cedar Cottage, after which there was only a single track. On foggy nights there was a watchman at Cedar Cottage to advise conductors and motormen as to the condition of traffic. The men in charge of the colliding cars were killed, so it was not possible to ascertain whether the watchman had advised the conductor or motorman whether the line was clear. The jury, on the evidence, found a defective system:—Held, that the appeal from the verdict based on this finding should be dismissed. *Martin, J.A.*, expressing no opinion as to there being no evidence to support such a finding. (2) Lord Campbell's Act gives a limitation of twelve months within which an action for damages caused by the death of a relative may be brought, so that the writ here was issued in ample time to comply with that statute. But in the defendant company's Act of incorporation, a limitation of six months is set for bringing actions to recover damages incurred by reason of the tramway or railway or works or operations of the company. *Per Irving, J.A.*, following *Green v. B. C. Electric Ry. Co.* (1906), 12 B.C. 199, that the limitation in the company's statute was not applicable. *Per Martin, J.A.*: That the section was applicable and the action was therefore barred. *Gallher, J.A.*, expressed no opinion on this point. Remarks *per Martin, J.A.*, as to the Court of Appeal following or being bound by the decisions of the late Full Court. *McDonald v. British Columbia Electric Ry. Co.*, 18 W.L.R. 284, 16 B.C.R. 386.

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DEFECTIVE APPARATUS; NOTICE OF DEFECTS IN MACHINERY; PROVIDENT SOCIETY; CONTRACT EXEMPTING EMPLOYER.

The "sander" and sand-valves of a railway locomotive, which may be used in connection with the brakes in stopping a train, do not constitute part of the "apparatus and arrangements" for applying the brakes to the wheels required by s. 243 of the Railway Act of 1888. Failure to remedy defects in the sand-valves, upon notice thereof given at the repair shops in conformity with the company's rules, is merely the negligence of an employee, and not negligence attributable to the company itself; therefore, the company may validly contract with its employees so as to exonerate itself from liability for such negligence, and such a contract is a good answer to an action under Art. 1056 of the Civil Code of Lower Canada. *The Queen v. Grenier*, 30 Can. S.C.R. 42, followed. *Girouard, J.*, dissenting on the ground that the negligence found by the jury was negligence of both the company and its employees. *Miller v. G.T.R.*, 21 Que. S.C. 346, and *G.T.R. v. Miller*, 12 Que. K.B. 1, reversed. *Grand Trunk Ry. v. Miller*, 34 Can. S.C.R. 45.

DUTY OF EMPLOYER; PROPER SYSTEM; COMMON EMPLOYMENT.

An employer is under an obligation to provide safe and proper places in which his employees can do their work and cannot relieve himself of such obligation by delegating the duty to another. It follows that if an employee is injured through failure of his employer to fulfil such obligation the latter cannot in an action against him for damages, invoke the doctrine of common employment. *Ainslie Mining and Ry. Co. v. McDougall*, 42 Can. S.C.R. 420, affirming judgment of Supreme Court of Nova Scotia.

[Relied on in *Fralick v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 43 Can. S.C.R. 496.]

INJURY TO BRAKEMAN; DEFECTIVE APPARATUS.

The plaintiff, a brakeman on duty in the defendants' employ, was injured in an attempt to uncouple a number of cars from an engine, the train moving slowly backward. There was evidence that the lever on the engine tender failed to lift the pin; that there was no lever on the end of the car next the tender, and that the plaintiff, in order to uncouple, had to reach in between the ends of the cars in an effort to pull out the coupling pin. In so doing he either tripped or was knocked down and had an arm cut off by the wheels of the tender.—Held, that, in view of the requirement in sub-s. (c) of s. 204 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c.

37, that all cars should be equipped with apparatus which should prevent the necessity of brakemen going in between the ends of the cars to uncouple, the plaintiff had made out a prima facie case of negligence and the verdict of the jury in his favour should not be interfered with. *Scott v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 19 Man. L.R. 165.

INJURY TO LABOURER; ATTEMPT TO JUMP ON MOVING TRAIN; CONCEALED DANGER.

The plaintiff was a labourer in the employment of contractors for the grading of a portion of a railway being constructed by the defendants, and was in charge of a machine which was being carried by the defendants on a flat car forming part of a train used in grading operations. At a station the plaintiff got down from the car and stood upon the platform, the train standing still. When it started again, he attempted to jump on, the train being in motion, but came in contact with a baggage truck on the platform, and was injured. He was not invited to alight, nor to jump on again.—Held, in an action to recover damages for the plaintiff's injuries, that the rule of evidence *res ipsa loquitur* did not apply; the plaintiff was bound to give reasonable evidence of the nature and extent of the duty owed to him by the defendants and the facts which constituted the breach of such duty; the position of the plaintiff was that of a mere licensee; the duty of the owner of the premises toward him was confined to two things, that he should not be exposed to a trap or other concealed danger, and that the owner should not be guilty of acts of active negligence; in other respects the licensee must at his own risk use the premises as he finds them; and in this case there was no trap—the accident happening in broad daylight—and no active negligence; and a non-suit was affirmed. *Perdue v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 1 O.W.N. 665 (C.A.).

NEGLECT OF FELLOW SERVANT; DEFECTIVE SYSTEM; COMMON LAW LIABILITY.

The plaintiff's husband was engine driver on a train of the defendants which, shortly after leaving Brantford station, collided with a pilot engine which had gone out from Brantford yard a short time before; he was killed in the collision. By the defendants' rules, the pilot engine was under the direction of M., the yard foreman at Brantford, and it was admittedly owing to his neglect that the accident occurred. The jury found that the system in use on the defendants' railway in respect to the pilot engine was not a reasonably safe and adequate one, but was defective and exposed their employees to unnecessary danger, and that the

pilot engine, when away from the Brantford yard, should have been under the control of the train despatcher at London, and not under that of M.; that the adoption and use of this defective system was due to the negligence of the defendants' superintendent, G., and their yardmaster, M., and that the accident would not have happened but for the defect in the system; that the defendants' railway was managed and the rules for its operation made by competent officials, and that the deceased did not voluntarily undertake the risk. The jury assessed the damages at \$8,250 at common law, and at \$3,300 under the Workmen's Compensation Act.—Held, that judgment was properly entered for the plaintiff for \$3,300, there being evidence to justify a verdict for that amount under the Workmen's Compensation Act; and no evidence to sustain a verdict based on common law negligence or a defective system. Per MacLaren, J.A., that, it being admitted that the accident could not have occurred but for the negligence of M., the jury were not justified, on the evidence, or without evidence in attributing it to a more remote cause. If M. had obeyed the rule, the accident could not have happened. The jury were not entitled to speculate and say that it was negligence in the defendants not to have adopted at Brantford the practice of handling the pilot engine in use at London. The verdict as to defective system was directly contrary to the only competent evidence before them on the point, and their findings could not stand. *Fralick v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 1 O.W.N. 309 (C.A.).

DEFECTIVE SWITCH; WORKMAN'S DEATH.

Plaintiff's son and another labourer were directed to clear up and remove the rubbish, caused by their cutting a trench in the concrete floor of an alleyway in the defendant's power house. The alleyway was crossed at right angles by others, and on each side of the former were electric machines, and live wires within arm's length of any one working in the trench. The other labourer went into a cross alleyway where the live wires were, although there had been a slat nailed across it when they were both put to work, and was sweeping towards the trench the litter that had been scattered about, when he suddenly became unconscious from an electric shock. The bodies of both men were found near a switchboard, plaintiff's son being dead. It was shown there was a rupture in the insulation of a loose loop or cable hanging from the switchboard directly over where the survivor was lying, and that the insulation of the wires was, with respect of the voltage passing, insufficient for the

safety of any one working among them; and that the hanging loop might easily have been better guarded than it was.—Held, that there was evidence which could not be properly withdrawn from the jury and a new trial was ordered. *Griffiths v. Hamilton Electric Light and Cataract Power Co.*, 6 O.L.R. 296 (C.A.).

EXPLOSION; DEFECTIVE APPLIANCES; MIS-DIRECTION.

(1) When an explosion causing damage to an employee occurred through the defective state of a steam fed coil encased in a metal urn and therefore not visible, a finding by the jury that the employer was at fault for not having had the apparatus properly tested, is consonant with law. (2) The instruction by the trial Judge to the jury that the defendant could relieve himself from liability by proving that he could not have prevented the explosion and consequent damage, without adding (when he was not specially asked by the defendant to do so), that the evidence established the impossibility of ascertaining the defect in the coil before the explosion, was no misdirection. *Richelieu and Ont. Navig. Co. v. Dorman, Que. Ry.* 16 K.B. 375.

DEATH OF BRAKEMAN; DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT; LORD CAMPBELL'S ACT; LOSS OF PROSPECTIVE BENEFIT FROM CONTINUANCE OF LIFE.

The plaintiff's claim was for damages for the death of his son, an infant, alleged to have been occasioned by the negligence of defendants, on one of whose freight trains he was working as a brakeman at the time of the accident which resulted in his death. The alleged negligence consisted of the absence of air brakes and bell signal cord from the equipment of the train. The statement of claim was demurred to on various grounds and the following points were decided: (1) No person can sue under the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, R.S.M. 1902, c. 187, for damages for the death of a deceased relative, who could not sue under c. 31, R.S.M. 1902, and the statement of claim must shew, either that the plaintiff is the executor or administrator of the deceased, or that there is no executor or administrator, or, if there be one, that no action has been commenced within six months after the death of the deceased by or in the name of the executor or administrator; and it was not sufficient for plaintiff to state simply that he was the father and sole heir at law of the deceased. *Lampman v. Gainsborough* (1888), 17 O.R. 101, and *Mummary v. G.T.R.* (1900), 1 O.L.R. 622, followed. (2) It is necessary that the

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statement of claim should shew that the plaintiff had a reasonable prospect of future pecuniary benefit from the continuance of the life of the deceased. *Davidson v. Stuart* (1902), 14 Man. L.R. 74, followed. When the failure to prove a fact will cause the action to fail, that fact is a material one upon which the plaintiff relies, and, under Rule 306 of the King's Bench Act, R.S.M. 1902, c. 40, should be set out in the statement of claim. (3) Under the circumstances appearing in this case it was not necessary that the action should be shewn to be brought for the benefit of all persons entitled to claim damages. (4) Although the Railway Act in force at the time of the accident required only passenger trains to be equipped with bell signal cords and air brakes, it is still a question of evidence whether the absence of those appliances on freight trains is negligence for the purposes of such an action, that is, whether they may be reasonably required or could be reasonably furnished for the protection of the train hands, and the statement of claim was not demurrable because it relied on that absence as constituting negligence.

(5) The statement of claim should allege that the defendants were aware of the defects relied on as constituting negligence or should have known of them. (6) It is not necessary to allege that the deceased was ignorant of the alleged defects. *Smith v. Baker*, [1891] A.C. 325, and *Williams v. Birmingham*, [1899] 2 Q.B. 338, followed.

(7) The requirements of s. 9 of the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act are directory rather than imperative, and the omission to give the name and description of the person in defendant's service by whose negligence the accident occurred is a matter to be dealt with by an application for particulars and not by demurrer.

(8) The refusal or neglect of defendants to provide medical or surgical attendance for the injured employee gives no cause of action. Therefore the allegations in the statement of claim that the deceased came to his death as the result of the injuries received and of the alleged neglect to provide medical or surgical care are demurrable. (9) Plaintiff in such an action has no right to claim for funeral expenses. (10) That the time allowed by the statute for the commencement of the action had expired when the demurrer was argued was no objection to the allowance of amendments to the statement of claim which did not seek to introduce any new parties or different causes of action. (11) Under Rule 453 of the King's Bench Act, it is only in respect of some question of law which is fundamental or goes to the root of the cause or defence set up that there should be a separate argument

before the trial. As to all other matters in the pleading which may be objectionable, an application in Chambers under Rule 326, to strike them out is the proper remedy. *Makarsky v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 15 Man. L.R. 53.

[Referred to in *Gardiner v. Bickley*, 15 Man. L.R. 356.]

DANGEROUS APPLIANCES.

An employer is not obliged to provide the most modern appliances or tools, but if obsolete, inferior and dangerous tools or appliances are kept in use, it constitutes an element of negligence on his part obliging him to observe greater vigilance in order to avoid liability for injuries. In the present case, as the vigilance of the company was not such as was necessary with the obsolete couplers they used, they were held liable for injuries. *Quebec Lake St. John Ry. Co. v. Lemay*, Q.R. 14 K.B. 35.

[Judgment appealed from (Q.R. 25 S.C. 82), affirmed, Hall, J., dissenting.]

WATER-TANK; COMPRESSED AIR; APPLIANCES.

When a water-tank is used, from which water is distributed through pipes by means of compressed air pressure, and its lid has to be removed from time to time for refilling, the failure to provide it with a valve or stop-cock, to relieve the pressure, is negligence which makes the owner liable for accidents; and the finding of a jury that the death of a workman, employed to remove the lid, against whom it was thrown by an explosion, was partly due to such negligence, is proper and will not be disturbed. *Stevenson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 32 Que. S.C. 423.

DEATH OF ENGINEER; INSUFFICIENCY OR IMPROPER HANDLING OF BRAKES.

(1) A railway company is liable for the death of an engine driver in a collision shewn to have been caused by the insufficiency of the brakes on the train, or by their not having been properly applied by the other servants. (2) The claim of the widow and children of the deceased, under Art. 156, C.C., cannot be affected, nor its amount reduced, by an insurance obtained by the deceased and paid after his death. *Johnson v. Canadian Northern Quebec Ry. Co.*, 39 Que. S.C. 263.

[*Miller v. The Grand Trunk*, 15 Que. K.B. 118, followed.]

INJURY TO WORKMAN; LOSS OF EYE; DEFECTIVE TOOLS.

Plaintiff, a workman in the defendants' employment, lost the sight of an eye through being struck with an iron splinter from the

ring of a wooden hammer used in caulking operations. The condition of the tool was brought by the plaintiff to the foreman's notice immediately before the accident, not in the sense of its being dangerous, as similar tools in similar condition were often used, but as to its condition to do the work effectively. The foreman directed plaintiff, as time was important, to try to do the work with the hammer, and the accident occurred. There was no question of the foreman's competence, or that the tool as supplied by the employers was defective or dangerous.—Held, on appeal, affirming the judgment of Hunter, C.J.B.C., setting aside the verdict of the jury in favour of the plaintiff, that there had been no negligence on the part of the defendants; that if there was any negligence it was on the part of the foreman, a fellow servant, and it was shewn that he was a competent person for the position. *Kellett v. British Columbia Marine Railways Co.*, 16 B.C.R. 196, 18 W.L.R. 368.

INJURY TO SERVANT; NEGLIGENCE; DEFECTS IN MACHINERY; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

Short v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 3 W.L.R. 326 (Terr.).

NEGLECT; INJURY TO WORKMAN; UNSKILFUL USE OF TOOL; UNSUITABILITY OF TOOL SUPPLIED FOR WORKMAN'S USE; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

Great Northern Ry. Co. v. Turcot, 4 E.L.R. 361 (Que.).

DERAILMENT; DEFECTIVE ROAD-BED; VIS MAJOR.

The road-bed of applicants' railway was constructed, in 1893, at a place where it followed a curve round the side of a hill, a cutting being made into the slope and an embankment formed to carry the rails, the grade being one and one-half per cent. or 78.2 feet to the mile. The whole of the embankment was built on the natural surface, which consisted, as afterwards discovered, of a layer of sandy loam of three or four feet in depth, resting upon clay sub-soil. No borings or other examinations were made in order to ascertain the nature of the sub-soil and the road-bed remained for a number of years without shewing any subsidence except such as was considered to be due to natural causes and required only occasional repairs; the necessity for such repairs had become more frequent, however, for a couple of months immediately prior to the accident which occasioned the injury complained of. Water, coming either from the berm-ditch, or from a natural spring formed beneath the sandy

loam, had gradually run down the slope, lubricated the surface of the clay, and, finally, caused the entire embankment and sandy layer to slide away about the time a train was approaching, on the evening of 20th September, 1904. The train was derailed and wrecked and the engine-driver was killed. In an action by his widow for the recovery of damages—Held, that in constructing the road-bed, without sufficient examination, upon treacherous soil and failing to maintain it in a safe and proper condition, the railway company was, prima facie, guilty of negligence which cast upon them the onus of shewing that the accident was due to some undiscoverable cause; that this onus was not discharged by the evidence adduced from which inferences merely could be drawn and which failed to negative the possibility of the accident having been occasioned by other causes which might have been foreseen and guarded against, and that, consequently, the company was liable in damages. Judgment appealed from affirmed, following *The Great Western Ry. Co. of Canada v. Braid*, (1 Moo. P.C. (N.S. 101)). *Quebec and Lake St. John Ry. Co. v. Julien*, etc., 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 54, 37 Can. S.C.R. 632.

[Referred to in *Isbister v. Dominion Fish Co.*, 19 Man. L.R. 449.]

DANGEROUS CONDITION OF PREMISES; ACCUMULATION OF SNOW AND ICE.

In an action against a railway company for alleged negligence it appeared that the deceased was killed by being run over while shunting cars. The evidence shewed that the space between two sets of tracks in the defendants' yard was dangerous by reason of an accumulation of snow and ice thereon, but there was no evidence that the tracks themselves were not in good condition, and it was merely a matter of conjecture whether, at the time of the accident, the deceased was on the tracks or on the space between them.—Held, that under these circumstances the accident could not be said to have been due to the defendants' negligence, and the plaintiff's action failed. Judgment of the Divisional Court, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 44, reversed. *Armstrong v. The Canadian Atlantic Ry. Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 339, 4 O.L.R. 560.

[Considered in *Lever v. McArthur*, 9 B.C.R. 418; distinguished in *Bell Bros. v. Hudson's Bay Ins. Co.*, 2 S.L.R. 361; followed in *O'Connor v. Hamilton*, 8 O.L.R. 391, 3 O.W.R. 918; *Smith v. McIntosh*, 13 O.L.R. 118; referred to in *Giovannazzo v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 19 O.L.R. 325; *Ivesco v. Winnipeg*, 16 Man. L.R. 364; *O'Connor v. Hamilton*, 10 O.L.R. 529, 6 O.W.R. 227;

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NEGLECT; DUTY TO PACK FROGS.

Contributory negligence may be a defence to an action for damages, suffered in consequence of a breach of a statutory duty. *Groves v. Wimborne*, [1898] 2 Q.B. 419, and *Beven on Negligence*, pp. 633, 634, 643, and the cases there cited, followed. In an action for damages for injuries suffered by the plaintiff, a brakeman, in consequence of putting his foot in a frog which it was alleged had not been properly packed as required by s. 288 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, the trial Judge charged the jury that if the frog was unpacked, the company would be liable, whether the plaintiff was guilty of contributory negligence or not:—Held, that this was a misdirection, and that notwithstanding the question of contributory negligence was submitted to the jury and answered in plaintiff's favour, there should be a new trial. *Street v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 212, 18 Man. L.R. 334.

[*Bray v. Ford*, [1896] A.C., at p. 49, and *Lucas v. Moore* (1878), 3 A.R., at p. 614, followed.]

BRAKEMAN INJURED WHILST UNCOUPLING CARS; DEFECTIVE APPARATUS.

The plaintiff, a brakeman on duty in the defendants' employ was injured in an attempt to uncouple a number of cars from an engine, the train being in motion. There was evidence that the lever on the engine tender failed to work properly, that there was no lever on the end of the car next the tender, and that the plaintiff, in order to uncouple, had to reach in between the ends of the cars in an effort to pull out the coupling pin. In so doing he either tripped or was knocked down and had an arm cut off by the wheels of the tender:—Held, that in view of the requirement of sub-s. (c) of s. 264 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, that all cars should be equipped with apparatus which shall prevent the necessity of brakemen going in between the ends of the cars to uncouple, the plaintiff had made out a prima facie case of negligence, and that the nonsuit entered at the trial should be set aside, and a new trial granted. Costs of the former trial and of the appeal to be costs to the plaintiff in any event of the cause. The trial Judge had made an order that, if a new trial should be granted by the Court of Appeal, then in the event of either of the plaintiff's witnesses being out of the country, he should have the right to read the evidence such witness had given at the trial on the case coming up for trial

again, and the Court ordered this provision to be embodied in the judgment. *Scott v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 222, 19 Man. L.R. 29.

DANGEROUS WAY; POSITION OF PERIL; FAIR INFERENCE.

An action to recover damages for the death of plaintiff's (respondent's) son, an employee of the appellant company, because of its alleged negligence. The deceased was engaged at the time of the accident in wheeling about 200 pounds of concrete in a wheelbarrow from the mixer along and over a runway and platform. The body was found on the ground below with the head to the northeast and the feet to the southwest, 12 or 15 feet to the northeast of the said runway and east of its centre; while the wheelbarrow is described as being found "right in under the narrow runway right against the west abutment, cement and all in the corner." There was no eye-witness of the accident. The jury found that the death was owing to the negligence of the defendant (appellant), by allowing men to use a runway only 20 inches wide at a height of 29 feet from the ground; that the way was defective for the same reason and that the deceased could not by the exercise of reasonable care, have avoided the injury:—Held, (1) That the defendant was guilty of negligence in having a runway which was defective because of being unnecessarily narrow. (2) That the deceased fell from the narrow north runway was the only fair and legitimate inference. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. McKeand*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 472.

[Vide 18 O.W.R. 309, 16 O.W.R. 664.]

LIABILITY OF RAILWAY COMPANY TO BRAKEMAN; STAND PIPE NEAR TRACK.

A railway company which has complied with an order of the Board of Railway Commissioners, under sub-s. (g) of s. 30, c. 37, R.S.C. 1906, requiring its water stand pipes to be placed 7 feet 6 inches from the centre of its tracks, is relieved from liability to a brakeman for injuries sustained while riding on a ladder on the side of a car, by coming into contact with a stand pipe located as required by such order. *G.T.R. v. McKay* (1903), 34 Can. S.C.R. 81, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 52, followed. *Clark v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, (B.C.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 51, 2 D.L.R. 331.

[Referred in *Kizer v. Kent Lumber*, 5 D.L.R. 317.]

IMPROPER CAR EQUIPMENT.

The fact that a box freight car was not equipped with ladders at the ends as

required by sub-s. 5 of s. 264 of the Railway Act, will not render a railway company liable for injuries sustained by a servant while attempting to couple cars, where the absence of such ladder was not the contributing cause of such injury. *Stone v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, (Ont.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 61, 4 D.L.R. 789.

[Reversed in 13 D.L.R. 93.]

ABSENCE OF LADDER FROM END OF FOREIGN RAILWAY CAR; STATUTORY CONDITION.

A verdict for the defendant should be directed where the evidence shows that the plaintiff, a brakeman in the former's employ, received an injury as the result of his own carelessness while attempting to couple cars, and not as the result of the absence of a ladder from the end of a car that, in the interchange of traffic, under sec. 317 of the Railway Act was received by the defendant from and was owned by a railway company operating in the United States, which was not shown to be under any obligation, statutory or otherwise, to maintain ladders on the ends as well as the sides of its box freight cars. *Stone v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, (Ont.), 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 61, 4 D.L.R. 789.

[Reversed in 13 D.L.R. 93.]

OPERATION OF SNOW-PLOUGH; DEFECTIVE SYSTEM.

In order to entitle the plaintiff to recover from a railway company for negligently causing the death of a locomotive fireman as the result of a defective system of operating a snow-plough, which was being propelled by the locomotive at the time of the accident, by placing a signalman on the plough who had not passed the necessary eye and ear test, and an examination as to train rules, it must appear that such negligence was the proximate cause of his death. *Jones v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, (Ont.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 76, 5 D.L.R. 332.

LIABILITY OF MASTER; SCOPE OF EMPLOYMENT; SAFETY AS TO PLACE AND APPLIANCES.

A foreman in charge of an electric power-house is acting within the sphere of his employment when he himself does or assists in doing necessary work which ordinarily would be done by others under his charge upon whom he had the right to call, unless it is shown that his authority was limited by his employer to the requisitioning of help in such cases. [*Barnes v. Numery Colliery Co.*, [1912] A.C. 44, and *Whitehead v. Reader*, [1901] 2 K.B. 48, referred to.] It is the duty of the employer to provide proper appliances for the employees and to maintain them in a proper condition and so to carry on his operations as not to subject

those employed by him to unnecessary risk. [*Smith v. Baker*, [1891] A.C. 325, applied; *Schwab v. Michigan Central Ry. Co.*, 9 O.L.R. 86, and *Can. Woollen Mills v. Trappin*, 35 Can. S.C.R. 424, referred to.] When a workman in the course of his employment is placed in a position of peril by the negligence of his master in the construction of the works and ways of the master, and an accident happens to the workman in the way that might be expected from the negligence found, a jury can infer that the negligence caused the accident. [*McKeand v. C.P.R.*, 1 O.W.N. 1059, 2 O.W.N. 812, referred to.] Neither the employee's knowledge of a defect in the condition of the works due to the employer's negligence, nor the continuance in the employment, is conclusive evidence of willingness on the part of the employee to incur the risk. [*Church v. Appellby*, 60 L.T.N.S. 542; *Yarmouth v. France*, 19 Q.B.D. 647; *Smith v. Baker*, [1891] A.C. 325; *Williams v. Birmingham Battery Co.*, [1899] 2 Q.B. 338; *Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co. v. Brulott*, 46 Can. S.C.R. 629, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 95, referred to.] *Fairweather v. Canadian General Electric Co.*, (Ont.) 10 D.L.R. 130.

LIABILITY OF MASTER; DANGEROUS MACHINERY.

To maintain in an electric power house a rapidly rotating shaft with a "key-seat" cut into it for coupling more shafting and left exposed in such a manner as was likely to catch the clothing of workmen in the narrow passageway facing that end of the shaft, constitutes an omission by the employer to take reasonable care for the safety of the employees for which he is liable, both at common law and under the Workmen's Compensation Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 160, for injuries sustained by an employee through being caught by the shaft while in the discharge of his duty in circumstances under which he could not be expected to have in mind the dangerous shaft-end. An electric power house is not a "factory," within the meaning of the Ontario Factories Act, R.S.O., c. 256, so as to make applicable to it the statutory regulations as to the guarding of machinery in factories. *Hicks v. Smith's Falls Electric Power Co.*, 10 D.L.R. 553, 19 Rev. de Jur. 494.

[See also *Kizer v. Kent Lumber Co.*, 5 D.L.R. 317.]

DUTY TO INSPECT; LATENT DEFECTS; ICE IN CAR COUPLER.

The duty of a railway company to inspect cars for defects was discharged, so as to absolve it from liability for an injury to a brakeman through the failure of an auto-

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matic car coupler of the best known type to work properly by reason of an accumulation of ice inside it, where the car, on its arrival at a station, was given the usual inspection, and no practicable system of inspection would have disclosed the presence of the ice. *Phalen v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co.*, 12 D.L.R. 347, 23 Man. L.R. 435.

STRINGING WIRES; LIABILITY FOR INJURY TO SERVANT; INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.

One who contracts to string wires on poles to be set by him in holes dug by another contractor, which were accepted as being sufficiently deep, is answerable for the death of a servant as the result of the fall of a pole on which he was working that was set in a hole not deep enough to hold it securely, since there was a failure to furnish a safe place in which to work. The defence of common employment is not applicable where a servant's injury is due to the breach of the master's duty to provide a safe place in which to work. *Salter v. Vancouver Power Co.*, (B.C.) 13 D.L.R. 143.

[*Ainslie Mining, etc., Co. v. McDougall*, 42 Can. S.C.R. 420, followed.]

D. Signals and Warnings.

INJURY TO SWITCHMAN; FAILURE TO WARN.

At the trial before a jury of an action by a switchman to recover damages against a railway company for injuries alleged to have been caused to him while engaged in the execution of his duty under the orders of his foreman through negligence in the operation of a train by other servants of the company and because there was not sufficient room between the different tracks in the railway yard to enable the plaintiff to carry on his work safely, the defences of contributory negligence and *volenti non fit injuria* are properly for the jury, and, when there was some evidence that the bell had not been rung or the whistle sounded on the train which struck the plaintiff, and to show that the "lay-out" of the yard was defective, a verdict entered for the defendants by direction of the trial judge should be set aside and a new trial granted. *Toronto Ry. Co. v. King*, (1908) A.C. 260; and *Higley v. City of Winnipeg*, (1910) 20 M.R. 22, followed.

[*Wood v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 20 Man. L.R. 92 (appeal pending).]

NEGLECTANCE CAUSING DEATH; TRAIN MOVING BACKWARDS; ABSENCE OF LIGHTS TO WARN.

A conductor in defendants' employ, while engaged in the performance of the duty for

which he was engaged at the Windsor Station of the Canadian Pacific Ry. in Montreal, was killed by a train which was being moved backwards in the station yard. There was no light on the rear end of the last car of the train, nor was there any person stationed there to give warning of the movement of the train:—Held, that by omitting to have a light on the rear end of the train the railway company failed in its duty, and this constituted *prima facie* evidence of negligence. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Virginie Boisseau es qualite et al.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 335, 32 Can. S.C.R. 424.

[Applied *Jess v. Quebec and Levis Ferry Co.*, Q.R. 25 S.C. 241; distinguished in *Can. Pac. Ry. Co. v. Dionne*, Q.R. 18 K.B. 389; followed in *Lamond v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 16 O.L.R. 365, 11 O.W.R. 442; referred to in *McMullin et al. v. Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co.*, 41 N.S.R. 517.]

FAILURE TO GIVE SIGNALS; DEATH OF TRACK FOREMAN; NEGLIGENCE OF CREW OF ENGINE.

The plaintiff's husband, while in the actual discharge of his duty as section foreman on the defendants' railway examining the track, was struck by a yard engine running backwards. No lookout was on the tail board or rear of the engine and no signal of any kind was given to warn the deceased of the approach of the engine:—Held, that there was ample evidence to support the findings of the jury that the deceased came to his death in consequence of the negligence of the engine crew in neither blowing the whistle, ringing the bell nor keeping a proper lookout, and that the deceased could not, by the exercise of reasonable care under the circumstances, have avoided the accident, and that the appeal from the verdict in favour of the plaintiff should be dismissed. Although the deceased, if he had looked round, would have seen the approaching engine and stepped out of the way, yet he was engaged at the time in the discharge of a duty of an absorbing character which would naturally take his whole attention and, under the circumstances, a jury might properly infer that there was no absence of reasonable care on the part of the deceased. Moreover, even if the deceased had been guilty of negligence, the defendants would still be liable if the engine crew could, by the exercise of reasonable care, have avoided the accident. [*Coyle v. Great Northern Ry. Co.*, (1887) L.R. 20 Ir. 409; *The Bernina* (1887), 12 P.D. 89; *Kelly v. Union Ry. & T. Co.* (1888), 8 S.W.R. 20; *Canada Southern Ry. Co. v. Jackson* (1890), 17 S.C.R. 316; *London and Western Trusts Co. v. Lake Erie*

and Detroit River Ry. Co. (1906), 12 O.L.R. 28, 7 O.W.R. 751, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 364, followed.] The omission of a common law duty is actionable negligence equally with the omission of a statutory duty, and the common law requires the defendants' servants, when running through the yard, to take the obvious precaution of watching for workmen lawfully on the track and giving them timely warning: *Canada Atlantic Ry. Co. v. Henderson* (1899), 29 S.C.R. 632.—Held, also, that the jury would have been justified if they had drawn inferences unfavourable to the defence from the fact that neither the engineer nor the fireman who were in charge of the engine was called to give evidence for the defence: *Green v. Toronto Ry. Co.* (1895), 26 O.R. 326. The accident occurred within twenty feet of a public highway crossing, but, *Quaere*, whether s. 224 of the Railway Act, 1903 (D.), requiring that the whistle should be sounded when approaching a highway crossing and that the bell should be continuously rung until the highway is crossed, can be invoked on behalf of any persons except those using the highway crossing. *Wallman v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 229, 16 Man. L.R. 82.

[Distinguished in *Ibister v. Dominion Fish Co.*, 19 Man. L.R. 443; doubted in *Lamond v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 16 O.L.R. 365.]

SIGNALS AND WARNINGS; BREACH OF STATUTORY DUTY; COMMON EMPLOYMENT; LIABILITY ACT; FATAL INJURIES ACT.

Section 251 of the Railway Act of Nova Scotia provides that when a train is moving reversely in a city, town or village the company shall station a person on the last car to warn persons standing on or crossing the track, of its approach and provides a penalty for violation of such provision:—Held, that this enactment is for the protection of servants of the company standing on or crossing the track as well as of other persons. M. was killed by a train, consisting of an engine and coal car, which was moving reversely in North Sydney. No person was stationed on the last car to give warning of its approach and as the bell was encrusted with snow and ice it could not be heard. Evidence was given that on a train of the kind the conductor was supposed to act as brakeman and would have to be on the rear of the coal-car to work the brakes but when the car struck M., who was engaged at the time in keeping the track clear of snow, the conductor was in the cab of the engine:—Held, *Idington, J.*, dissenting, that an ab-

solute duty was cast on the company by the statute to station a person on the last car to warn workmen, as well as other persons, on the track which, under the facts proved, they had neglected to discharge. The defence under the doctrine of common employment was, therefore, not open to them. *Groves v. Wimborne*, [1898] 2 Q.B. 402, followed:—Held, per *Idington, J.*, that the evidence shewed the only failure of the company to comply with the statutory provision to have been through the acts and omissions of the fellow-servants of deceased; that the company, therefore, could not be held liable for the consequences under the Fatal Injuries Act; that it is, therefore, unnecessary to determine the applicability of the said section of the Railway Act, as the fellow-servants were guilty of common law negligence which rendered the company liable but only by virtue of and within the limits of the Employers' Liability Act, 41 N.S.R. 514 reversed. *Mc-McMullin v. Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 198, 39 Can. S.C.R. 593.

[Followed in *Pettit v. Can. North Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 293, 7 D.L.R. 645.]

ACCIDENT TO EMPLOYEE; WATCHMAN AT CROSSING; BACKING TRAIN.

A watchman of the defendant company at a certain crossing in a city was killed by two cars being "kicked off" in the usual way from a train which was backing in an easterly direction for that purpose. A brakeman with a lamp was on top of the western-most of the two cars, but was not keeping a look-out, and gave no warning that the cars were moving. There was no light on the crossing, nor was any one stationed on the cars "kicked off," to warn people, and the engine bell was ringing:—Held, that the defendants were guilty of negligence and were liable for his death, not having complied with s. 276 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, by stationing a person on the front car to warn people. Although the deceased was an employee of the defendants and it was his duty to protect persons crossing the track from the cars, he had a right to rely, so far as his own safety was concerned, on nothing being done to expose him to unnecessary danger, and on the above section being complied with. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Boisseau* (1902), 32 Can. S.C.R. 424, followed. *Lamond v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 401, 16 O.L.R. 365.

[Followed in *Pettit v. Can. North Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 293, 7 D.L.R. 645.]

**INJURY TO CAR CLEANER WALKING ON TRACK;
TRAIN AHEAD OF TIME; EXCESSIVE SPEED;
FAILURE TO RING BELL.**

A car cleaner employed by the defendants was injured through being struck by a locomotive engine while walking upon the track upon which the engine was moving. The jury at the trial found that the injured party was not guilty of any negligence which caused or contributed to the accident, but that the negligence which caused the accident was improper light of yards during time of alterations and the train being a little ahead of time running at an excessive rate of speed. The jury did not answer the question as to failure to ring the bell:—Held, that the accident was not due to actionable negligence on the defendants' part and the action must be dismissed. Moss, C.J.O.:—When a jury exonerate an injured party from the charge of contributory negligence upon the evidence which but for the finding would appear to shew very convincingly that he was the author of his own injuries, the Court should ascertain whether there is evidence upon which the jury might reasonably find negligence on the part of the defendants which actually caused the injury or whether the findings of the jury make a case of actionable negligence against the defendants. Charges of alleged negligence expressly put to the jury upon which the jury did not make a finding must be taken to have been negatived. Meredith, J.A.:—There was no duty owed by the defendants to the plaintiff regarding the time of arrival of any of its trains. There is no rule of law limiting the rate of speed of railway trains in the interests of railway workmen. Paquette v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 68, 19 O.W.R. 305.

[Andreas v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 37 S.C.R. 1, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 450, followed.]

**SECTION-MAN KILLED ON TRACK; ABSENCE OF
HEAD-LIGHT IN FOG; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.**

Early on a foggy morning in September, the plaintiff's husband, a section-man employed by the defendants, was working on the north track of the defendants' double-tracked line, when he was struck by an engine coming from the west upon the north track, and killed. He must have heard the engine approaching, but supposed that it was on the south track, which was the usual one for east-bound trains. In an action by his widow to recover damages for his death, the jury, in answer to questions submitted, found that the defendants had been negligent in: (1) "neglecting to switch back train on to right line at Lyn"; (2)

not carrying a head-light. The jury also found that there had been no contributory negligence; and they assessed the plaintiff's damages at a sum for which the trial Judge pronounced judgment in her favour, with costs:—Held, on appeal, that there was no proper evidence to support the first finding of negligence; but (Meredith, J.A., dissenting) that, as there was uncontradicted evidence that the engine had no head-light, as the defendants' rules provided that a train running when obscured by fog must display a head-light, as the jury might well infer that, if it had been displayed, it probably would have prevented the accident, as the point was, though not specially mentioned in the pleadings, submitted to the jury by the trial Judge, without objection, and was, in the circumstances, one proper for their consideration, and as there was evidence upon which the jury might well negative contributory negligence, judgment was properly given for the plaintiff. Per Meredith, J.A.:—The jury may act upon proper presumptions of fact, but may not draw upon their imaginations, nor supply facts which ought to be proved under oath. The analogy of judicial notice obtains to some extent, but is limited to a few matters of elemental experience; and it is not in the category of elemental experience that in a dense fog in the daylight the head-light of an engine would have conveyed to the deceased the fact that the train was running on the east-bound track, in time to save him from his assurance that it was on the other track. There was not a particle of evidence that the negligence of the defendants in running the train without a head-light was the cause of the accident; and there should be a new trial. Graham v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 232, 25 O.L.R. 429.

**SWING BRIDGE ON RAILWAY; SEMAPHORE AND
BRIDGE LIGHTS.**

The exception to a rule of a railway company that its trains are entirely under the control of the conductors and that their orders must be obeyed except when they are in conflict with the rules and regulations or plainly involve any risk or hazard to life or property, in either of which cases all participating will be held alike accountable, does not apply where an engine driver passed a semaphore which was against his train proceeding and stopped at a water tank until he had filled his engine when he signalled to the conductor that he was ready to go ahead and the conductor signalled to him to go ahead and he ran on to an open bridge which was near the tank and the engine ran off into the water and the engineer was drowned and where the

jury found that the engineer acted reasonably and with proper precaution when he saw that the lights of the bridge indicated that all was right to go across and that he went ahead upon being signalled by the conductor to do so. Where a locomotive driver passed a semaphore which was against his train proceeding and stopped at a water tank until he had filled his engine, when he signalled the conductor, who, by a rule of the company, had entire control of the train, that he was ready to go ahead and he ran on to a swing bridge which was then being opened to let a tug pass and the engine ran off into the water and the engineer was drowned, his death was due to the negligence of the conductor and not to his own, his act of negligence in passing the semaphore having expended itself when the train stopped at the water tank. *Smith v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 3 O.W.N. 279, reversed. *Smith v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, (Ont.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 49, 2 D.L.R. 251.

[Reversed in 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 300, 8 D.L.R. 171.]

RAILWAY SWING BRIDGE; NEGLIGENCE.

Where a locomotive driver ignored and passed a semaphore which was against his train proceeding and stopped at a water tank until he had filled his engine, when he signalled the conductor, who, by a rule of the company, had entire control of the train, that he was ready to go ahead, and the conductor signalled him to go ahead, and he, still ignoring the semaphore, ran on to a swing bridge which was then being opened to let a tug pass and the engine ran off into the water and the engineer was drowned, his death was due to his own negligence. *Smith v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 49, 2 D.L.R. 251, reversed; *Smith v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 3 O.W.N. 379, restored. The exception to a rule of a railway company that its trains are entirely under the control of the conductors and that their orders must be obeyed except when they are in conflict with the rules and regulations or plainly involve any risk or hazard to life or property, in either of which cases all participating will be held alike accountable, is applicable where an engine driver passed a semaphore which was against his train proceeding and stopped at a water tank until he had filled his engine, when he signalled to the conductor that he was ready to go ahead and the conductor signalled to him to go ahead and he ran on to an open bridge which was near the tank and the engine ran off into the water and the engineer was drowned, although the jury found that the engineer acted reasonably

and with proper precaution when he saw that the lights on the bridge indicated that all was right to go across and that he went ahead upon being signalled by the conductor to do so. *Smith v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, (No. 2) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 300, 8 D.L.R. 171.

[*Smith v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 3 O.W.N. 379, restored; *Smith v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 49, 2 D.L.R. 251, reversed.]

RAILWAY FIREMAN; NEGLIGENCE OF ENGINEER; ABSENCE OF SIGNALS; COMMON LAW.

A railway company is not liable at common law for the death of the fireman of a locomotive that was propelling a snow-plough, as the result of a collision with another train, due to the negligence of the engineer in charge of the engine in continuing to run it without attempting to learn the cause of the failure of the signalman on the plough to give crossing and station signals, where no negligence on the part of the signalman was shown, as the engineer whose negligence caused the accident was the deceased's fellow-servant. *Jones v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, (Ont.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 76, 5 D.L.R. 332.

DRUNKENNESS OF SIGNALMAN CAUSING DERAILMENT; INTERLOCKING PLANT.

The Board granted the application of the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. to cross the tracks of the Canadian Northern Ry. Co. upon the terms that the applicant should at its own expense, insert a diamond in the track, provide, maintain and operate an interlocking plant including the cost of keeping a signalman in charge of the crossing. The signalman was appointed by the Canadian Northern to the satisfaction of both companies. While a Canadian Pacific train was approaching the crossing the signalman, being intoxicated, derailed the train, killing the fireman. The Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. was held liable in damages for the death of its servant the fireman, because it was alone responsible for the negligence of the signalman, who, at the time of the accident, while adjusting the points and giving the signals for its train, was to be regarded as a person in its employment. The whole circumstances of the employment must be looked at and the real effect of the actual relation existing must not be lost sight of in deference to a formula about hiring and paying. *Hansford v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* (1909), 13 O.W.R. 1184, at p. 1187, specially referred to. *Pattison v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 401, 24 O.L.R. 482.

[Reversed in 26 O.L.R. 410, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 405].

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LIABILITY OF MASTER; "RESPONDEAT SUPERIOR"; NEGLIGENCE OF SIGNALMAN.

The application of the rule respondeat superior to each particular case depends upon facts and is a question of fact. *McCartan v. Belfast Harbour Commissioners*, [1911] 2 Ir. R. 143, 44 Irish L.T. 223, referred to. Where a railway company applies to the Railway Board under s. 227 of the Railway Act, R.S.C., c. 37, for leave to cross the line of another railway company, and the Board, by its order giving leave to cross, directs that an interlocking plant shall be established at the crossing at the expense of the applicant company, and that the other company, whenever it desires to make use of the crossing shall be entitled upon notice to the applicant company, to place a signalman in charge thereof, whose wages are paid by the company appointing him and reimbursed to it by the applicant company, the signalman so appointed is the servant of the company appointing him, and that company, and not the applicant company, is liable to a servant of the applicant company who is injured by the negligence of the signalman in passing a train of the applicant company over the crossing. *Pattison v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 405, 26 O.L.R. 410.

[Judgment of Boyd, C., *Pattison v. C. P.R.*, 24 O.L.R. 482, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 401, reversed, Garrow, J.A., dissenting.]

E. Health Protection.

INJURY ON PUBLIC WORK; "PUBLIC WORKS HEALTH ACT"; REGULATIONS BY ORDER-IN-COUNCIL; BREACH OF STATUTORY DUTY.

The provisions of s. 3 of the "Public Works Health Act," R.S.C. 1906, c. 135, do not impose on a Government Department or a company constructing a public work the obligation to provide hospitals and surgical attendance for the treatment of personal injuries sustained by employees, whether of themselves or of their contractors or sub-contractors, in the construction of such work. *Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co. v. White*, 43 Can. S.C.R. 627, reversing *White v. Grand Trunk Pacific*, 2 Alta. L.R. 522.

ACCIDENT TO BRAKEMAN; IMPAIRING FITNESS OF SERVANT TO DO WORK.

An employer who keeps his servant continuously at work for an undue number of hours, makes himself liable for the result in damages of an accident to such servant in the ordinary discharge of his duty, caused by his inability from fatigue to use the skill and care required. (2) The father of the servant under age in the above circum-

stances has a right of action against the employer to recover his expense and loss of time in caring for his son, and for the medical attendance for which he has made himself responsible, but not for loss resulting from the diminished earning capacity of his son in the future. *Great Northern Ry. Co. v. Couture*, 14 Que. K.B. 316.

UNLICENSED PHYSICIAN ENGAGED TO ATTEND EMPLOYEES; LIABILITY OF RAILWAY.

Where it is established that a physician engaged by an employer, upon salary provided by means of deduction from the wages of the employees, for the purpose of affording medical care and attendance to the employees, was not a licensed medical practitioner, the employer is liable for damages sustained through the fault of the physician, unless he produces evidence to shew that the engagement was made through error and without fault attributable to him. *North Shore Power and Navigation Co. v. Wallis*, Q.R. 20 K.B. 506.

F. Licensee; Trespasser; Free Pass.

EMPLOYEES OF OTHER COMPANY; DUTY OF REASONABLE CARE TO.

A lumber company had railway sidings laid in their yard for convenience in shipping lumber over the line of railway, with which the switches connected, and followed the practice of pointing out to the railway company the loaded cars to be removed, the railway company thereupon sending their locomotive and crew to the respective sidings in the lumber yard and bringing away the cars to be despatched from their depot as directed by the bills of lading:—Held, that in the absence of any special agreement to such effect, the railway company's servants, while so engaged, were not the employees of the lumber company, and that the railway company remain liable for the conduct of the persons in charge of the locomotive used in the moving of the cars; and that where the lumber company's employees remained in a car lawfully pursuing their occupation there, the persons in charge of the locomotive owed them the duty of using reasonable skill and care in moving the car with them in it, so as to avoid all risk and injury to them. 22 A.R. (Ont.) 292, affirming 25 O.R. 209, affirmed. *Canada Atlantic Ry. Co. v. Hurdman*, 25 Can. S.C.R. 205.

[Referred to in *Tobin v. New Glasgow Iron, Coal and Ry. Co.*, 29 N.S.R. 76.]

EMPLOYEE TRAVELLING ON PASS; FELLOW SERVANT; COMMON EMPLOYMENT.

Deceased, an employee of defendant com-

pany, was killed in a collision between the car of the defendant company on which he was travelling to his work, and a freight car which had been allowed to get loose and run down grade alone. There was no proof of how this car got away. Some evidence was given of a pass from the company having been found on deceased, but not to shew that this pass had been issued to him over that portion of the line, nor was the pass produced.—Held, that the onus was on the defendant company to shew that deceased was travelling on a pass, and that it was not shewn that he was being carried in such circumstances as to make him a fellow servant with those operating the line. Per Irving, J.A.:—That the case had not been tried out, because the trial Judge, after instructing the jury that defendant company would not be liable if it was found that deceased was travelling on a pass by reason of the negligence of a fellow servant, asked the jury to find whether the accident was due to a defective system without explaining to them what constituted a defective system. *Wilkinson v. British Columbia Electric Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 378, 16 B.C.R. 113.

[Affirmed in 45 Can. S.C.R. 263, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 382.]

DEFECTIVE SYSTEM; GRATUITOUS PASSENGER; FREE PASS; FELLOW SERVANT.

The plaintiff's husband was an employee engaged as a mechanic in the company's workshops and was travelling thither to his work on one of the company's passenger cars, as a passenger, without payment of fare. A freight car became detached from a train, some distance ahead of the passenger car and proceeding in the same direction, it ran backwards down a grade, collided with the passenger car and the plaintiff's husband was killed. The manner in which the freight car became detached was not shewn. On the body of the deceased there was found a permit or "pass," which was not produced, and there was no evidence to shew any conditions in it, nor over what portion of the company's lines nor for what purposes it was to be honoured. On the close of the plaintiff's case, the defendants adduced no evidence whatever, and the jury found that the company was at fault, owing to a defective system of operation of their trains, and assessed damages, at common law, for which judgment was entered for the plaintiff.—Held, that there was a presumption that deceased was lawfully on the passenger car, and, in the exercise of their business as common carriers of passengers, the company were, therefore, obliged to use a high degree of

care in order to avoid injury being caused to him through negligence; that there was nothing in the evidence to shew that deceased occupied the position of a fellow servant with the employees engaged in the operation of the trains which were in collision; and that, in the absence of evidence shewing any agreement, express or implied, or some relationship between the company and deceased which would exclude or limit liability, the plaintiff was entitled to recover damages at common law. *British Columbia Electric Ry. Co. v. Wilkinson*, 13 Can. Cr. Cas. 382, 45 Can. S.C.R. 263.

[Judgment appealed from, 16 B.C.R. 113, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 378, affirmed. *Nightingale v. Union Colliery Co.*, 35 Can. S.C.R. 65, distinguished.]

LIABILITY; BRAKEMAN OF ANOTHER RAILWAY; TRACING CARS.

A brakeman who was employed by a railway company other than the defendant, cannot recover for injuries sustained by being struck by a train where, without the knowledge or leave of the defendant, he was in its yard looking for cars that might be delivered to his master in due course, so as to, for his own convenience, expedite their disposal, when received, since no breach of any duty owed him by the defendant was the cause of his injury. *Cunningham v. Michigan Central Ry. Co.*, (Ont.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 96, 4 D.L.R. 221.

EMPLOYEE OF ANOTHER RAILWAY IN DEFENDANT'S YARD; DUTY TO TRESPASSER; SPEED OF TRAIN IN RAILWAY YARD.

A brakeman of a railway company other than the defendant cannot recover for injuries sustained while, for purposes of his own, he was in the defendants' yard, by being struck by a train that gave all statutory warnings of its approach, where the plaintiff stated immediately after the accident that he saw the train coming but supposed that it was on a track different from that near which he was standing and where no peculiar circumstances are shewn to require a lessening of speed in the yard below that permitted by statute. *Cunningham v. Michigan Central Ry. Co.*, (Ont.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 96, 4 D.L.R. 221.

ACQUESCENCE OF RAILWAY COMPANY.

Permission of a railway company to a brakeman of another company to enter its yards to look for cars that might be delivered his master in due course, so as to, for his own convenience, facilitate their disposal when received, cannot be inferred from the testimony of the plaintiff that he had done so for several months in the

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night-time, or from the testimony of a servant of the defendant that he had "seen them come out different times," since it was not sufficient to shew knowledge on the part of the defendant of the plaintiff's conduct, much less to establish acquiescence therein sufficient to amount to leave or right to do so. *Cunningham v. Michigan Central Ry. Co.*, (Ont.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 96, 4 D.L.R. 221.

G. Assumption of Risk; Volens.

NEGLECT; RISK VOLUNTARILY INCURRED;
"VOLENTI NON FIT INJURIA."

On the trial of an action for damages in consequence of an employee of a lumber company being killed in a loaded car which was being shunted, the jury had found that "the deceased voluntarily accepted the risks of shunting," and that the death of the deceased was caused by defendant's negligence in shunting, in giving the car too strong a push.—Held, that the verdict meant only that deceased had voluntarily incurred the risks attending the shunting of the cars in a careful and skilful manner, and that the maxim "volenti non fit injuria" had no application. *Smith v. Baker*, [1891] A.C. 325, applied. 22 A.R. (Ont.) 292, affirming 25 O.R. 209, affirmed. *Canada Atlantic Ry. Co. v. Hurdman*, 25 Can. S.C.R. 205.

[Referred to in *Tobin v. New Glasgow Iron, etc., Ry. Co.*, 29 N.S.R. 76.]

DAINGEROUS WORKS; ORDINARY PRECAUTIONS;
KNOWLEDGE OF RISK; CONTRIBUTORY
NEGLECT; VOLUNTARY EXPOSURE TO
DANGER.

An employer carrying on hazardous works is obliged to take all reasonable precautions, commensurate with the danger of the employment, for the protection of employees, and, where this duty has been neglected, the employer is responsible in damages for injuries sustained by an employee as the direct result of such omission. *Lepitre v. The Citizens Light and Power Company*, 29 Can. S.C.R. 1, referred to by *Nesbitt, J.* In such a case it is not sufficient defence to shew that such a person injured had knowledge of the risks of his employment but there must be such knowledge shewn as, under the circumstances, leaves no doubt that the risk was voluntarily incurred and this must be found as a fact. Judgment of the King's Bench, Montreal, affirmed. *Montreal Park and Island Ry. Co. v. McDougall*, 36 Can. S.C.R. 1.

[Followed in *Grenier v. Wilson*, Q.R. 32 S.C. 207.]

DAINGEROUS WORK; COMMON FAULT.

Where an employee of a railway company was killed while engaged in a dangerous operation permitted by the conductor both the company and employee were held to be negligent. *Great Northern Ry. Co. v. Cyr*, Q.R. 18 K.B. 410.

OPERATION OF COAL MINE; NEGLIGENCE OF
EMPLOYEE.

Under the system of operating the defendant company's coal mine, coal was brought to the surface by means of box cars and at intervals what was termed a "rake of cars" was sent down to bring up men. In the latter case the rules of the company required the man in charge of the brake to give four raps upon the rope connecting the cars with the hoisting engine at the surface as a signal that men were on board, when the cars were raised at a much slower rate of speed than that employed in raising coal. The man in charge of the brake, in violation of the rules, gave only one rap upon the rope (the signal used where coal was being raised) and the cars being brought up at a great speed ran off the track, resulting in the death of one man and serious injury to another. In an action under the *Employers' Liability Act, R.S. 1900, c. 179*—Held, affirming the judgment of the trial Judge, (1) That the case was within s. 3, sub-s. (e) of the Act, relating to the negligence of persons in the service of the employer and having "charge or control of any points, signal, upon a railway, etc." (2) That there was no such contributory negligence on the part of plaintiff in remaining upon the cars (there having been an opportunity of getting off at a stopping place) as would disentitle him to recover. (3) That the principle *volenti non fit injuria* could not be invoked on behalf of the defendant company. *Bell v. Inverness Ry. and Coal Co.*, 42 N.S.R. 205.

KNOWLEDGE OF DEFECTS OR DANGER BY SER-
VANT; STATUTORY DUTY IMPOSED ON MAS-
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Where a statutory duty is cast upon a master in any particular work, the fact that a servant continues in that work with knowledge of its dangerous character and appreciation of the risk thereof, does not render the maxim "volenti non fit injuria" applicable so as to absolve the master from liability, unless it is shewn that the servant undertook the employment not only with knowledge of the risk involved, but also of the master's statutory duty in respect thereto. (*Per Gallaher, J.A.*) *Clark v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co. (B.C.)*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 51, 2 D.L.R. 331.

[Referred to in *Kizer v. Kent Lumber*, 5 D.L.R. 317.]

H. Negligence of Fellow Servant.

NEGLECT OF FELLOW WORKMAN; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE; DEFECTIVE SYSTEM.

Deceased while engaged in discharging the duties of section foreman for the defendant company in their railway yard was run over by a train and killed. There was a high wind blowing at the time accompanied by considerable snow, and deceased was occupied in keeping the points of a switch clear of snow. This required constant attention and under the conditions prevailing at the time prevented him from observing the approach of the train. The train was being moved in a reverse direction and the accident was shown to have been wholly due to the neglect of the proper persons, employed in connection with the running of the train, to ring the bell or blow the whistle or to stand on the forward end of the car for the purpose of giving the necessary warning. Plaintiffs, the widow and children of the deceased, sued for damages under the common law as aided by Lord Campbell's Act.—Held, that deceased was not guilty of contributory negligence, but that as all the negligent omissions were those of fellow workmen and there was no proof of a system on the part of the defendant company of running their trains without these precautions being taken, defendant was not liable. *McMullin v. Nova Scotia Steel & Coal Co.*, 41 N.S.R. 514.

UNSKILLED WORKMAN DIRECTED TO PERFORM WORK WHICH REQUIRES SKILL TO AVOID ACCIDENT.

Although an employer is not liable as a general rule, for the result of accidents which happen to employees from dangers essentially inherent in the work which is being performed, he, nevertheless, becomes liable when reasonable precautions have not been taken by him to reduce the danger to the lowest point or remove it altogether. And so, when work which is not specially unsafe for a skilled workman, such as the driving of spikes on a railway, is entrusted to an unskilled person, the employer is responsible for an accident to the workman resulting from his inexperience, reasonable precautions to avoid it not having been adopted. *Sparano v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 22 Que. S.C. 292 (Archibald, J.).

INJURY TO EMPLOYEE ROLLING TIMBERS; FELLOW SERVANT; FELLOW SERVANTS AND THEIR NEGLIGENCE.

Where an employee, while engaged with

fellow workmen in rolling up timbers on flat cars, which timbers were similar to telegraph poles, being larger at one end than the other, and the only inference to be drawn from the evidence as to the cause of the accident is one of three alternatives:—(1) the small end was rushed up too fast; or (2) the fellow-employees of the plaintiff let go the big end when they should and could have held it; or (3) there was not sufficient men on the job to hold the timber up, a judgment by the trial Court in favour of the defendant will be reversed on appeal and judgment entered for the plaintiff for his damages sustained. *Torague v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 8 D.L.R. 211.

[*Rostrom v. C.N.R.*, 3 D.L.R. 302, 21 W.L.R. 225, distinguished.]

NEGLECT OF TRACKMASTER; FELLOW SERVANT; COMMON EMPLOYMENT.

Negligence of a trackmaster of a railway company causing an injury to a man employed as one of a crew engaged in removing gravel from a ballasting train working on a section of the road under the control of the trackmaster is the negligence of a fellow-servant engaged in a common employment, and the company is not liable in an action for damage resulting therefrom. *Day v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 307, 36 N.B.R. 323.

COLLISION; DEATH OF RAILWAY FIREMAN ON SNOW-PLOUGH; UNQUALIFIED SIGNALMAN.

A railway company cannot be held liable for the death of a fireman on a snow-plough train as a result of a collision, merely because it employed an unqualified signalman on the snow-plough, where it did not appear that an accident was the result of his disqualification. *Jones v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, (Ont.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 76, 5 D.L.R. 332.

NEGLECT OF FELLOW SERVANT.

Where a yard foreman, engaged with his assistant upon their duties in the yard, was struck and injured by an engine which was being used for shunting purposes, a finding by the jury that the accident was caused by reason of the negligence of the assistant and that the latter had the charge or control of the engine, within the meaning of sub-s. 5 of s. 3 of the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, is supported by reasonable evidence where it appears that the engine was being run by an engineer who was subject to the orders of the assistant, who failed to carry out the orders he received from the yard foreman. *Martin v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 8 D.L.R. 590, 4 O.W.N. 51, 27 O.L.R. 165, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 1.

STATUTORY DUTY; RAILWAY EMPLOYEES PASSING TEST.

Where a railway company in breach of the duty imposed by Order No. 12225 of the Railway Commissioners of Canada, permits an employee to engage in the operation of trains without the specified examination and test, the company is, by virtue of s. 427 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, liable in damages to any person injured as a result of such breach of duty. *Jones v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 5 D.L.R. 332, 3 O.W.N. 1404, reversed; see also *Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act*, R.S.O. 1897, c. 160, R.S.O. 1914, c. 146; and *Fatal Accidents Act*, 1 Geo. V. (Ont.) c. 33, amending R.S.O. 1897, c. 166, R.S.O. 1914, c. 151. The defence of common employment is not available to the master in a case in which injury has been caused to a servant by the negligence of a fellow-servant selected by the master in breach of a statutory duty to employ in the particular service only persons who have passed a qualifying test, if the injury be the natural consequence of the lack of capability which the test should have disclosed. *Jones v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 5 D.L.R. 332, 3 O.W.N. 1404, reversed; *Groves v. Wimborne*, [1898] 2 Q.B. 402, applied. The flagrant failure of a section foreman improperly entrusted with the charge of a railway snow-plow train in violation of statutory regulations requiring that only employees should be placed in charge who had passed the prescribed examination to observe the signals or to signal to the engine driver in rear may, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, be presumed to have resulted from his want of skill, knowledge or experience, or to some physical incapacity or defect, which the statutory examination or test would have revealed; and the railway company is properly held liable in damages for the death of his assistant on the snow-plow in a collision resulting from the section foreman's neglect in which he also was killed; the company's action in setting an unqualified man to do such work was either the sole effective cause of the accident or a cause materially contributing to it, and the case therefore could not have been properly withdrawn from the jury. *Jones v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 13 D.L.R. 900, 24 O.W.R. 917.

[*Jones v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 5 D.L.R. 332, 3 O.W.N. 1404, reversed.]

FELLOW SERVANTS; WATCHMAN AT LEVEL CROSSING; TRAIN CREW; COMMON LAW REMEDY.

A person employed by a railway com-

pany as a watchman at the crossing of its railway with a street railway at level is a fellow servant with the crew of a train passing over the crossing; and, if he is killed in consequence of the negligence of the train crew, his widow cannot recover damages at common law against the railway company. *Waller v. South Eastern Ry. Co.*, 2 H. & C. 102; *Morgan v. Vale of Neath Ry. Co.*, L.R. 1 Q.B. 149; and *Lovell v. Howell*, 1 C.P.D. 161, followed. Section 276 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, is for the protection of employees of the railway company as well as of the public, and the widow and administratrix of a watchman employed by the company at a level crossing of the railway with a street railway, who is killed in an accident caused by a breach of that section by the running of a freight train backwards over the crossing without any person on the end car to give proper warning of its approach, resulting in a collision with a street car crossing the tracks, may recover damages against the company under that section. *McMullin v. N.S. Steel and Coal Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 198, 39 Can. S.C.R. 593, and *Lamond v. G.T.R. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 401, 16 O.L.R. 365, followed. Even if it were shown that a street railway company, as well as a railway company, might also be liable for the consequences of an accident which resulted in the death of one of the railway's employees because of the negligence of the motorman, an employee of the street railway company, that would not prevent the recovery of full damages from the railway company. "The Bernina," 13 A.C. 1, and *Burrows v. The March Gas and Coke Co.*, L.R. 5 Ex. 67, followed. *Pettit v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, (Man.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 293, 7 D.L.R. 645.

[Varied in 11 D.L.R. 316, 23 Man. L.R. 213 by reducing the damages.]

I. Duty of Care; Contributory Negligence.

ACCIDENT TO WORKMEN ON TRACK; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

The plaintiff, a workman in the employ of the company, was injured by a car striking him while working on the track. In an action for damages the company defended on the ground that he had not been reasonably careful in looking out for the cars. The trial Judge held that plaintiff was the cause of his own misfortune and could not hold defendants liable. This judgment was affirmed by the Divisional Court, but reversed by the Court of Appeal for Ontario, which ordered a new trial. The Supreme Court of Canada affirmed the decision of the Court of Appeal, Gwynne, J., dissenting, but, on counsel for

the company stating that a new trial was not desired, judgment was ordered to be entered for plaintiff with \$500 damages, the amount assessed by the jury at the trial, and the appeal was dismissed with costs. *Hamilton Street Ry. Co. v. Moran*, May 20, 1895, 24 Can. S.C.R. 717.

[Distinguished in *O'Hearn v. Port Arthur*, 4 O.L.R. 209; referred to in *Preston v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 11 O.L.R. 56.]

INJURY TO WORKMAN; COMMON FAULT.

When an accident to a workman is due to his own negligence the employer cannot be held equally negligent on account of defects in the working apparatus in the absence of positive proof that such defect contributed to the accident. *Dorin v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 37 S.C. 493 (Ct. Rev.).

INJURIES TO EMPLOYEE; MOVING CAR; NEGLIGENCE OF FOREMAN.

A railway company is not liable to an employee for injuries sustained by him when he, well knowing the dangers of the work and being an old hand, stepped on a track in front of a car moving in his direction, without looking to see whether anything was approaching. In order to succeed, the employee would have to shew want of proper precaution, or something in the conduct of the man in charge of the car which would amount to negligence. *Lennox v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co. and Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 19 O.W.R. 169, 2 O.W.N. 1078.

[*Dominion Iron and Steel Co. v. Oliver*, 35 Can. S.C.R. 517, followed.]

INJURY TO EMPLOYEE; ENGINE MOVING BACKWARDS IN RAILWAY YARD; RAILWAY YARD.

Under s. 276 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, as amended by 9 & 10 Edw. VII. c. 50, s. 7, it is only when a train is passing or about to pass over or along a highway that the railway company is required, in case the train is not headed by an engine moving forward in the ordinary manner, to station a man on that part of the train, or of the tender if that is in front, which is then foremost, to warn persons standing on or crossing or about to cross the track, and s. 274 of the Act, requiring the use of the bell and whistle, should be interpreted as limited in the same way. The plaintiff's husband, an employee of the defendant company, while proceeding through the railway yards on business of his own, stepped off the track on which he was walking, to avoid an approaching express train, and stepped on to another track, when he was struck and killed, at a point which was not near any highway crossing, by a yard engine moving reversely without any person stationed on

the part of the tender, which was foremost. There was a path between the two tracks on which the deceased might have walked safely:—Held, without a finding on the evidence as to whether or not the bell of the yard engine had been rung, that the defendants were not liable, as they had not been guilty of any negligence, and the deceased was guilty of contributory negligence in going upon the other track. *Semble*, the deceased had no right to be where he was at the time of the accident and was therefore a trespasser: *Deane v. Clayton*, (1817) 7 Taunt. 489, and *Jordin v. Crump*, (1847) 8 M. & W. 782, and no action was maintainable without evidence of intention to injure. *Skulak v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 20 Man. L.R. 242, 15 W.L.R. 699.

INJURY TO YARDMASTER; SHUNTING CARS; FAILURE TO LOOK.

Action by the administrators of the estate of one Nairn, a railway yardmaster in the service of the defendants, to recover damages for his death caused by their negligence, by being knocked down and killed, while at work in the yard, by two shunted cars under the control of the defendant. The action was tried with a jury, who found a verdict for plaintiffs. A motion for a nonsuit was made by defendants and was reserved till after verdict:—Held, per Meredith, J., that the motion must be sustained because of the contributory negligence of the deceased in not looking out, when going behind some other cars on the track, to see whether there was danger. *London and Western Trusts Co. v. Pere Marquette Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 44, 6 O.W.R. 321.

[Reversed in *London and Western Trusts Co. v. Lake Erie and Detroit River Ry. Co.*, 12 O.L.R. 28, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 364; vide 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 53, 7 O.W.R. 511.]

INJURY TO YARDSMAN SHUNTING CARS; ABSENCE OF WARNING; FAILURE TO LOOK.

A railway yardsman in the ordinary course of his duty was passing behind the most westerly of four cars standing by themselves on a side line. As he was crossing the track, two cars of the defendants, propelled by a flying shunt, came from the east and ran into the standing cars, with the result that he was knocked down, run over, and killed by the car behind which he was passing. There was no evidence that cars were liable to be shunted negligently or unexpectedly, and he did not see or hear the cars, and no warning was given to him:—Held, that there was evidence of negligence on the part of the defendants to go to the jury, and that the fact that the yardmaster did not look for approaching cars before

going behind the standing car was not sufficient to shew that he was guilty of such negligence as ipso facto to deprive him of the right to recover. Judgment of Meredith, J., 6 O.W.R. 321, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 44, reversed. London and Western Trusts Co. v. Lake Erie and Detroit River Ry. Co., 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 364, 12 O.L.R. 28, 7 O.W.R. 511.

[Followed in Wallman v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 16 Man. L.R. 82, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 229.]

DUTY OF EMPLOYEE; IMPERFECT INSULATION OF ELECTRIC WIRES; DUTY OF INSPECTION.

An electric line foreman in the company's employ met his death from contact with imperfectly insulated live wires while at some work in proximity to them in the power-house. The evidence left doubt whether the duties of deceased included the inspection and care of the wires both inside and outside of the power-house, or whether his engagement was to perform the duties in question in respect only to the wires outside the power-house walls.—Held, that the onus of proof as to the point in dispute was on the defendants, and, such onus not having been satisfied, they were liable in damages. Judgment appealed from affirmed, Davies, J., dissenting, on a different view of the evidence in holding that the duties of deceased included inspection and care of the interior wiring. Quebec Ry., Light and Power Co. v. Fortin, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 252, 40 Can. S.C.R. 181.

INJURY TO CONDUCTOR BY GRAVEL-SPREADING MACHINE; FAILURE TO LOOK; OBSTRUCTION TO VIEW.

In an action by the conductor of a construction train for injuries resulting from a wing of a gravel-spreading machine operated by air pressure, coming down upon him, caused by the engineer in charge of the machine unintentionally starting it by striking his knee against the handle of a valve used to set it in motion while attempting to get closer to the air gauge, which, owing to the darkness, he could not see from where he stood without a light, to ascertain if there was sufficient air in the reservoir of the machine to operate the same, a motion for the nonsuit was rightly refused, it being for the trial Judge to say whether any facts have been established in evidence from which negligence may be inferred, and for the jury to say whether or not from these facts negligence ought to be inferred. Tobin v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 2 D.L.R. 173, 20 W.L.R. 676.

[Metropolitan Ry. Co. v. Jackson, 3 A.C. 197, followed.]

INJURY IN COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT; REMOVING TRAIN STALLED IN SNOW; EMPLOYEE WARMING UP AT TIME OF ACCIDENT.

An employee is shewn to have been injured during and in consequence of his employment with the railway where it appeared that he, with others, was hired by the conductor to dig out a freight train stalled in snow, and was told at the time of the hiring that he would be carried to the place and back and after the train was dug out the men, at the invitation of the conductor, went into the caboose to warm themselves and to wait to go back, and, while they were there waiting, another train collided with the edoose and caused the injuries complained of. Gordon v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co., 2 D.L.R. 183, 20 W.L.R. 705.

[Holmes v. Great Northern Ry. Co., (1900) 2 Q.B. 409, approved.]

INJURY TO EMPLOYEE WALKING BETWEEN TRACKS; FAILURE TO LOOK; RAILWAY AND STREET RAILWAY CASES.

An employee of a railway company is guilty of contributory negligence, which will bar a recovery of damages by his personal representatives against the railway company for his death in the course of his employment, where it is shewn that the deceased was walking between two parallel tracks in a railway yard, and, without looking to ascertain if any train was approaching, stepped upon a track on which a freight train was moving and where the yard helper on one of the moving cars had done his utmost to warn the deceased, and when it became apparent that no notice was being paid to the warnings, immediately gave the stop signal, and caused the brakes to be applied, although not in time to prevent the deceased being struck. McEachen v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 2 D.L.R. 588, 3 O.W.N. 628, 21 O.W.R. 187.

LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEER; DEATH CAUSED BY JUMPING FROM TRAIN.

Plaintiffs sued defendant company for damages for the death of their son, a locomotive engineer in the defendants' employ, who was killed by having jumped from a train over which he had lost control. The jury found \$6,000 damages.—Held, on appeal, per Hunter, C.J., that the only verdict reasonably open to the jury was that the deceased lost his life by his own negligence. Per Irving, J.—That the damages were excessive. Per Morrison, J.—That the verdict should stand. New trial ordered. White v. Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Co., 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 473, 14 B.C.R. 367.

[Reversed in [1910] A.C. 606, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 489.]

NEGLECT; MISDIRECTION; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

In an action for damages for the death of the appellant's son while acting as engineer of the respondent's lumber train, the respondents were charged with negligence in respect of the train having been equipped with defective brakes and an incompetent brakeman, while the deceased was charged with contributory negligence in jumping from the train. The jury found for the appellants, but a new trial was ordered by the Supreme Court. One Judge was dissatisfied with the verdict on the ground of misdirection in regard to contributory negligence, and another Judge held, contrary to both his colleagues, that the damages were excessive:—Held, that the order must be reversed. It was too late for the respondents to rely on misdirection which they had not excepted to at the trial, or in the notice of appeal or in oral argument before the Supreme Court. There were no sufficient grounds for a new trial on the head of excessive damages. Appeal from a judgment of the Full Court (September 7, 1909), setting aside the judgment of Clement, J. (March 14, 1908), and ordering a new trial. See 14 B.C.R. 367, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 473. White v. Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Co., 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 489, [1910] A.C. 606.

CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE OF SERVANT; COUPLING CARS.

It is contributory negligence for a brakeman, while standing with one foot on a loose step on the side of a box car 6½ inches below the bottom thereof, and with one hand holding a rung of a ladder on the side of the car 14 inches above the bottom of the car, to attempt to open the coupling device by working the lever that operated it, the end of which was about 15 or 16 inches from the side of the car. Stone v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., (Ont.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 61, 4 D.L.R. 789.

[Reversed in 13 D.L.R. 93.]

CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE OF BRAKEMAN; COUPLING CARS.

It is not contributory negligence for a brakeman, while standing in a crouching position on the side of a moving freight car with one foot on a loose step 6½ inches below the bottom of the car, and holding with one hand to a rung of a side ladder 14 inches above the bottom of the car to attempt to open the car coupler, by reaching around the end of the car in order to work the lever operating the coupling apparatus, which was considerably shorter than the levers commonly used on other cars. Stone

v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 4 D.L.R. 789, 3 O.W.N. 973, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 61, 26 O.L.R. 121, reversed.] A railway company is liable for an injury sustained by a brakeman while coupling a car belonging to a foreign company, that had a short coupler lever which could not be operated without going between the end of the cars; since the hauling of a car so equipped was a violation of s. 264 (1) of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, requiring all freight cars to be provided with couplers that can be uncoupled without the necessity of men going between the ends of the cars. Stone v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 4 D.L.R. 789, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 61, 3 O.W.N. 973, 26 O.L.R. 121, reversed. For a brakeman, while standing on the side ladder of a freight car, to lean around the end of the car in order to open the coupler, the lever of which was too short to be worked from the side of the car, is not a violation of a rule against going between moving cars to adjust couplers. (Per Idington, Anglin, and Brodeur, J.J.) Stone v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 47 Can. S.C.R. 634, 13 D.L.R. 93.

J. Rules and Orders.

COLLISION OF TRAINS; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE; VIOLATION OF RULES GOVERNING TRAINS; STARTING TRAIN ON CONDUCTOR'S SIGNAL.

By rule 232 of the Grand Trunk Ry. Co., "conductors and enginemen will be held responsible for the violation of any of the rules governing their trains, and they must take every precaution for the protection of their trains even if not provided for by the rules." By rule 52, enginemen must obey the conductor's orders as to starting their trains unless such orders involve violation of the rules or endanger the train's safety, and rule 65 forbids them to leave the engine except in case of necessity. Another rule provides that a train must not pass from double to single track until it is ascertained that all trains due which have the right of way have arrived or left. M. was engineman on a special train which was about to pass from a double to a single track, and when the time for starting arrived, he asked the conductor if it was all right to go, knowing that the regular train passed over the single track about that time. He received from the conductor the usual signal to start and did so. After proceeding about two miles his train collided with the regular train and he was injured. In an action against the company for damages in consequence of such injury:—Held, affirming the judgment of the Court of Appeal, that M. was not obliged, before starting, to examine the register and ascertain for himself if the

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regular train had passed, that duty being imposed by the rules on the conductor alone, that he was bound to obey the conductor's order to start the train, having no reason to question its propriety, and he was, therefore, not guilty of contributory negligence in starting as he did. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Miller*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 350, 32 Can. S.C.R. 454.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT; SIGNALS; INTERLOCKER OUT OF ORDER; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE; VIOLATION OF ORDERS TO ENGINE DRIVERS.

The defendants were erecting an interlocking apparatus at a point of their main line where there was a siding, whereby the switch could be worked and a signal shewn to indicate how it was set, by lowering the upper or lower arm of the signal, as the case might be. The plaintiff's husband, an experienced engine driver in defendants' employ, having been informed before starting with his train that the apparatus was in working order and that all trains were to be governed by the rules applicable in such cases, approaching the spot, saw the signal with both arms down, intimating that the interlocker was out of order, but, nevertheless, proceeded, and, the switch not being fastened in any way, the train was derailed and he was killed. As a matter of fact the apparatus was not in working order, a switchman of the defendants being at the spot with flag signals to use in case of necessity, but he failed to warn the deceased. The defendants' rules governing engine drivers provided that they should stop when in doubt as to the meaning of a signal, also that a signal imperfectly displayed must be regarded as a danger signal, and that in case of doubt they were to take the safe course and run no risk. Employees were also specially instructed that if an interlocker was out of order trains were to be flagged through. The plaintiff brought this action for damages under R.S.O. 1897, c. 166.—Held, that, although there was a plain defect in the condition of the way which was the cause of the derailment of the engine, the plaintiff was properly nonsuited, in that her husband, had he survived, could not have maintained an action, having negligently disobeyed his orders as contained in the rules, by proceeding with his train in spite of the condition of the signals. *Holden v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 352, 5 O.L.R. 301.

[Referred to in *Devo v. Kingston and Pembroke Ry. Co.*, 8 O.L.R. 588.]

DISOBEDIENCE OF ORDERS; FAILURE TO SIGNAL.

A rule of the company defendant requires

the display of a blue signal (blue flag by day and blue light by night) while a car is being repaired on the track. Solely in consequence of the failure of the plaintiff, an employee of the defendant, to comply with this rule a train backed down while he was working at a car on the track, and he was injured.—Held, affirming the judgment of the Superior Court, *Curran, J.*, that the plaintiff had no claim for compensation under the circumstances. *Coutlee v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 36, Q.R. 23 S.C. 242.

CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE; CONDUCTOR JUMPING FROM TRAIN; VIOLATION OF RULES.

A railway train was approaching a station in London and the conductor jumped off before it reached it intending to cross a track between his train and the station contrary to the rule prohibiting employees to get off a train in motion. A light engine was at the time coming towards him on the track he wished to cross which struck and killed him. The light engine was moving slowly and shewed a red light at the end nearest the conductor which would indicate that it was either stationary or going away from him. In an action by the conductor's widow she was nonsuited at the trial and a new trial was granted by the Court of Appeal.—Held, reversing the judgment of the Court of Appeal, 3 O.W.R. 892, *Davies and Killam, JJ.*, dissenting, that as the light engine had been allowed to pass a semaphore beyond the station on the assumption, which was justified, that it would pass before the train came to a stop at the station, and as, if the deceased had not, contrary to rule, left the train while in motion, he could not have come into contact with said engine, the plaintiff was not entitled to recover.—Held, per *Davies and Killam, JJ.*, dissenting, that the act of the deceased in getting off the train when he did was not the proximate cause of the accident and plaintiff was entitled to have the opinion of the jury as to whether or not deceased was misled by the red light. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Birkett*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 54, 35 Can. S.C.R. 296.

WORK TRAIN; RULE AS TO PROTECTING BY FLAGMEN; ABSENCE OF CONTINUOUS AIR BRAKES; LIABILITY AT COMMON LAW; WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

The deceased, who was in charge of a gang of labourers, employed in removing earth from a cutting on the defendants' railway, acting, as he believed, in the company's interests, to prevent the loss to them of the labourers' time, by the work train engaged in the work being kept at a

siding, induced the conductor in charge of the train to move it on to the main track, and to proceed to the cutting, by backing the train slowly. By one of the company's rules, the train should not have been moved—unless other sufficient precautions were taken—until flagmen were placed at stated intervals in front and rear of the train. Flagmen were not placed; but the conductor took the precaution of standing himself, as a lookout, on the top of the van, and for a like purpose placed the duty of the engine driver to keep a strict lookout towards the conductor, so as to observe his signals and to act upon them. When the train was distant some 600 yards from another work train approaching them, also moving slowly, the conductor signalled the engine driver to stop, and had he done so, a collision which occurred whereby the deceased was killed, would have been avoided.—Held, that the company were liable, under the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, for the deceased's death through the neglect of the engine driver. *Deyo v. Kingston and Pembroke Ry. Co.* (1904), 8 O.L.R. 538, distinguished. Liability was claimed at common law by reason of the train not being furnished throughout with air brakes, as required by the Railway Act, 3 Edw. VII. c. 58, s. 211 (D).—Held, that no such liability existed, for the train was not a passenger train, and the accident did not occur through the want of brakes, but by reason of the engine driver's failure to see and act on the conductor's signal. *Muma v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 444, 14 O.L.R. 147.

COLLISION; DEATH OF ENGINE DRIVER; DISOBEDIENCE TO RULES; NEGLIGENCE OF FELLOW SERVANTS.

The deceased, an engine driver in the employ of the defendants, while driving a train was killed in a rear end collision between his locomotive and a train in front caused by his disobedience to rules, either in not seeing the danger signal or if he did, in not stopping his train.—Held, (1) That the engineer was the author of his own misfortune and his widow could not recover damages from the defendants for his death. (2) That the negligence of his fellow servants did not better the condition of the servant in fault. *Ruddick v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 484.

COLLISION; DISOBEDIENCE OF RULES.

In an action for damages for the death of an engine driver of the Grand Trunk Ry. Co., whose train came into collision with

a train of the defendant railway, it was contended by defendants that the accident happened through the negligence of the deceased in disobeying certain rules of his employers. Questions were put to the jury as to the negligence of the defendants and contributory negligence of the deceased.—Held, that there must be a new trial, because the jury should also have been asked whether the deceased had obeyed the rules of his employers applicable to the circumstances under which he was placed at the time of the accident, and whether but for that disobedience the accident would have happened. It is for the trial Judge to interpret such written rules of railway companies, subject to this, that it is for the jury to determine the meaning of technical terms used in them on the explanatory evidence offered. *Walker v. Wabash Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 487, 18 O.L.R. 21.

NEGLIGENCE OF FELLOW SERVANT; VIOLATION OF REGULATIONS; COMMON KNOWLEDGE.

A railway company is responsible for an accident caused by reason of the violation by its employees of regulations made for the protection of all and which causes the death of one of them. It is barred from opposing to an action taken in consequence thereof that the fact complained of occurred owing to an understanding between the employees concerned, especially when there is no proof that the victim had a full knowledge of said understanding. Under these conditions, there is no reason to quash the verdict which declares that there was fault and which determines the amount of the damages caused. *Lachance v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 16, Q.R. 25 S.C. 494.

[Affirmed in 42 Can. S.C.R. 205, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 22.]

DISOBEDIENCE TO ORDERS; WALKING ON SIDING; ACCUMULATION OF SNOW AND ICE; RAILWAY FROG NOT PACKED; COUPLING LEVER DEFECTIVE.

The plaintiff's husband, a brakeman, in the employ of the defendants, was accidentally killed while walking on a siding by being run over by one of the cars of the defendants. The negligence charged was that (1) the plaintiff was compelled to walk upon the siding, no way being left on either side on account of lumber being piled too close; (2) the siding had become defective, unsafe and insufficient by reason of the accumulation of snow and ice; (3) the railway frog was not packed and the coupling lever was defective.—Held, (1) that the proximate cause of the accident was the falling of the deceased on the siding and

being run over by a moving car. (2) That the unsafe and almost impassable condition of the said siding and the defective construction or condition of the coupling, if it was defective, owing to the negligence of the defendants, were not the proximate cause of the accident. (3) That the deceased took the risk of accident by disobedience to the orders of the defendants, and no action for negligence would lie. *Pettigrew v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 118.

K. Limitation of Liability.

INJURY TO EMPLOYEE TRAVELLING ON PASS; LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.

Deceased was employed in the defendants' workshops, and travelled to and from his work on a pass. The condition on the back of the pass, exempting the company from liability for damages to person or property of holder of pass, was not signed by the workman. Deceased was a man skilled in his particular trade, and refused to work for the company unless given transportation. The jury found as a fact that deceased was travelling on a pass, but that there was not sufficient evidence to shew that he was made acquainted with the conditions thereon, and gave a verdict for \$9,000, which, on motion for judgment, was sustained by the trial Judge:—Held, per Macdonald, C.J.A., and Galliher, J.A.:—That the finding as to want of knowledge of the condition on the pass should not be interfered with. *Per Irving, J.A.*:—That the finding was against the weight of evidence. Deceased, while travelling on his employers' car, was injured, and subsequently died from his injuries, in a collision between a car which broke away or became detached from the motor which was pulling it, and ran back down grade, crashing into the car occupied by deceased. Defendants, in their pleadings, admitted that the accident occurred through the negligence of fellow servants in the employment of defendant company, but there was no other evidence of negligence:—Held, on appeal, that it was for the plaintiff to shew that the accident was due to some specific act of negligence for which the defendants were responsible. Appeal allowed, and verdict set aside. *Farmer v. British Columbia Electric Ry. Co.*, 16 B.C.R. 423.

LORD CAMPBELL'S ACT; EXONERATION OF LIABILITY.

Article 1056 C.C. embodies the action previously given by a statute of the province of Canada re-enacting Lord Campbell's Act. *Robinson v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*,

[1892] A.C. 481, distinguished. A workman may so contract with his employer as to exonerate the latter from liability for negligence, and such renunciation would be an answer to an action under Lord Campbell's Act. *Griffiths v. Earl Dudley*, 9 Q.B.D. 357, followed. *The Queen v. Dame Emily Grenier* 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 409, 30 Can. S.C.R. 42.

[Commented on in *Armstrong v. The King*, 11 Ex. C.R. 126; *Miller v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 21 S.C. 361, 371; followed in *Miller v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 21 S.C. 350, 353.

INSURANCE OF EMPLOYEES; STIPULATION FOR IMMUNITY IN CASE OF ACCIDENTS; INSURANCE EFFECTED BY EMPLOYER.

An employer may stipulate with his employee that, in consideration of a contribution by the latter to an insurance and provident society formed to assist workmen and their families in case of injury or death by accident, he will not be liable in consequence of an accident suffered by the employee and caused by the fault of his co-employee. *The Queen v. Grenier*, 30 S.C.R. 42, followed. In this case the insurance and provident society was legally constituted. *Ferguson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 420, Q.R. 20 S.C. 54.

[Referred to in *Miller v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 21 S.C. 350, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 449, 34 Can. S.C.R. 70.]

STIPULATION EXEMPTING EMPLOYER FROM LIABILITY FOR NEGLIGENCE; RIGHT OF ACTION OF WIDOW NOT AFFECTED.

A railway company cannot stipulate immunity from damages caused by neglect and failure on its part to comply with a duty imposed on it by law for the safety of passengers and employees, e.g., equipment of the cars with efficient brakes, such stipulation being void under s. 243 of the Railway Act of Canada, 51 Vict. c. 29. (*By Pagnuelo and Curran, J.J.*)—The action of the widow under Art. 1056, C.C., is not a representative one, but independent of that of the injured person; and, therefore, even if an agreement stipulating immunity from responsibility for damages caused by negligence were valid as regards the injured person, it would not bind his widow or other persons having rights under the article above mentioned. *Miller v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co. of Canada*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 449, Q.R. 21 S.C. 346.

[Affirmed in Q.R. 12 K.B. 1, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 490; reversed in 34 Can. S.C.R. 45, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 147; reinstated in [1906] A.C. 187, Q.R. 15 K.B. 118; commented on in *Armstrong v. The King*, 11 Ex. C.R.

126; *Stuart v. Bank of Montreal*, 41 Can. S.C.R. 543; followed in *R. v. Armstrong*, 40 Can. S.C.R. 248, 5 E.L.R. 182; *R. v. Desrosiers*, 41 Can. S.C.R. 71, 6 E.L.R. 119; referred to in *Ferguson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 20 S.C. 75, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 420; *Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Brialofsky*, Q.R. 19 K.B. 338.]

CONTRACT EXEMPTING EMPLOYER FROM RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACCIDENT; PUBLIC POLICY; RIGHT OF ACTION OF WIDOW; ACTION NOT REPRESENTATIVE ONE; "INDEMNITY OR SATISFACTION."

A railway company cannot, under a contract between its employee and an insurance and provident society, in consideration of an annual subscription to such society, be exempted from responsibility for damages caused by neglect and failure on its part to comply with a duty imposed on it by law for the safety of passengers and employees, e.g., equipment of the cars with efficient brakes, such stipulation being without effect under s. 243 of the Railway Act of Canada, 51 Vict. c. 29. The right of the widow and other relatives under Art. 1056, C.C., is not a representative one, but is independent of that of the injured person; and, therefore, even if an agreement stipulating immunity from responsibility for damages caused by *faute lourde* were valid as regards the injured person, it would be without effect as regards his widow or other persons having rights under Art. 1056, C.C. An agreement exempting a party from responsibility for damages caused by his gross negligence, or *faute lourde*, is null and void, as being contrary to public order. The words, "indemnity or satisfaction," in Art. 1056, C.C., imply compensation by the person responsible for the damage suffered, and not a payment made under a contract with an insurance society. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Miller*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 490, Que. R. 12 K.B. 1.

[Reversed in 34 Can. S.C.R. 45, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 147.]

DEFECTS IN MACHINERY; CONTRACT INDEMNIFYING EMPLOYER; INDEMNITY AND SATISFACTION.

The "sander" and sand-valves of a railway locomotive, which may be used in connection with the brakes in stopping a train, do not constitute part of the "apparatus and arrangements" for applying the brakes to the wheels required by s. 243 of the Railway Act of 1888. Failure to remedy defects in the sand-valves, upon notice thereof given at the repair-shops in conformity with the company's rules, is merely the negligence of an employee and not negli-

gence attributable to the company itself; therefore, the company may validly contract with its employees so as to exonerate itself from liability for such negligence and such a contract is a good answer to an action under Art. 1056 of the Civil Code of Lower Canada. *Girouard, J.*, dissented on the ground that the negligence found by the jury was negligence of both the company and its employees. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Miller*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 147, 34 Can. S.C.R. 45.

[The *Queen v. Grenier*, 30 Can. S.C.R. 42, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 409, followed.]

L. Independent Contractor.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR; TORTIOUS ACT OF; LIABILITY OF RAILWAY COMPANY.

A company building a railway is not liable for injury to property caused by the wrongful act of their contractor in borrowing earth for embankments from a place, and in a manner, not authorized by the contract. *Kerr v. Atlantic and N.W. Ry. Co.*, 25 Can. S.C.R. 197.

[Applied in *Croydill v. Anglo-American Telegraph Co.*, 10 Q.P.R. 37; *Lavoi v. Beaudoin*, Q.R. 14 S.C. 254; *Montreal v. Montreal Breving Co.*, Q.R. 18 K.B. 406; *Fréfontaine v. Grenier*, Q.R. 27 S.C. 349; referred, *Beauchemin v. Cadieux*, Q.R. 22 S.C. 487; *Bureau v. Gale*, Q.R. 36 S.C. 88.]

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR; LIABILITY OF EMPLOYER; INJURIES TO ADJOINING OWNER.

Where contractors for the blasting operations incidental to the preparation of a railway right-of-way caused large quantities of the dislodged rock to be deposited on the land of an adjoining owner, the company owning the right-of-way may be held liable for the damage to the land, if, in letting the contract in which the blasting operations were included, no care was exercised by it to provide against the resultant damage to the adjoining property which damage was such as should reasonably have been anticipated; it is, in such case, the duty of the property owner upon whose property the endangering work is being carried on to see that reasonable skill and care is exercised by the contractor to prevent injury to the adjoining property and the owner of the latter is not restricted to a claim against the contractor. *Hounsome v. Vancouver Power Co.*, (B.C.) 9 D.L.R. 823, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 69.

[*Black v. Christchurch Finance Co.*, [1894] A.C. 48; *Hughes v. Percival*, 8 A.C. 443; *Dalton v. Angus*, 6 A.C. 740, and *Bower v. Peate*, 1 Q.B.D. 321, considered.]

ROAD LABOURER STRUCK BY TRUCK; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE; LICENSEE.

An action to recover damages for negligence whereby the appellant was permanently injured. The appellant was a labourer in the employ of the contractors for grading a portion of a new line of railway then being constructed by the respondents. On September 23, 1907, the appellant alighted from a "Ledgerwood" on a flat car, used in such construction, on to the platform of Bala Station, and while attempting to get on board the car, while in motion, came in contact with a truck standing on the platform and was injured. The acts of negligence complained of were (1) the presence of the truck; (2) inviting the appellant to board and starting too soon; (3) appliances for boarding the train imperfect and out of repair. The respondents contended that there was no negligence on their part, but that the appellant was guilty of contributory negligence in attempting to board the train when in motion, having alighted and remained on the platform out of mere idle curiosity until the train began to move.—Held, (1) affirming the judgments of the trial Judge and the Court of Appeal for Ontario, that the true position of the appellant was at the best that of a mere licensee. (2) That the respondent owed no duty to the appellant who knew of the risk and deliberately accepted it. (3) That there was no evidence to shew how long the truck had been left on the platform or who put it there nor was there in any respect, negligence in this regard for which the company was liable. *Perdue v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 216.

INJURY TO EMPLOYEE OF CONTRACTOR WITH RAILWAY; COUPLING CARS.

A railway company is liable for injury to a fencing contractor's employee while at work in a car, caused by a negligently violent coupling of cars by the company's employees. An employee of an independent contractor engaged by a railway company to fence its right-of-way does not assume the risk of being injured while at work in a car, through a negligently violent coupling of cars by employees of the railway company. A contract to fence a railway company's right-of-way, in which the contractor further agreed to indemnify the railway company against claims for injury to persons or property "occasioned in carrying on the work," entitles the company to indemnity against a claim of an employee of the contractor for injury received while at work in a car caused by a negligently violent coupling of cars made by the rail-

way company's employees. *Walker v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co. and Ideal Fence Co.*, 11 D.L.R. 363, 18 B.C.R. 63.

[This finding does not seem to be in accord with the principles of interpretation laid down in *Beal, Cardinal Rules of Interpretation*, 2nd ed., 121.]

INSECURE ELECTRIC POLE; INJURY TO SERVANT OF INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.

The owner of a line of poles, some of which were insecure, who employed an independent contractor to string wires on them, is liable for an injury sustained by one of the latter's servants by the falling of an insecure pole on which he was working, notwithstanding the contractor was paid to strengthen all of the insecure poles; since it was the defendant's duty to see that its poles were safely secured before permitting the plaintiff to work upon them. *Velasky v. Western Canada Power Co.*, (B.C.) 12 D.L.R. 774.

[*Marney v. Scott*, [1899] 1 Q.B. 986; *Valiquette v. Fraser*, 39 Can. S.C.R. 1, and *Canada Woollen Mills v. Traplin*, 35 Can. S.C.R. 424, specially referred to.]

M. Injuries by Employees.

ASSAULT BY WATCHMAN ON TRESPASSING CHILDREN; SCOPE OF EMPLOYMENT.

A watchman was employed by the defendants to lower bars or gates across the highway at each side of a crossing on the approach of trains, and to raise them as soon as the trains had passed, the gates being lowered and raised by means of a lever which was some distance from them. While a train was passing and the gates down, the plaintiff, a lad of sixteen, and two other lads, climbed or leaned upon one of the gates, and the watchman was prevented by their weight from raising the gates after the train had passed. In order to get them off he threw a cinder towards them, which struck the plaintiff in the eye, destroying the sight.—Held, that, this act having been done not of mere malice or ill-will or to punish the plaintiff, but for the purpose of warning him to get off the gate, and so of enabling the watchman to perform the duty required of him, the defendants, his employers, were responsible in damages. *Hammond v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 232, 9 O.L.R. 64.

MALICIOUS ASSAULT BY FOREMAN; SCOPE OF EMPLOYMENT; LIABILITY OF MASTER.

An employer is not responsible for the consequences of an assault committed by a foreman upon a labourer under him arising out of malice or ill-temper. *Roth v. Can-*

adian Pacific Ry. Co., 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 238.

NUISANCE; COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT; PILING TIES ON HIGHWAY.

A number of worn out railway ties were taken from the line of railway during ordinary working hours by section men employed by the defendant company and were piled on a highway at a railway crossing, the foreman of the section men intending to take them to his house for firewood. It was the custom of the section men to get rid of the worn out ties either by burning them beside the track or by taking them home for firewood. The plaintiff's horse while being driven along the highway shied at the ties and the plaintiff was injured:—Held, that there was evidence to support the jury's finding that the ties had been placed upon the highway in the course of the employment of the section men, and that the defendants were therefore prima facie responsible, but that there being no finding that the ties were a nuisance in the sense of being calculated to frighten horses generally, this being an essential element of liability, a new trial was necessary. Judgment of a Divisional Court reversed. *Forsythe v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 402, 10 O.L.R. 73.

N. Sufficiency of Jury Findings.

INJURY TO EMPLOYEE COUPLING CARS; FINDING OF JURY.

W. was an employee of the G.T.R. Co., whose duty it was to couple cars in the Toronto yard of the Co. In performing this duty on one occasion, under specific directions from the conductor of an engine attached to one of the cars being coupled, his hand was crushed owing to the engine backing down and bringing the cars together before the coupling was made. On the trial of an action for damages resulting from such injury the conductor denied having given directions for the coupling, and it was contended that W. improperly put his hand between the draw bars to lift out the coupling pin. It was also contended that the conductor had no authority to give directions as to the mode of doing the work. The jury found against both contentions and W. obtained a verdict which was affirmed by the Divisional Court and Court of Appeal:—Held, per Fournier, Taschereau and Sedgewick, J.J., that though the findings of the jury were not satisfactory upon the evidence a second Court of Appeal could not interfere with them:—Held, per King, J., that the finding that specific directions were given must

be accepted as conclusive; that the mode in which the coupling was done was not an improper one, as W. had a right to rely on the engine not being moved until the coupling was made, and could properly perform the work in the most expeditious way, which it was shewn he did; that the conductor was empowered to give directions as to the mode of doing the work, if as was stated at the trial, he believed that using such a mode could save time; and that W. was injured by conforming to an order to go to a dangerous place, the person giving the order being guilty of negligence. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Weegar*, 23 Can. S.C.R. 422.

[20 A.R. (Ont.) 528, affirming 23 O.R. 436, affirmed.]

NEGLECT CAUSING DEATH; WITHDRAWAL OF CASE FROM JURY; NEW TRIAL.

In an action against the defendant for negligence, causing the death of a servant, the trial Judge withdrew the case from the jury and directed a verdict for the defendant on the ground that there was no evidence of negligence. The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia granted a motion for a new trial with costs, and remitted the cause for further inquiry, and, held, (Graham, J., dissenting, that the trial Judge erred in withdrawing the case from the jury, as there was evidence of negligence and want of proper and reasonable care, which should have been submitted to the jury. (26 N.S. Rep. 268.) On appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada, it was held, affirming the decision of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia en banc, that the new trial had been properly ordered. *New Glasgow Iron, Coal and Railway Co. v. Tobin*, 7th November, 1894. [Coutlee Can. S.C.R. Dig. 1903, p. 577.]

[Referred to in *Smith v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 34 N.S.R. 47, (note).]

INJURY TO CONDUCTOR; CONSTRUCTION TRAIN; MISDIRECTION.

In an action for personal injuries to the conductor of a construction train resulting from a wing of a gravel spreading machine operated by air pressure, coming down upon him, caused by the engineer in charge of the machine unintentionally starting it by striking his knee against the handle of a valve used to set it in motion while attempting to get closer to the air gauge, a statement by a witness that the engineer must have been climbing up the machine, together with the evidence that the valve was from two and a half to three feet above the slot where the engineer was standing, would justify a suggestion

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in the trial Judge's charge that the engineer might have touched the valve with his knee while climbing up the machine to get a nearer view of the gauge. *Tobin v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 2 D.L.R. 173, 20 W.L.R. 676, 5 Sask. L.R. 381.

NEGLECTANCE OF FOREMAN; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE OF SERVANT.

The plaintiff was injured while in the service of the defendants, and brought this action for damages for his injury, alleging negligence. In answer to questions, the jury found that McN. was a person in the service of the defendants to whose orders the plaintiff was, at the time of the injury, bound to conform; that McN. gave the plaintiff orders (specifying the orders); that the plaintiff conformed to those orders; that injury resulted to the plaintiff from so conforming; that negligence on the part of N. caused the injury (specifying the negligence); and that the plaintiff, by the exercise of reasonable care, might have avoided the accident. The jury were not asked in what respect the plaintiff omitted to take reasonable care:—Held, that it was not necessary to ask that question, there being evidence upon which the jury might find that the plaintiff was guilty of negligence or contributory negligence; and that, upon that finding, supported by the evidence, the action should be dismissed. *London Street Ry. Co. v. Brown*, 31 S.C.R. 642, followed. *Shondra v. Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co.*, 19 W.L.R. 13 (Man.).

[Reversed in 19 W.L.R. 578.]

NEGLECTANCE OF FOREMAN; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

The judgment of Robson, J., 19 W.L.R. 13, upon the findings of a jury, dismissing the action, was set aside, and a new trial directed, upon the ground that the finding of the jury as to contributory negligence was insufficient. *Shondra v. Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co.*, 19 W.L.R. 578 (Man.).

VERDICT AGAINST RAILWAY FOR NEGLIGENCE CAUSING DEATH; ABSENCE OF EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT JURY'S FINDING.

A verdict of a jury in favour of the plaintiff in an action against a railway company for negligently causing the death of the fireman of a locomotive that was propelling a snow-plough, cannot be sustained where there was no evidence tending to support the jury's finding that his death was due to the negligence of the railway company in operating the plough under a defective system by placing it in charge of a servant who had not passed the necessary eye and ear test, or to shew that the acci-

dent was due to a defect in the hearing or vision of such person. *Jones v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, (Ont.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 76, 5 D.L.R. 332.

NEGLECTANCE OF RAILWAY; QUESTIONS FOR JURY.

Where the jury omitted to answer a direct question submitted to them on the trial of a railway employee's action against the railway for damages for negligence causing personal injury as to whether there was negligence on the part of the plaintiff or of the defendant company or of both, their negative answer to another question as to whether the car was reasonably safe for the employees, which latter question was not directly pointed at the alleged defects leading to the injury, is not alone a finding of negligence and is insufficient to support a verdict for plaintiff. *Stone v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, (Ont.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 61, 4 D.L.R. 789.

[Reversed in 13 D.L.R. 93.]

BASIS OF ACTION; ABSENCE OF NEGLIGENCE ON PART OF DEFENDANT.

A verdict for the plaintiff for injuries received while in the employ of a railway company cannot be sustained where neither the evidence nor the answers of the jury to questions submitted them disclose, on the part of the defendant, negligence that contributed to the plaintiff's injury. *Stone v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, (Ont.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 61, 4 D.L.R. 789.

[Reversed in 13 D.L.R. 93.]

Notes on Master and Servant; Workmen's Compensation Act; Notice of Injury; Waiver of Notice; Evidence; Res Gestae. 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 448.

Note on Lord Campbell's Act as arising between master and servant, and the effect of a release by employee. 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 501.

Note on injuries growing out of the relationship of Master and Servant. 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 365.

Note on the effect of release by employee exempting employer from liability for negligence. 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 173.

Note on fellow-servant as affected by Workmen's Compensation Act. 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 250.

Note on liability of master for tortious acts of servant in course of employment. 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 240, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 408.

Note on Government regulation of railway companies respecting agreements exempting employers from liability for negligence. 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 15.

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A. In General.**PROVINCIAL PUBLIC LANDS.**

The Parliament of Canada has power to appropriate provincial public lands for the purposes of a railway connecting two or more provinces. Attorney-General (B.C.) v. C.P.R., 11 B.C.R. 289.

[Referred to in Atty.-General v. Ruffner, 12 B.C.R. 301.]

LAND OWNED AND USED BY MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

Under ss. 118 and 139 of the Railway Act, 1903, railway companies may expropriate the lands of municipal corporations used by them for municipal purposes. In re Grand Trunk Ry. Co. and Cities of Ste. Henri and Ste. Cunegonde, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 277.

STREET RAILWAY; ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR CAR-BARNES.

The Toronto Ry. Co., which has no powers of expropriation, acquired by purchase from the owners certain land in a residential locality, on which they proposed to erect car-barns, being a purpose authorized by the agreement with the city, as validated by 53 Vict. c. 90 (O.), and submitted the plans to the city for its approval, whereupon a petition was presented to the Board of Control, by the residents of the locality, asking the intervention of the city against such proposed use of the land, as well as against the laying of tracks on certain streets as a means of access to the barns, which was referred to the corporation's counsel for his opinion as to the city's powers. The city had at that time under consideration the acquisition of a specified block of land in the locality for park purposes, but subsequently to the presentation of the petition the Parks and Gardens Committee recommended the expropriation of the company's land for such purpose, and under their instructions a by-law therefor was drafted by the city solicitor. On the

matter coming before the council, the recommendation was struck out and the question of procuring park lands referred back to the committee, and on the following day, but after the plaintiffs had commenced this action, the architect was instructed by the board not to deal with the plans, pending the result of the proposed expropriation proceedings. There was nothing to show that the course pursued by the city was not actuated by good faith. In an action claiming a declaratory judgment of the company's right to so use the land:—Held, that while there was undoubted power in the Court to grant declaratory judgments it was a discretionary power; and that in this case, the exercise of the discretion by the trial Judge, in refusing to grant such a judgment, would not under the circumstances be interfered with. *Toronto Ry. Co. v. City of Toronto*, 13 O.L.R. 532 (D.C.).

INTERFERENCE WITH EXPROPRIATION; PRIVATE RIGHT OF WAY.

In an action by a railway company, which had the right to expropriate the land in dispute, to restrain the defendant from interfering with the construction by the company of its railway across a certain road, in which action a counterclaim was made by the defendant for a declaration of his right to the road as a private way and for an injunction restraining the company from trespassing thereon, the *ex parte* injunction granted the company should not be dissolved and the injunction awarded the defendant upon the merits in accordance with his counterclaim should not be made operative until an opportunity is given to the company to take expropriation proceedings. *Canadian Nor. Ry. Co. v. Billings*, 5 D.L.R. 455, 3 O.W.N. 1504, 22 O.W.R. 659.

[*Sandon Water Works and Light Co. v. Byron N. White Co.*, 35 Can. S.C.R. 309, followed.]

ADDITIONAL LANDS; RAILWAY YARDS.

Under the provisions of s. 178 of the Railway Act of Canada, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, giving the Railway Board the right to give a railway company permission to take more land for railway purposes than they are entitled to take under sub-s. (b) of s. 177 of the Act, providing that there may be taken for stations, depots, etc., an area one mile in length by 500 feet in breadth including the width of the right-of-way, if such additional land is shown to be "necessary," the word "necessary" should be given a liberal construction. (*Dictum per Brown, J.*) *City of Prince Albert v. Can.*

North. Ry. Co., (Sask.) 10 D.L.R. 121, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 87.

POWER TO DETERMINE NECESSITY FOR.

The question whether a necessity exists for the expropriation of land by a company is not one to be decided by a court in the first instance, but for the Governor-in-council, where the charter of the company, ss. 17 and 19 of c. 113 of N.S. Acts, 1911, provided that whenever it is necessary that the company should be vested with land, lakes or streams or land covered with water for the purposes of its business and no agreement can be made for the purchase thereof, the Governor-in-council may order its expropriation if satisfied that the property is actually required for the business of the company, and that it is not more than is reasonably necessary therefor, and that the expropriation is otherwise just and reasonable. (*Per Townshend, Ritchie, and Longley, J.J.*) *Miller v. Halifax Power Co.*, (N.S.) 13 D.L.R. 844.

COMPULSORY EXPROPRIATION; MANDAMUS.

(1) A written offer to sell land on certain terms, accompanied by an intimation that, if the purchaser takes possession, the vendor would treat that act as an acceptance of the offer, and the subsequent taking of such possession, without further communication with the vendor, together constitute a binding contract of purchase and sale of the land, which is taken out of the Statute of Frauds by that act of taking possession, such act being in itself a part performance of the contract, as well as an essential in the making of it. *Carlill v. Carbolic Smoke Ball Co.* (1893), 1 Q.B. 256, followed. (2) If there had been no contract between the parties respecting the land taken by the defendants for their right of way, the plaintiff would have been entitled to the alternative relief claimed by way of mandamus to compel the defendants to proceed to have the compensation determined under the provisions of the Railway Act. (3) Relief by way of mandamus may now, under Rule 879 of the King's Bench Act, be obtained by an action. *Carr v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 258, 17 Man. L.R. 178.

[*Morgan v. Metropolitan Railway Co.* (1868), L.R. 4 C.P. 97, followed.]

DUTY OF COMPANY TO TAKE LANDS.

A railway company, in its requirement of right of way, included, *inter alia*, land in which the plaintiff had a leasehold interest, but the right of way was at no time wholly upon the plaintiff's property, the greater portion being upon adjoining lands. The

company, without proceeding to arbitration, acquired the interest of the plaintiff's lessor, and built its road clear of but adjoining that portion of the indicated right of way over the land in which the plaintiff was interested. In an action to compel the company to acquire and pay for the right of way as indicated, the company contended that it could be compelled to pay for only that portion of the right of way which it actually took possession of, and Irving, J., at the trial, dismissed that contention and held that the plaintiff was injuriously affected by the construction and operation of the railway:—Held, on appeal (Martin, J.A., dissenting), that the trial Judge was right. *McDonald v. Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Ry. and Navigation Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 67, 15 B.C.R. 315.

ACTION TO COMPEL EXPROPRIATION; COMPENSATION.

The approval and registration of plans, etc., of the located area of the right-of-way, under the provisions of the Railway Act, and the subsequent construction and operation of a railway along such area, do not render the railway company liable to mandamus ordering the expropriation of a portion of the lands shewn upon the plans which has not been physically occupied by the permanent way so constructed and operated. Judgment appealed from, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 67, 15 B.C.R. 315 reversed, the Chief Justice and Davies, J., dissenting. *Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Ry. and Navigation Co. v. McDonald*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 74, 44 Can. S.C.R. 65.

B. Arbitration and Award.

APPRAISEMENT OF LANDS; ORDER TO SET ASIDE PROCEEDINGS; ESTOPPEL.

This was an application to the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia asking it to set aside, in a summary manner, the whole appraisal of land damages awarded to be paid by the county to the several proprietors of lands in Pictou county, whose lands had been expropriated for the line of railway extending from New Glasgow, in Pictou county, to the strait of Canso, and known as the Eastern Extension. This appraisal was made on the assumption that under the contract with the Nova Scotia Government for the construction of this line of railway and the statutes relating thereto, and providing for the expropriation of lands for right of way, etc., appraisal of damages or compensation to the proprietors and payment thereof, the right of way was furnished to the company free,

and the compensation for land damages was to be paid after appraisal in the manner prescribed by the *Custos* of the various counties through which the line ran issuing debentures for the amounts due to the proprietors, which debentures were to be redeemed by means of local taxation. Before the Provincial Government of Nova Scotia had entered into the contract for the construction of the Eastern Extension Line, and while they were negotiating therefor, the Nova Scotia legislature, on the 4th April, 1876, passed c. 3 of the Acts of 1876, to enable the government to enter into a contract for the construction of this line of railway, and made provision thereby for the payment of a subsidy and grants of land to those undertaking it, and for the expropriation of land for the right of way for the line. On the same date c. 74 of the Acts of 1876 was passed, and, in order to incorporate and give any contractors whose tender for construction should thereafter be accepted the same corporate powers and privileges as those mentioned in c. 74, s. 4 of the Acts of 1876 was passed. By s. 36 of c. 74, and also by s. 6, c. 3, Acts of 1876, certain ss. of c. 70 of the Revised Statutes, third series, are incorporated in these enactments and made applicable to this line of railway, which sections more particularly relate to the mode of acquiring lands for the right of way, stations, etc., the procedure for appraising damages, and the mode of assessing the various counties for the payment of the amounts awarded. C. 70 Revised Statutes, third series, comprises in consolidated form all enactments in force in Nova Scotia at that date, relating to provincial railways. For convenience the various railway companies in Nova Scotia, such as the Windsor and Annapolis Ry. Co., the Western Counties Ry. Co., (see c. 34 Acts of 1868; c. 81, Acts 1870) have, in obtaining their Acts of incorporation, availed themselves of similar clauses from c. 70, Revised Statutes third series, by express enactment, without repeating them in the Act or providing other machinery for the expropriation of lands, and the ascertaining of land damages. When the Revised Statutes, 4th series, was prepared, certain Acts of the Province not re-enacted were continued in force, and among them so much of c. 70 of the third series as was therein specified. (See the Act to provide for the publication of the Consolidated Statutes, 30th April, 1873, Revised Statutes, fourth series, page 2.) Mr. Harry Abbott, having entered into the contract with the Government for the construction of this line, sought, under c. 4 of the Acts of 1876, incorporation and the benefit of the provisions of c. 74, Acts 1876,

and obtained a certificate of incorporation under the name of the Halifax and Cape Breton Ry. and Coal Co. The company was organized under this Act, and the right of way having been obtained under the statutes, the damages were appraised and the work of construction began and was carried on. In 1877 an order was made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, on the petition of a number of the property owners whose lands would be affected by the building of the railway, directing the prothonotary of the county to draw and strike a jury, under the provisions of c. 70, of the Revised Statutes, third series, to appraise the lands and property taken for the purpose of the Eastern Extension Ry. In 1878 a rule nisi was taken to set the whole proceedings aside, but a year later it was discharged on motion of the party who had obtained it. A question having been raised as to the validity of the incorporation of the company under c. 4, Acts 1876, by the Local Government, and legislation being about to be passed to remove such doubts, another rule was obtained in 1879, on the ground that the Halifax and Cape Breton Ry. and Coal Co. had no legal existence. After the argument of this rule, and before judgment, cs. 60 and 70 of the Acts of 1879 were passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia. After hearing the Custos of the county by counsel before a committee of the Legislature, two sections of the Act were added in the interest of the county. The Supreme Court of N.S. held that the County of Pictou were estopped by those statutes last mentioned from disputing the appraisement of the lands taken, and by their act in issuing debentures to parties to whom damages had been awarded for the lands appropriated to the railway, some of which had been indorsed to third parties. (See 1 Russ. & Geldert, 448.) On appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada:—Held, that the judgment of the Court below was not one from which an appeal would lie, there being no finality about the order made by the Chief Justice of the Court below in 1877, which was what this appeal sought to set aside. *Hockin v. Halifax and Cape Breton Ry. & Coal Co.* (29th Oct. 1880) Cass. Can. S.C.R. Dig. 1893, p. 423.

ARBITRATION; AWARD; MATTERS CONSIDERED BY ARBITRATORS.

A railway company, having taken certain lands for the purposes of their railway, made an offer to the owner in payment of the same which offer was not accepted and the matter was referred to arbitration under the Cons. Railway Act, 1879. On the day that the arbitrators met the company ex-

ecuted an agreement for a crossing over the said land, in addition to the money payment, and it appeared that the arbitrators took the matter of the crossing into consideration in making their award. The amount of the award was less than the sum offered by the company, and both parties claimed to be entitled to the costs of the arbitration, the company because the award was less than their offer, and the owner because the value of the crossing was included in the sum awarded which would make it greater than the offer.—Held, affirming the judgment of the Court of Appeal, and the judgment of the Divisional Court, 5 O.R. 674, Gwynne, J. dissenting, that under the circumstances neither party was entitled to costs. *Ontario and Quebec Ry. Co. v. Philbrick* (1886), 12 Can. S.C.R. 288.

[Appeal dismissed with costs. 5 O.R. 674 affirmed.]

AWARD; VALIDITY OF; DESCRIPTION OF LAND.

E. B. et al., joint owners of land situate in the city of Quebec were awarded \$11,900 under 43-44 Vict. c. 43, s. 9, for a portion of said land appropriated for the North Shore Ry. Co. On the 12th March, 1885, E. B. et al. instituted an action against the North Shore Ry. Co., based on the award. The company not having pleaded foreclosure was granted, and on the 21st April process for interrogatories upon faits et articles was issued, and returned on the 20th April. The company made default. On the 18th June the faits et articles were declared taken pro confessis. On the 16th May, E. B. et al. consented that the defendants be allowed to plead, but it was only on the 7th July that a plea was filed, alleging that the arbitration had been irregular and was against the weight of evidence. On the 2nd September, E. B. et al. inscribed the case for hearing on the merits, on which day the railway company moved to be authorized to answer the faits et articles and the motion was refused. The notice of expropriation and the award both described the land expropriated as No. 1, on the plan of the railway company deposited according to law, but in another part of the notice it described it as forming part of a cadastral lot 2345, and in the award as forming part of lots 2344-2345. On the 5th December judgment was rendered in favor of E. B. et al. for the amount of the award. From this judgment the railway company appealed to the Court of Queen's Bench (appeal side) and that Court reversed the judgment of the Superior Court, holding inter alia the award bad for uncertainty, and that the case should be sent back to the Superior Court to allow the

defendants to answer the faits et articles. On appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada, it was:—Held, (1) reversing the judgment of the Court of Queen's Bench (appeal side) that there was no uncertainty in the award as the words of the award and notice were sufficient of themselves to describe the property intended to be expropriated and which was valued by arbitrators. (2) That the motion for leave to answer faits et articles had been properly refused by the Superior Court. *Taschereau, J.*, dissenting. *Beaudet et al. v. North Shore Ry. Co.*, 15 Can. S.C.R. 44.

[The Privy Council refused leave to appeal in this case, 10 Gaz. 463. Followed in *Wynnes v. Montreal P. & I. Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 9 Q.B. 497.]

AWARD; ARBITRATORS; JURISDICTION OF; LANDS INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED.

In a railway expropriation case the respondent in naming his arbitrator declared that he only appointed him to watch over the arbitrator of the company, but the company recognized him officially and subsequently an award of \$1,974.25 damages and costs for land expropriated was made under Art. 5164, R.S.Q. The demand for expropriation as formulated in their notice to arbitrate by the appellants was for the width of their track, but the award granted damages for three feet outside of the fences on each side as being valueless. In an action to set aside the award:—Held, affirming the judgment of the Courts below, that the appointment of respondent's arbitrator was valid under the statute and bound both parties, and that in awarding damages for three feet of land injuriously affected on each side of the track the arbitrators had not exceeded their jurisdiction. *Strong and Taschereau, JJ.*, doubted if the amount in controversy was sufficient to give the Court jurisdiction to hear the appeal, the amount of the award being under \$2,000, and to make up the appealable amount, either interest accrued after the date of the award and after action brought or the costs taxed on the arbitration proceedings would have to be added. *Quebec, Montmorency and Charlevoix Ry. Co. v. Mathieu*, 19 Can. S.C.R. 426.

[Distinguished in *Dufresne v. Guévrement*, 26 Can. S.C.R. 219.]

ENFORCEMENT OF AWARD; ADDITIONAL INTEREST; CONFIRMATION OF TITLE.

On a petition to the Superior Court, praying that a railway company be ordered to pay into the hands of the Prothonotary of the Superior Court a sum equivalent to six per cent. on the amount of an award pre-

viously deposited in Court under s. 170 of the Railway Act, and praying further that the company should be enjoined and ordered to proceed to confirmation of title, with a view to the distribution of the money, the company pleaded that the company had no power to grant such an order, and that the delays in proceeding to confirmation of title had been caused by the petitioner who had unsuccessfully appealed to the higher Courts for an increased amount:—Held, reversing the judgment of the Court below, that by the terms of s. 172 of the Railway Act it is only by the judgment of confirmation that the question of additional interest can be adjudicated upon:—Held, further, that assuming the Court had jurisdiction, until a final determination of the controversy as to the amount to be distributed, the railway company could not be said to be guilty of negligence in not obtaining a judgment in confirmation of title. (*Railway Act*, s. 172). *Fournier, J.*, dissenting. *Atlantic & North-west Ry. Co. v. Judah*, 23 Can. S.C.R. 231.

[Vide *Atlantic & N.W. Ry. Co. v. Judah*, 20 R.L. 527; referred to in *Neilson v. Quebec Bridge Co.*, Que. R. 21 S.C. 332; followed in *Montreal v. Gautier*, Que. R. 26 S.C. 354; *Montreal v. Lemoine*, Que. R. 3 Q.B. 199; referred to in *Montreal v. Baxter*, Que. R. 15 S.C. 152.]

DEATH OF ARBITRATOR PENDING AWARD.

In relation to the expropriation of lands for railway purposes, ss. 156 and 157 of the Railway Act, 51 Vict. c. 29, (D.), provide as follows:—"156. A majority of the arbitrators at the first meeting after their appointment or the sole arbitrator, shall fix a day on or before which the award shall be made; and, if the same is not made on or before such day, or some other day to which the time for making it has been prolonged, either by consent of the parties or by resolution of the arbitrators, then the sum offered by the company as aforesaid, shall be the compensation to be paid by the company." "157. If the sole arbitrator appointed by the Judge, or any arbitrator appointed by the two arbitrators dies before the award has been made, or is disqualified, or refuses or fails to act within a reasonable time, then, in the case of the sole arbitrator, the Judge, and upon the application of either party, and upon being satisfied by affidavit or otherwise of such death, disqualification, refusal or failure, may appoint another arbitrator in the place of such sole arbitrator; and in the case of any arbitrator appointed by one of parties, the company and party respectively may each appoint an arbitrator in the place of its or his arbitrator

so deceased, or not acting; and in the case of the third arbitrator appointed by the two arbitrators, the provisions of section one hundred and fifty-one shall apply; but no recommencement or repetition of the previous proceedings shall be required in any case." (Section 151 provides for the appointment of a third arbitrator either by the two arbitrators or by a Judge);—Held, that the provisions of the 157th section apply to a case where the arbitrator appointed by the proprietor died before the award had been made, and four days prior to the date fixed for making the same; that in such a case the proprietor was entitled to be allowed a reasonable time for the appointment of another arbitrator to fill the vacancy thus caused, and to have the arbitration proceedings continued although the time so fixed had expired without any award having been made, or the time for the making thereof having been prolonged. *Shannon v. Montreal Park and Island Ry. Co.*, 28 Can. S.C.R. 374.

[Overruled in *Desormeaux v. Ste. Thérèse de Blainville*, 43 Can. S.C.R. 82; considered in *Wynnes v. Montreal P. and I. Ry. Co.*, Que. R. 9 Q.B. 498.]

IMPROPER ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGE.

On an arbitration in a matter of the expropriation of land under the provisions of the Railway Act, the majority of the arbitrators appeared to have made their computation of the amount of the indemnity awarded to the owner of the land by taking an average of the different estimates made on behalf of both parties according to the evidence before them:—Held, reversing the decision of the Court of Queen's Bench, and restoring the judgment of the Superior Court (*Taschereau and Girouard, JJ.*, dissenting), that the award was properly set aside on the appeal to the Superior Court, as the arbitrators appeared to have proceeded upon a wrong principle in the estimation of the indemnity thereby awarded. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. of Canada v. Coupal*, 28 Can. S.C.R. 531.

[Applied in *Ontario and Quebec Ry. Co. v. Vallières*, Q.R. 36 S.C. 359; referred to in *Fairman v. Montreal*, 31 Can. S.C.R. 218.]

AWARD; EQUITY OF REDEMPTION; NO NOTICE TO THIRD ARBITRATOR.

Bills filed to enforce awards and to recover moneys to be paid thereunder for lands taken by the Canada Southern Ry. Co. The facts connected with the making of the awards and the subsequent litigation will be found in 41 U.C.Q.B. 193, 28 U.C.C.P. 309, 5 Ont. App. R. 13, and 9 Ont. App. R.

310. The Canada Southern Ry. Co. appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada from the judgments of the Courts below maintaining the awards. Before the Supreme Court, counsel for the appellants for the first time contended that, in the *Norvell* case the award was bad because the arbitrators had dealt only with the equity of redemption of the land owner, and that in the other cases the awards were bad on their face as being signed by only two of the three arbitrators without shewing a notice to the third arbitrator:—Held, in the *Norvell* case, that the Canada Southern Ry. Co. should be allowed to amend their answer in the cause in the Court of Chancery as they might be advised, in order to shew that the award was in respect only of the equity of redemption and not the fee simple, and upon such amendment being made, the award should be declared null and void:—Held, in the other cases, that the Canada Southern Ry. Co. should be at liberty to amend their answer in order to shew that the awards were made by two of the arbitrators in the absence of, and without notice of the meeting of the said two arbitrators to, the third arbitrator, with liberty to the plaintiffs to file with the registrar of the Supreme Court their signification of their desire for new trials, when such new trials should be granted without costs; in default of such signification in any case the award was declared null and void. Appeals allowed, but without costs, the objections having been taken for the first time on appeal. *Canada Southern Ry. Co. v. Norvell*, June 21, 1880. See *Cass. Can. S.C.R. Dig.* 1898, p. 34.

[Commented on in *Freeman v. Ontario, etc.*, Ry. Co., 6 O.R. 413; referred to in *Birely v. Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Ry. Co.*, 25 A.R. (Ont.) 88.]

NOTARY PUBLIC AS ARBITRATOR.

This case arises from an award made by a majority of arbitrators on the 1st of September, 1883, establishing at the amount of \$4,474 the indemnity to be paid to the respondents for a piece of land belonging to them and of which they were dispossessed by appellants in virtue of the statute of Quebec, 45 Vict. c. 23. Action was taken for the above sum and costs of arbitration and law costs, amounting altogether to \$4,658.20. Judgment was rendered by the Superior Court against the appellants for said amount, with interest and costs, which judgment was unanimously confirmed by the Court of Queen's Bench. The principal ground for defence was that Mr. Charlebois, being the agent of the respondents, was disqualified from acting as their arbitrator.

On appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada:—Held, that the evidence shewing that Mr. Charlebois was not in the continuous employ of respondents, but acted for them from time to time only, in his professional capacity as a notary public, and not in any other capacity, he has not disqualified from acting as arbitrator. Appeal dismissed with costs. *North Shore Ry. Co. v. Ursuline Ladies of Quebec* (1885), *Cass. S.C.R. Dig.* 1898, p. 36.

ARBITRATION; ADJOURNMENT.

The consent of the parties to an arbitration under the Railway Act (R.S.C. [1906] c. 37) to an adjournment as provided by s. 204 can be given verbally, and the statement of it in the minutes of a subsequent sitting of the arbitrators is valid. *Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Nault*, *Q.R.* 42 S.C. 121 (*Sup. Ct.*).

APPOINTMENT OF ARBITRATORS BY JUDGE.

A Judge, in exercising the power conferred by s. 196 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, to appoint arbitrators to assess the compensation to be paid to the owners by a railway company for land compulsorily taken, acts as *persona designata*, and, after making the appointment, he is *functus officio* and has no jurisdiction to rescind the order of appointment, even if it is shewn that such order had been made without jurisdiction. *Re Chambers and Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 20 *Man. L.R.* 277, 15 *W.L.R.* 694.

[*C.P.R. v. Little Seminary of St. Thérèse*, 16 *S.C.R.* 606, followed.]

NOMINATION OF ARBITRATORS; POWER OF ARBITRATORS.

(1) The choice of a third arbitrator, left by agreement to two arbitrators named by the parties, may be made, although there may have been no disagreement between such two arbitrators, as the Act does not require that as a condition precedent. (2) An agreement to dispense with the hearing of witnesses does not prevent the arbitrators doing so of their own motion should they judge it expedient. (3) In the estimation of compensation for expropriation of land, under the Railway Act, 1903, arbitrators ought not to take into consideration the increased value which the construction of the railway gives to the locality generally, but the excess of increased value, if any, received by the lands of which the expropriated property was part, over that given to neighbouring lands. (4) Where arbitrators have been given the power of finally determining the questions under arbitration, they may allow interest upon the amount of the compensation awarded from

the time of taking possession of the land expropriated or condemn the expropriating party to perform works required to reduce the damages to the amount of the compensation awarded against them. *Quebec Improvement Co. v. Quebec Bridge and Ry. Co.*, *Q.R.* 29 S.C. 328.

[Reversed in *Q.R.* 16 K.B. 107, [1908] *A.C.* 217.]

ARBITRATION; PAYMENT OUT OF COURT TO LAND OWNER; INTEREST ON AWARD.

The power to "set aside or discharge" mentioned in s. 50 of the English Judicature Act, 1873, implies the power to "vary." A Judge sitting in Court has power to vary an order which he has made in Chambers. *Semble*, the practice of the Chancery Division of the High Court in England as to varying orders is the most convenient and should be adopted in Alberta. Where money was in Court, paid in by a railway company under an order enabling the company to proceed with work which has been enjoined in the action and after the award of arbitrators under the expropriation provisions of the Railway Act a Judge in Chambers ordered payment out of part of the money to satisfy the award, which last-mentioned order was entitled as well as in the action as in the matter of the arbitration proceedings:—On application to the same Judge sitting in Court:—Held, that the Judge was not acting wholly as a *persona designata*, as in making the order he acted as well in the cause as in the arbitration proceedings and was not, therefore, after order made *functus officio*, and had power to vary the order made:—*And*, held, further, following *Clarke v. Toronto, Grey and Bruce Ry. Co.*, 18 *O.L.R.* 628, that interest should be allowed to the owner of property on the amount awarded by the arbitrators from the date of the warrant of possession, and that the order should be varied accordingly. *Re Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co. and Marsan*, 3 *Alta. L.R.* 65.

ADJOURNMENT FOR AWARD.

Arbitrators appointed to fix the compensation to be paid in an expropriation under the Railway Act of Canada had, at their first meeting, fixed July 6th, 1897, for giving their award. On June 29th, 1897, after the *enquête* for the expropriation was closed, the proceedings were adjourned to July 8th without any special enlargement of the time for rendering the award. At the time of the adjournment the solicitors for both parties were present and made no objection:—Held, that the adjournment on June 29th, was a sufficient enlargement of the time fixed for the rendering of the award. *Wynnes*

v. Montreal Park and Island Ry. Co., 9 Que. Q.B. 483, reversing 16 S.C. 105 (C.R.), and restoring 14 S.C. 409 (S.C.).

COMPENSATION FOR LAND TAKEN; ARBITRATION; JUDGMENT TO ENFORCE AWARD.

Usher v. Town of North Toronto, 2 O.W. N. 851, 18 O.W.R. 808.

APPOINTMENT OF SOLE ARBITRATOR; "OPPOSITE PARTY," MEANING OF; EVIDENCE BY AFFIDAVIT.

The railway company having served on both the owner of the land and the mortgagee the notice and certificate prescribed by ss. 146 and 147 of the Railway Act, 51 Vict. (D.), c. 29, the owner refused the sum offered and notified the company of the name of her arbitrator, but the mortgagee gave no such notice.—Held, that, under s. 150 of the Act, the company was entitled to apply to have a sole arbitrator appointed, as the mortgagee should be treated as an "opposite party" within the meaning of that section. After giving notice to the company of the name of her arbitrator, the owner sold and conveyed the property to another person. The land had been bought under the Real Property Act, and on the certificate of title issued to the purchaser there was endorsed a memorandum of the deposit in the Land Titles Office of the minister's certificate and the plan and book of reference.—Held, that the purchaser must be deemed, under s. 145 of the Act, to have had notice of the expropriation proceedings and was bound by them. Evidence in support of an application under s. 150 of the Act may be by affidavit. In re Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. and Batter, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 457, 13 Man. L. R. 200.

ARBITRATION AND AWARD; CLERICAL ERROR IN AWARD; MOTION TO REFER BACK.

Motion for an order referring back to the arbitrators, to enable them to correct a clerical error, an award made under the Dominion Railway Act.—Held, that if the provincial legislation (R.S.O. 1897, c. 62) applied, the motion was needless, the arbitrators having power (s. 9 (c)) to correct the mistake. If that legislation were not applicable, there was no power, under the Dominion Railway Act or otherwise, to remit the award, nor to correct the error upon this motion. Re McAlpine and Lake Eric and Detroit River Ry. Co., 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 95, 3 O.L.R. 230.

ARBITRATION AWARD; RAILWAY ACT; REVISION OF AWARD AS TO AMOUNT; AWARD OF COSTS BY ARBITRATORS.

(1) On an appeal from an award of arbitrators, under the Railway Act of Canada,

c. 29, s. 161, so far as the appreciation of damages is concerned no new evidence can be adduced, and no objection based upon the admission of illegal evidence or the exclusion of legal evidence, can be considered, unless the illegalities complained of appear of record. (2) The award cannot be explained or varied by extrinsic evidence of the intention of the party making it. Error of law or fact on the part of the arbitrators, or excess of jurisdiction, must appear on the face of the award, or from the evidence or documents of record. (3) The Court will not interfere with the discretion of the arbitrators as to the amount of the award, unless it be as a check upon possible fraud, accidental error, or gross incompetence. (4) The award of costs by the arbitrators does not invalidate the award, where it simply follows the rule established by the Railway Act itself, for in such case the party has no grievance. (5) The award of a block sum is valid, the law not requiring the arbitrators to distinguish between the amount awarded for value of land taken, and that awarded for damages to other lands. Pontiac Pacific Junction and Ottawa, etc., Ry. Cos., v. Community General Hospital, etc., 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 99, Q.R. 20 S.C. 567.

[Approved in Ontario & Que. Ry. Co. v. Vallières, Que. R. 36 S.C. 354.]

NOTICE; COMPENSATION; ARBITRATION.

A railway company, having given notice of requiring certain land for their railway, and having taken possession of it, cannot abandon their notice and give a new notice for the same land. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Little Seminary of Ste. Thérèse (1889), 16 S.C.R. 606, applied. Where the company named in their new notice a larger sum of compensation money than in their original one, and a different arbitrator.—Held, upon a motion by the land-owner to compel the company to proceed with the arbitration, that, although the new notice was ineffective, and the arbitration could proceed only under the original notice, the appointment of the new arbitrator should be confirmed (the land-owner not objecting), and the company should be allowed to increase their offer, but not so as to prejudice the owner as to anything that might have occurred before the new notice, and the offer of the increased sum might be taken into consideration upon the question of costs. Re Haskill et al. and Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 389, 7 O.L.R. 429.

AUTHORITY OF ARBITRATOR; FAILURE TO GIVE NOTICE; TRESPASS.

By the Acts of 1902, c. 104, the recompense to the owner of land taken for rail-

way purposes, and for the value of earth, stones, gravel, etc., removed, was required to be fixed by three arbitrators, one chosen by the company, another by the owner or proprietor, and, where these were unable to agree as to the amount of their award, a third, to be appointed by the two arbitrators first nominated. The company's engineer wrote to M., who had previously acted for the company, requesting him to ascertain whether plaintiffs had arranged their title to the gravel pit at Loch Ben in such a way that the arbitrators could get to work and, if so, to let them know that he (M.) was prepared to act, "and asked them to appoint their man so that you two, if you cannot agree to the valuation, may select a third." He added, "I will send an agreement of arbitration which each one can subscribe to, or, if they have one already drafted, you can forward it here for approval." No agreement was sent by the engineer, and none was forwarded for approval by M., but, acting on the letter received, M., in company with plaintiff's nominee, met and investigated the damages, and, with C., who was appointed third arbitrator, signed an award for the amount of which action was brought:—Held, Russell, J., dissenting on this point:—that the letter written by the company's engineer, in the absence of anything in the statute as to how the arbitration was to be conducted, or the steps to be taken previous to inquiry, was as effective as any agreement, even if such were necessary, and the company were bound by it:—Held, also, that defendants, having failed to proceed in the regular way, by giving notice to the proprietors of the purposes for which they entered, and for which they could only enter after notice, were trespassers and liable as such. *McIsaac et al. v. Inverness Ry. & Coal Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 112, 38 N.S.R. 80.

[Reversed in 37 Can. S.C.R. 134, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 121.]

ARBITRATION; AUTHORITY FOR SUBMISSION; TRESPASS.

By statute in Nova Scotia, if land is taken for railway purposes the compensation therefor, and for earth, gravel, etc., removed, shall be fixed by arbitrators, one chosen by each party and the third, if required, by those two. A railway company intending to expropriate, their engineer wrote to M., who had acted for the company in other cases, instructing him to ascertain whether the owners had arranged their title so that the arbitration could proceed and, if so, to ask them to nominate their man, who, with M., could appoint a third

if they could not agree. The engineer added, "I will send an agreement of arbitration which each one can subscribe to, or, if they have one already drafted, you can forward it here for approval." No such agreement was sent by, or forwarded to, the engineer, but the three arbitrators were appointed and made an award on which the owners of the land brought an action:—Held, reversing the judgment appealed from, 38 N.S.R. 80, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 112, that as the company had not taken the preliminary steps required by the statute which, therefore, did not govern the arbitration proceedings, the award was void for want of a proper submission. The company entered upon land and cut down trees and removed gravel therefrom without giving the owners the notice required by statute of their intention to take their property. The owners by their action above mentioned, claimed damages for trespass as well as the amount of the award:—Held, that as the act of the company was not authorized by statute the owners could sue for trespass and as, at the trial, the action on this claim was dismissed on the ground that such action was prohibited there should be a new trial. *Inverness Ry. and Coal Co. v. McIsaac*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 121, 37 Can. S.C.R. 134.

MISCONDUCT OF ARBITRATORS; GROSS UNDERVALUATION OF MINING CLAIM; INTERESTED MOTIVES.

The Court will not interfere to set aside an award unless corruption, partiality, misconduct or irregularity is distinctly proved against the arbitrators, and mere suspicion is not sufficient; or unless the sum awarded is so grossly and scandalously inadequate as to shock one's sense of justice. The plaintiff having made an application under sub-s. 3 of s. 168 of the Railway Act, 1903, to set aside the award of the majority of the arbitrators on the ground that it was unjust, improper, unreasonable and grossly and scandalously inadequate and against the weight of evidence, also, that no reasons were given for the amount of the award:—Held, (1) That there was no evidence which would warrant a finding of corruption, partiality or irregularity on the part of the majority of the arbitrators or that the amount of the award was grossly and scandalously inadequate. (2) Under s. 164 arbitrators are not bound to give reasons for their conclusions though it would be better to do so. *Morley v. Klondike Mines Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 183, 5 West, L.R. 109.

[Followed in *Harrigan v. Klondike Mines Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 193, 5 W.L.R. 137.

ARBITRATION AND AWARD; MISCONDUCT OF ARBITRATORS; GROSS UNDERVALUATION OF MINING CLAIM; INTERESTED MOTIVES.

Application by plaintiffs, similar to that in *Morley v. Klondike Mines Ry. Co.*, 5 W.L.R. 109, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 183, to set aside the award of a majority of the arbitrators, on the ground that the award is unjust, improper, unreasonable, and grossly and scandalously inadequate, and that the same was made without regard to the evidence, and on the ground that the majority of arbitrators acted unfairly, improperly and not as fair or just arbitrators between the parties on such arbitration, or in making such award.—Held, following case supra, that where there is no evidence of corruption or to sufficiently sustain the reasons set out in the application, the award must stand. *Harrigan v. Klondike Mines Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 193, 5 West. L.R. 137.

ARBITRATION AND AWARD; TERMS OF SUBMISSION EXCEEDED.

Where arbitrators were appointed under deeds of submission to value three expropriated lots of ground and the indemnity for damages, it being declared that they should act as mediators (*amiables compositeurs*) but should be bound to conform to the provisions of s. 161 of the Railway Act, 1903, and the award in lieu of valuing the third lot in money ordered that the expropriators should return it in part and construct a road on their own adjoining land, to be maintained by them in perpetuity for the benefit of the parties expropriated.—Held, affirming Q.R. 16 K.B. 107, that arbitrators who are also appointed mediators cannot disregard their instructions, and that the error vitiated the whole award. *Quebec Improvement Co. v. Quebec Bridge and Ry. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 336, [1908] A.C. 217.

COMPULSORY TAKING OF LAND; APPEAL FROM AWARD OF ARBITRATORS.

(1) Upon an appeal, under s. 209 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, from an award of arbitrators determining the compensation to be paid to an owner for the compulsory taking of his lands by a railway company, the Court will not assume the function of the arbitrators and make an independent award, but will rather treat the matter as it would an appeal from the decision or verdict of a Judge, and the award will not be disturbed, unless the arbitrators manifestly erred in some principle in arriving at their conclusion. (2) Interest on the amount awarded should not be added by the arbitrators, especially in a case where the claimant remains in possession

of the property until after the date of the award. (3) It is proper that the claimant should be allowed the actual value of the property to him, and not merely the market value as on a sale. (4) The arbitrators are not bound to allow ten per cent. extra on the amount of the compensation for the compulsory taking, although that is frequently done, and the Court will not interfere with their refusal to allow such percentage. *Canadian Northern Ry. v. Robinson*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 226, 17 Man. L.R. 396.

[Approved in *Re Clarke and Toronto, Grey and Bruce Ry. Co.*, 18 O.L.R. 628, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 290; commented on in *Re Davies and James Bay Ry. Co.*, 20 O.L.R. 534.]

RATIFICATION OF ARBITRATION AWARD.

Held, (1) a petition for the ratification of an arbitration award, upon an expropriation of land by a railway company for the building of its line, is presented in the interest of the railway company solely, the company shall pay the costs of appearance upon the petition, with the costs of the expropriated owner's attorneys on the petition, but not the costs on a reply to the petition. (2) The costs incurred in the distribution of the moneys deposited in Court by the company petitioner shall be taken out of the said moneys as in the ordinary course of law. *Chateaugay and Northern Ry. Co. v. Laurier*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 51, 9 Q.P.R. 245.

INTERVENTION; INTERESTED PARTY; JURISDICTION OF SUPERIOR COURT.

A party, claiming the ownership of land expropriated by a railway company, may intervene in the expropriation proceedings; but such intervention will not affect the validity of any proceedings had till then against the registered proprietor. The Superior Court is the tribunal which has jurisdiction to allow such intervention. In *re Montreal and Southern Counties Ry. Co. and Woodrow*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 496, 11 Q.P.R. 230.

COMPENSATION; VALUE OF LAND TAKEN; DAMAGE TO RESIDUE; AMOUNTS NOT SEPARATED IN AWARD; INTERFERENCE WITH WORKING OF FARM.

Arbitrators having awarded to the claimant \$30,607 as compensation for about 4½ acres of his stock and dairy farm of 465 acres, expropriated by the contestants for their right of way, under the Dominion Railway Act, and for damage to the residue of his land, the amount awarded was reduced on appeal to \$20,000. The arbitrators not having stated the principles by which they

were guided in coming to their conclusions, and not having separated the amount allowed for the land actually taken and the amount awarded as damages for lands injuriously affected, the course taken by the Court on the appeal was that commended by the Judicial Committee in *James Bay Ry. Co. v. Armstrong*, [1909] A.C. 624, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 1, viz., to go through all the evidence, and, having due regard to the findings of the arbitrators, so far as they could be ascertained, to examine into the justice of the award. The award was that of two of the three arbitrators; the non-assenting arbitrator stated his views and also his understanding of the grounds on which his colleagues based their award:—Held, that the Court could not pay regard to this statement as setting forth the grounds upon which the award was based. The part of the farm taken for the railway was in the valley of the Don river, which traversed a part of the farm. The farm buildings were for the most part in the valley, but the arable part of the farm was largely in the uplands, and access from the buildings to the uplands was gained by means of a loop-shaped roadway, commencing at a gate entrance to the farmyard on the east side of the west or north branch of the Don, and going in a southerly direction towards the Don Mills road, there turning westerly and crossing the stream by means of a bridge, and then proceeding in a north-westerly direction to a gate at the foot of the roadway leading up a very steep hill and ascending by means of it to the uplands. The gates were kept closed or open as occasion needed for the purpose of controlling the wandering of the stock, and regulating the hauling of loads to and from the uplands. The road-bed embankment of the railway intersected both of the roadways at a height of 6 or 7 feet above their grade. The main complaint of the claimant was, that passing to and fro between the buildings and the uplands with horses, cattle, vehicles, and farm implements, involved crossing the railway twice, and opening and closing four gates, together with the delay and risk attendant thereon:—Held, upon the evidence, that the difficulty could be overcome by the construction of a new roadway with a bridge, at an expense of \$3,000, which was an ample allowance in respect of this cause of complaint; and, while it might be true, as stated by the arbitrators, that it was not within their power to compel either the claimant or the contestants to construct the roadway and bridge, yet they were not justified in making an allowance for that particular damage greater than a sum sufficient to enable it to be obviated for all time. The measure of the damage to which

the claimant was entitled was the value of the land taken and the depreciation occasioned to the remainder by the construction and user of the railway upon the part taken; and justice to the contestants required that the award should shew on its face what amount was allowed in respect of each of these items. The principle on which the inquiry was to the compensation when some land is taken and some injuriously affected should be proceeded with is to ascertain the value to the claimant of his property before the taking, and its value after the part has been taken, having regard to all the directions of s. 198 of the Railway Act, and deduct the one sum from the other. *James v. Ontario and Quebec Ry. Co.* (1886-8), 12 O.R. 624, 15 A.R. 1, followed. The contestants took possession of the land on the 13th October, 1905, and the arbitrators awarded interest from that day:—Held, that s. 153 (2) of the Act 3 Edw. VII. c. 58, now s. 192 (2) of the Railway Act, was enacted for the purpose of fixing the time as of which the value and damage are to be ascertained; the question of interest is not dealt with in terms, and there is nothing in the words to interfere with the operation of the general law, which, as between vendor and purchaser, fixes the time at which interest commences as that at which the purchaser takes or may safely take possession. When some land is taken, and other land is injuriously affected, the amounts awarded in respect of both are to be treated as purchase money. *Re Macpherson and City of Toronto* (1895), 26 O.R. 553, approved. Whether or not it was correct for the arbitrators to award the interest was not material; no substantial wrong had been done by stating it in the award. *In re Davies and James Bay Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 225, 20 O.L.R. 534.

COMPENSATION; DAMAGES; INDEMNITY; PROPRIETORS BORDERING ON PUBLIC CANALS; NULLITY OF AWARD.

(1) The appeal to the Superior Court from the decision of arbitrators in matters of expropriation for a railway given under s. 209 of c. 37, R.S.C. 1906, and the action to annul the award under the law of the Province of Quebec recognized under sub-s. 4 of the same section, are separate remedies which can not be joined in one and the same demand. (2) A difference between the award as established by the deed executed by the arbitrators before a notary and the award as recorded on the minutes of the final session of the arbitrators is an irregularity, but does not necessarily entail nullity. (3) The nullity of one part of the award only entails the nullity of the remainder if the award is indivisible or if

one of the parties suffers prejudice. Consequently the award which adjudicates upon the costs of the arbitration notwithstanding that the law itself determines upon whom they shall fall, is null for such part only, but may be valid for the rest. (4) When the indemnity is for several different objects, that is to say, land expropriated, buildings, inconveniences resulting from the expropriation, etc., it is not necessary that the award should specify the amount awarded under each heading. It may fix a lump sum for the whole. (5) The proprietor expropriated is only entitled to those damages which are the direct and exclusive result of the expropriation. The arbitrators cannot take into account other inconveniences which he may suffer in common with the rest of the public, such as those caused by noise, smoke, and the greater difficulty of access. (6) A property separated from a canal by a highway is not a property bordering (riverain) upon the canal. (7) Proprietors whose lands front upon public canals but who are not owners of the banks nor the water have no rights in the canal either of ownership or in servitude (casement). (8) Where in fixing the indemnity arbitrators have taken into consideration proof of loss or inconvenience of a nature for which the law allows no indemnity, the award is null. For the purpose of reducing the award, proof cannot be admitted to shew what proportion of the award has been accorded upon illegal grounds. (9) The Superior Court in deciding an appeal must decide upon the indemnity according to the proof made before the arbitrators. Ontario & Quebec Ry. Co. v. Vallières, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 1, Q.R. 36 S.C. 349.

ARBITRATION; EVIDENCE DISREGARDED; SETTING ASIDE AWARD.

Arbitrators appointed under the Railway Act to determine the value of lands expropriated by the railway must base their award on the evidence given and, while authorized under s. 201 of the Railway Act to view the land expropriated, they may not disregard the evidence and substitute their own opinion of the value for the evidence of the witnesses, the proper purpose of the view being to enable the arbitrators to better understand the evidence given. The award of arbitrators stated: "We have been thrown very considerably upon our own judgment in arriving at this decision. Reasoning from our own judgment and a view of the actual facts submitted in evidence, we are convinced that the sum of \$2,900 is a fair and just valuation of the land under dispute"—Held, that the award should be set aside and the value fixed by the Court on the evidence given pursuant to the auth-

ority contained in the Railway Act, s. 209. In Re Calgary & Edmonton Ry. Co. and Mackinnon, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 27, 2 Alta. L.R. 438.

[Reversed in 43 Can. S.C.R. 379, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 32.]

ARBITRATION AND AWARD; VALIDITY OF AWARD.

In expropriation proceedings, under the Railway Act, the arbitrators in making their award stated that they had not found the expert evidence a valuable factor in assisting them in their conclusions and that, after viewing the property in question, they had reached their conclusions by "reasoning from their own judgment and a few actual facts submitted in evidence." On appeal from the judgment of the Supreme Court of Alberta setting aside the award and increasing the damages—Held, that it did not appear from the language used that the arbitrators had proceeded without proper consideration of the evidence adduced or upon what was not properly evidence and, therefore, the award should not have been interfered with. Calgary & Edmonton Ry. Co. v. MacKinnon, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 32, 43 Can. S.C.R. 379.

AWARD; ENFORCEMENT; OMISSION TO NAME DAY.

The Ontario Arbitration Act, 9 Edw. VII. c. 35, s. 14, applies to awards under the Dominion Railway Act so as to confer jurisdiction upon the High Court to entertain summary applications to enforce such awards. The Dominion Act provides for appeals, but does not provide machinery for the enforcement of awards; the Provincial Act applies to all awards where the particular Act does not provide machinery for enforcement. The omission of arbitrators to name a day before which the award is to be made (s. 204 of the Dominion Railway Act) does not invalidate the award; naming a day is not a condition precedent to jurisdiction; the ascertaining of the sum offered as that to be paid results from failure to award within a time fixed, and not from failure to fix a time; the statutory provision is one in favour of the railway company, and is waived by proceeding with the arbitration. Re Horseshoe Quarry Co. and St. Mary's & Western Ontario Ry. Co., 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 155, 22 O.L.R. 429.

REVIEW OF AWARD; INADEQUACY OF COMPENSATION.

An application to the Superior Court in the Province of Quebec under s. 207 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, to set aside an award of arbitrators, made in expropriation proceedings under that Act, on

the ground of the inadequacy of the compensation awarded, which application is instituted by a petition praying that a writ of appeal may be issued in the nature and form of an appeal from a decision of an inferior Court, and that the Court may decide upon the amount of compensation and may render the award which the arbitrators should have rendered, is an appeal to the Superior Court from the award, and not an action in that Court to set the award aside, and, therefore, no further appeal lies to the Court of King's Bench from the decision of the Superior Court upon such an application. *Rolland v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 21, 7 D.L.R. 441.

ARBITRATION; AWARD; CONCLUSIVENESS; SETTING ASIDE FOR FAILURE TO CARRY OUT UNDERTAKING.

An award made by arbitrators appointed under s. 196 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, to ascertain the compensation that should be paid for injuries to land not actually taken or used by the railway, the owners claiming that the land was injuriously affected because the railway was built between the land and the sea, thereby cutting off their rights of access to the sea, will be set aside because of the failure of the arbitrators to keep a promise made by them to the owners of the land when the suggestion was offered on the arbitration proceedings that the question of the applicability of s. 198 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, to such a case should be referred to the Court, which promise was that they, the arbitrators, should have it appear on the face of the award whether or not such section applied. *Re Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 101, 5 D.L.R. 722.

[Judgment in 1 W.W.R. 894 affirmed by divided Court.]

AWARD; SCOPE OF APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

Under the British Columbia Railway Act, R.S.B.C. 1911, c. 194, s. 68, upon an appeal from the award of arbitrators fixing damages under eminent domain proceedings, the Court will not supersede the arbitrators but will review the award as it would review the judgment of a subordinate Court in a case of original jurisdiction, considering the award on its merits, both as to the facts and the law. Under the British Columbia Railway Act, R.S.B.C. 1911, c. 194, s. 68, upon an appeal from the award of arbitrators fixing damages under eminent domain proceedings where conflicting views as to the quantum of damages were apparent, but the estimate made in the award cannot be said to be unreasonable or manifestly incorrect, the findings of the arbitrators will not in that respect be disturbed, the arbitrators

having seen and heard the witnesses and viewed the land in question. *Canadian Northern Pacific Ry. Co. v. Dominion Glazed Cement Pipe Co.*, (B.C.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 265, 7 D.L.R. 174.

[*Atlantic and North-west Ry. Co. v. Wood*, [1895] A.C. 257, 64 L.J.P.C. 116, followed, under which a similar question under sub-s. 2 of s. 161 of the Canadian Railway Act, 1888, being s. 163 of 3 Edw. VII. (Can.) c. 58, was decided.]

APPOINTMENT OF ARBITRATORS; VALUE OF PROPERTY AT THE TIME.

The exception of arbitrations then "pending" from the amendment made by 8 & 9 Edw. VII. (Can.) c. 32, to the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, as to the time in relation to which the value of property expropriated is to be fixed where title is not acquired by the railway within a year from the date of depositing the plans, does not apply so as to exclude the application of the amending Act, unless the arbitrators had taken office before the statute took effect after having been sworn in under s. 197; so where prior to the amending statute (1909), an order had been made appointing arbitrators, but one of them declined the appointment and a new arbitrator was not appointed until after the passing of the amending Act, the "arbitration" was not "pending" when the latter Act was passed. *Re Taylor and Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, (Man.) 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 51, 9 D.L.R. 695.

[*Robinson v. C.N.R. Co.*, 17 Man. L.R. 583, referred to.]

LAND CONTRACT; ARBITRATION; CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGE.

An agreement alleged to import the renunciation of a right is interpreted strictly; and where a land owner permits his land to be taken for the construction of a railway, and reserves his right of action for possible damages resulting from the obstruction or closing of a roadway leading from his farm to the St. Lawrence River, he is not estopped therefrom by a stipulation in the agreement of sale to the effect that the price of the land sold on the same day to the company "shall include all damages caused by the running of the railway over the land sold." An alleged agreement, for arbitration of damages arising from the construction, maintenance and operation of a railway over the plaintiffs' lands, which specifies that "the damages shall be fixed by appraisers to be named by the parties," but neither specifies the names of the arbitrators, nor the subject-matter of the dispute, nor fixes the time within which the arbitration award shall be rendered, is not a compromise, but is

merely a promise to compromise, and does not estop a person suffering damages from a right of action for the recovery of such damages. *Desmeules v. Quebec & Saguenay Ry. Co.*, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 94, Q.R. 43 S.C. 150.

[*McKay v. Mackedie*, Q.R. 11 S.C. 513, followed.]

COMPENSATION; AWARD; REVIEW; CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGE.

An award under the Railway Act (Can.) will not be set aside by reason of the fact that after a view of the lands in question the arbitrators have not put in writing a statement sufficiently full to enable a judgment to be formed of the weight which should be attached to their finding. *Arbitration Act*, 9 Edw. VII. (Ont.) c. 35, s. 17 (3), but will be referred back for a supplementary certificate. (2) When a railway intersects a piece of land the company must pay not only compensation for the land actually taken, but also damages for injuries to the remainder of the parcel sustained by reason of the compulsory severance. (3) The date of the deposit of a plan, profile and book of reference is the date with reference to which compensation or damages for land taken by a railway company under the *Railway Act*, 3 Edw. VII. (Can.) c. 58, are to be ascertained, and subsequent dealings with the land by the owner cannot affect the amount of compensation or damages to be awarded. *Re Myerscough and Lake Erie and Northern Ry. Co.*, (Ont.) 11 D.L.R. 458.

VALUES OF LANDS; SIMILAR SETTLEMENTS; RELEVANCY.

Evidence of settlements made by the railway with other persons for parts of other farms taken for the right-of-way is not relevant in expropriation proceedings under the *Railway Act* (Can.). The fact that one party to the issue presented on an arbitration is allowed to give evidence of a class which is not relevant, does not entitle the opposing party to answer with the same kind of irrelevant testimony; and the opposing party, although successful in the issue is properly refused costs of his irrelevant evidence. *Re Ketcheson and Can. North. Ont. Ry. Co.*, (Ont.) 13 D.L.R. 854.

[*R. v. Cargill*, [1913] 2 K.B. 271, applied.]

C. Compensation; Measure of.

INJURY TO PROPERTY BY CONSTRUCTION OF SUBWAY; LIABILITY OF MUNICIPALITY.

A special statute in Ontario, 46 Vict. c. 45, authorized the municipalities of the city of Toronto and the village of Parkdale, jointly

or separately, and the railway companies whose lines of railway ran into the city of Toronto, to agree together for the construction of railway subways; provision was made in the Act for the issue of debentures to provide or the cost of the work, and the by-law for the issue of such debentures was not required to be submitted to the ratepayers; there was also provision for compensation to the owners of property injuriously affected by such work, such compensation to be determined by arbitration under the *Municipal Act* if not mutually agreed upon. The municipalities not being able to agree, Parkdale and the railway companies entered into an agreement to have a subway constructed at their joint expense, but under the direction of the municipality and its engineer, and on the application of Parkdale and the railway companies to the Privy Council of Canada, purporting to be made under 46 Vict. c. 24 (D.), an order of the Privy Council was obtained authorizing the work to be done according to the terms of such agreement. The municipality of Parkdale then contracted with one G. for the construction of the subway, and a by-law providing for the raising of Parkdale's share of the cost of construction was submitted to, and approved of, by the ratepayers of that municipality. In an action by the owner of property injured by the work:—*Held*, per *Ritchie, C.J.*, *Fournier* and *Henry, J.J.*, that the work was not done by the municipality under the special Act, nor merely as agent of the railway companies, and the municipality was, therefore, liable as a wrongdoer. *Per Gwynne, J.*:—That the work should be considered as having been done under the special Act, and the plaintiffs were entitled to compensation thereunder. *Per Taschereau, J.*:—That the work was done by the municipality as agent of the railway companies, and it was, therefore, not liable. 12 A.R. (Ont.) 393, reversing 8 O.R. 59, 7 O.R. 270, reversed. *West v. Parkdale*, 12 Can. S.C.R. 250.

[*Affirmed*, 12 App. Cases 602; discussed in *Ayers v. Windsor*, 14 O.R. 682; referred to in *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Hamilton Radial*, 29 O.R. 143; *Mason v. South Norfolk Ry. Co.*, 19 O.R. 132; *Platt v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 11 O.R. 246; applied in *Chaudiere Machine and Foundry Co. v. Canada Atl. Ry. Co.*, 33 Can. S.C.R. 14; *Saunby v. London Water Commissioners*, [1906] A.C. 110; *Water Commissioners of London v. Saunby*, 34 Can. S.C.R. 664; approved in *Arthur v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 22 A.R. (Ont.) 89; considered in *Marsan v. Grand Trunk Pac. Ry. Co.*, 2 A.L.R. 51; distinguished in *Canadian Pac. Ry. Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 12 O.L.R. 320; fol-

lowed in *Bannatyne v. Suburban Rapid Transit Co.*, 15 Man. L.R. 19; *Hanley v. Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Ry. Co.*, 11 O.L.R. 91; *Hendrie v. Toronto, Hamilton, etc., Ry. Co.*, 26 O.R. 667; *Smith v. Public Parks Board*, 15 Man. L.R. 258; referred to in *Baskerville v. Ottawa*, 20 A.R. (Ont.) 108; *Birely and Toronto, etc., Ry. Co.*, Re, 28 O.R. 468; *Clair v. Temiscouata Ry. Co.*, 37 N.B.R. 613; *McArthur v. Northern and Pacific Junction Ry. Co.*, 17 A.R. (Ont.) 86; *Nelson and F.S. Co. v. Jerry*, 5 B.C.R. 405; *Winnipeg v. Toronto General Trusts*, 19 Man. L.R. 427; relied on in *Sandon Waterworks and Light Co. v. Byron N. White Co.*, 35 Can. S.C.R. 321.]

ALTERATION OF ROUTE; COMPENSATION.

Held, that an order of the Railway Committee under s. 4 of the Dominion Act, 46 Vict. c. 24, does not of itself, and apart from the provisions of law thereby made applicable to the case of land required for the proper carrying out of the requirements of the Railway Committee, authorize or empower the railway company on whom the order is made to take any person's land or to interfere with any person's right.—Held, that such provisions of law include all the provisions contained in the Consolidated Railway Act, 1879, under the headings of "Plans and Surveys" and "Lands and their valuation" which are applicable to the case; the taking of land and the interference with rights over land being placed on the same footing in that Act. Where a railway company, acting under an order of the Railway Committee, did not deposit a plan or book of reference relating to the alterations required by such order.—Held, that it was not entitled to commence operations.—Held, further, that under the Act of 1879 the payment of compensation by the railway company is a condition precedent to its rights of interfering with the possession of land or the rights of individuals. *Parkdale v. West and others*, (1887) 12 A.C. 602.

Jones v. Stanstead Ry. Co., Law. Rep. 4 P.C. 98, distinguished; 12 Can. S.C.R. 250, reversing 12 A.R. (Ont.) 393 restoring 8 O.R. 59, 7 O.R. 270, affirmed.]

AWARD; INADEQUATE COMPENSATION.

In a case of an award in expropriation proceedings under the Railway Act, R.S.C. c. 109, it was held by the Superior Court for L.C. and the Court of Queen's Bench for L.C. (Appeal side) that the arbitrators had acted in good faith and fairness in considering the value of the property before the railway passed through it, and its value after the railway had been constructed, and that the sum awarded was not so grossly

and scandalously inadequate as to shock one's sense of justice. On appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada:—Held, that the judgment should not be interfered with. *Benning v. Atlantic and N.W. Ry. Co.*, 20 Can. S.C.R. 177.

[6 Q.B. 385, M.L.R. 5 S.C. 136, affirmed.]

SUFFICIENCY OF AWARD.

Appeal and cross-appeal from the judgment of the Exchequer Court on a claim arising out of an expropriation of land at Port Hawkesbury, N.S., for the purposes of the Cape Breton Railway. The amount awarded to the claimant was \$9,223.50, and the Exchequer Court judgment, which is reported at length in 2 Ex. C.R. 149, was unanimously affirmed by the Supreme Court. *Paint v. The Queen* (1891), 18 Can. S.C.R. 718.

[Applied in *The Queen v. Clarke*, 5 Ex. C.R. 65; commented on in *The Queen v. Barry*, 2 Ex. C.R. 352; followed in *Re Gilbert and St. John Horticultural Assn.*, 1 N.B. Eq. 448; *The Queen v. Harwood*, 6 Ex. C.R. 423; referred to in *The King v. Harris*, 7 Ex. C.R. 280; *Letourneau v. The Queen*, 7 Ex. C.R. 8; *Neilson v. Quebec Bridge Co.*, Q.R. 21 S.C. 334; *The Queen v. Murray*, 5 Ex. C.R. 72.]

COMPENSATION; DAMAGE BY REASON OF CONSTRUCTION.

Under s. 159 of the Railway Act of 1906 the Board of Railway Commissioners ordered that the location of the appellants' line of railway along certain streets in the city of Fort William be approved in accordance with an agreement between the appellants and the municipal corporation, but subject to the condition that the appellants shall "make full compensation to all persons interested for all damage sustained by reason thereof":—Held, that the order must be rescinded. Under s. 237 (3) the power to award damages was in respect of construction, and s. 47 did not on its true construction extend that power to meet the case of location; and as the condition failed there was no approval. *Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co. v. Landowners, etc., Fort William*, [1912] A.C. 224.

COMPENSATION; LAND INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED.

Where the statute under which a claim was made for damages to land, caused by the construction of certain works and the closing up of certain streets, provided that any advantage which the real estate might derive from the contemplated works should be deducted from the sum estimated for damage done to the land in arriving at the compensation to be paid, and it was found

that the detriment to the claimant's property caused by the closing of the streets was more than offset by the advantage accruing to it from the construction of the works; it was held, that the claimant could not recover anything in respect to such detriment.—Held, also, that, even if the detriment to the claimant's land should alone be considered, he is not entitled to compensation by reason only that he is, by the construction of a public work, deprived of a mode of reaching an adjoining district from his land and is obliged to use a substituted route which is less convenient, if the consequent depreciation in the value of his property is general to the inhabitants of the particular locality affected, though his property may be depreciated more than that of any of the others. The claimant in such a case would have no right of action at common law, and therefore his land was not injuriously affected within the meaning of the statutes, the test in such cases being, would the complainant have a right of action if the work had been done without statutory authority. *Re Shragge and The City of Winnipeg*, 20 Man. L.R. 1.

COMPENSATION FOR INJURY TO LAND; SUBWAY; MUNICIPAL POWERS; TIME ALLOWED FOR MAKING CLAIM.

S. 775 of the Winnipeg Charter, 1 and 2 Edw. VII. c. 77, provides that every claim for compensation for any damage necessarily resulting to an owner of land entered upon or used by the city in the exercise of any of its powers, or injuriously affected thereby (the right to which is given by the preceding section), shall be made within one year from the date when the real property was so entered upon, taken or used, or when the alleged damages were sustained or became known to the claimant. The defendants' claim, however, was for compensation for their land injuriously affected by the exercise of the powers of the city under sub-s. (c) of s. 708 of the Charter, as re-enacted by s. 15 of c. 64 of 3 and 4 Edw. VII., and had been expressly recognized by a by-law of the council passed under that sub-s., which by-law was expressly validated and confirmed by s. 23 of the last mentioned Act.—Held, that s. 775 of the Charter had, under the circumstances, no application to the claim of the defendants, and that they had all the time allowed them by the general law applicable to the case for making their claims.—Held, also, by Macdonald, J., in the Court below, that, in the case of real property not entered upon, taken or used by the city, but only injuriously affected by the exercise of its powers, the year allowed by s. 775 for making the claim for compensation counts only from the date of

the completion of the work provided for by the by-law, or from the date when the damages became known to the claimant if that date was later, and not from the date of the commencement of the work, as it would in the case of land entered upon, taken or used. *City of Winnipeg v. Toronto General Trusts Corporation*, 20 Man. R. 545, 18 W.L.R. 50 (C.A.).

COMPENSATION; COSTS; SOLICITOR'S FEES.

When a sum of \$17,000 has been granted to an expropriated party on an appeal confirming the decision of the arbitrators, such party's solicitor is entitled to a sum of \$200 besides the taxable costs, which, in this case, amount to \$115.00. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co., v. Garceau*, 12 Que. P.R. 337.

FARM CROSSING; COMPENSATION IN LIEU OF.

When the value of a piece of land enclosed by a line of railway is so small as to be disproportionate to the cost of a farm crossing, and is of no utility to the farm from which it is so separated, the Court has the power and the discretion to grant to the proprietor a pecuniary compensation in lieu of a crossing. *Martin v. Maine Central Ry. Co.*, 19 Que. S.C. 561 (*Lemieux, J.*).

CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION; AMENDMENT; MISCONDUCT OF PARTY.

In an action claiming compensation for land taken for railway purposes, defendant appealed from that part of the order of the trial Judge which required him to pay costs of the action and trial to plaintiff except costs of the order to amend. It appeared that defendant was at no time liable in the action, either before or after the amendment, but was entitled to have the action dismissed, and, in the ordinary course, with costs.—Held, that the trial Judge, under these circumstances, while he could deprive defendant of costs, for reasons of misconduct set forth in his order, could not make defendant pay costs to plaintiff. *Sawler v. Municipality of Chester*, 41 N.S.R. 168.

COMPENSATION; INJURY TO ADJOINING PROPERTY.

Independently of the right to indemnity to be determined by arbitration for the value of his land, an owner whose land is taken for construction of a railway has a right of action for damages against the company for injury to his works situated outside the line of the 100 feet the law permits the latter to expropriate. *Germain v. Can. Northern Quebec Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 36 S.C. 10.

EXPROPRIATION OF LAND; ENHANCED VALUE OF RESIDUE.

If, by reason of benefit, however questionable and uncertain it may be, the value of land (part of which had been expropriated for construction of a railway) has been enhanced on the market, the arbitrators may take this increased value into account in estimating the damages caused by the expropriation. *Chateaugay & Northern Ry. Co. v. Trenholme*, 11 Que. K.B. 45.

RAILWAY PURPOSES; GROUNDS OF COMPENSATION; APPEAL FROM AWARD.

(1) When the arbitrators in expropriation proceedings, under the Dominion Railway Act, have allowed one of the parties to proceed irregularly in the production of his evidence, if the other party though objecting afterwards puts in his evidence, he cannot set up the irregularity as a ground of appeal from the award. It comes within the class of technical objections which are provided against in s. 205 of the Act. (2) The award is validly made by the arbitrators at a meeting of which the arbitrator, named by the expropriating party, has had due notice, and it need not be served upon such party. (3) A party who appeals from an award is estopped from attacking it, on the ground that it was not served. (4) The admission of irrelevant evidence by the arbitrators, if not shewn to have affected the amount of the award, is no ground of appeal therefrom. (5) The Court, adjudicating on an appeal under s. 209 of the Dominion Railway Act, is bound to go through all the evidence and examine into the justice of the award, paying due regard to the finding of the arbitrators, whose conclusion, however, is not binding, even though they be not shewn to have erred in principle or to have abused their authority. (6) In fixing compensation, regard should be had to the prospective capabilities of the property, arising from its character and situation. (7) When the evidence is deficient on an element of damage (e.g. the severance of the property into two blocks by the railway), which the arbitrators were enabled to appreciate by inspection, their finding on that regard will not be disturbed in appeal. (8) The benefit derivable from the railway that can be set off against the damage caused by the expropriation, must be such as is "beyond the increased value, common to all lands in the locality." If the property be a mill site, with a water power available, it cannot be urged that its only value is given it by the railway, inasmuch as the owner of a rival mill-site in the locality, not touched by the railway, would presumably derive the same benefit from

it. *Quebec, Mont. & South. Ry. Co. v. Landry*, 19 Que. K.B. 82.

EXPROPRIATION; AWARD OF DAMAGES; REVIEW BY CERTIORARI; ERROR IN PRINCIPLE; ALLOWANCE OF VALUE OF IMPROVEMENTS MADE BY COMPANY.

Re Maritime Coal & Ry. Co. and Elderkin, 2 E.L.R. 284 (N.S.).

EXPROPRIATION; VALUE OF LAND TAKEN; RAILWAY CROSSING.

Rex v. McPhee, 5 E.L.R. 440.

STATION PURPOSES; COMPENSATION FOR BUSINESS LOSSES.

Upon application under s. 139 of the Railway Act to acquire lands for station purposes the Board may consider not merely the traffic coming to the station on the railway of the applicants immediately or from a distance, but also future traffic on the railway and the future accommodation of the public. In dealing with the question of compensation, the Board may require the applicants to do any act whatever, including the payment of money, in addition to the compensation ordinarily allowed under the statute, but any such additional compensation should be allowed only under very peculiar circumstances. Where warehouse property had been destroyed by fire, and an application was made to expropriate the land under s. 139:—Held, per Killam, Chief Commissioner:—That compensation should not be paid to the owners for business losses sustained since the fire and during proceedings taken before the Board for leave to expropriate, but interest from the date of the original application for such leave was allowed. Per Bernier, Deputy Chief Commissioner (dissenting):—The principles upon which compensation should be allowed are fixed by the Railway Act and the Board has no power to order payment of compensation for any other damage than that which the statute allows in the ordinary case of expropriating lands under the Railway Act. Per Mills, Commissioner (dissenting):—That compensation can be allowed under s. 139, for business losses sustained while an application for leave to expropriate is pending, and that this was a proper case for allowing damages for such losses. *Re Grand Trunk Ry. Co. and Esplanade in City of Toronto (Burnt District Case, Toronto, No. 25)*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 290.

COMPENSATION; SEVERANCE OF FARM; ACCESS OF CATTLE TO SPRINGS.

The railway company took for the purposes of their railway 3.09 acres of a grain and dairy farm of about 195 acres. The

railway crossed the farm, severing from the front part of it about 24 acres, including a field of 18 acres which contained springs affording a supply of water for the cattle and horses on the farm. Upon an arbitration to ascertain the compensation to be paid for the land taken and the damages sustained by reason of the exercise of the railway company's power of expropriation, the owner of the farm claimed damages *inter alia* for the loss or serious impairment of the convenient use for the purpose of the farm of the springs in the field mentioned. The company contended that the loss would be minimized by the construction of a farm crossing across the railway, and offered to appear before the Board of Railway Commissioners and consent to an order directing that such a crossing be constructed and maintained by them:—Held, applying *Vézina v. The Queen* (1889), 17 Can. S.C.R.1, that the owner of the farm had no statutory right under s. 198 of the Railway Act, 1903, to have a farm crossing sufficient to provide a satisfactory means of access for his cattle to and from the springs, and therefore, that he might be deprived thereof at any time at the will of the government, he was entitled to damages in respect of this claim. Construction of sub-ss. 1 and 2 of that section of the Railway Act:—Held, upon the evidence, that the sum of \$1,170 awarded by the majority of the arbitrators was not adequate compensation for the land taken and the injury done, and the amount was increased upon appeal to \$2,250. Remarks upon the large costs and expenses incurred in arbitrations under the Railway Act and the harshness of the rule which throws them upon the land owner if the amount awarded is less than that offered by the company. *Re Armstrong and James Bay Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 306, 12 O.L.R. 137.

COMPENSATION; FARM CROSSING; RIGHT TO UNDERCROSSING.

Where the railway was carried across a farm upon a high embankment, and any crossing over it would be inconvenient, the owner was held entitled to an undercrossing, in addition to payment of the purchase money for the land taken and damages. *Re Cockerline and Guelph & Goderich Ry. Co.* 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 313.

[*Reist v. G.T.R. Co.*, 6 U.C.C.P. 421, approved; *Armstrong v. James Bay Ry. Co.*, 7 O.W.R. 715, 12 O.L.R. 137, not followed.]

VALUATION BY ARBITRATORS; IMPROVEMENTS; COMPENSATION.

A railway company in 1900 entered upon lands and made valuable improvements, in-

tending to take and use the lands for the purpose of their railway. In 1905 they obtained authority to take the lands, and filed their plan under the Railway Act on the 23rd March, 1905. Arbitrators, in awarding compensation to be paid by the company for the lands, allowed to the claimants a sum for the improvements actually made by the company:—Held, that the company did not stand in the same position as an ordinary trespasser going upon lands; they had a statutory right to acquire a title, and entered after negotiation with the true owners, and with the permission of one who claimed to be, but turned out not to be, the true owner; although the improvements were fixtures, dedication to the land owners was not to be presumed, but the contrary; and the amount of the award should be reduced by the sum allowed for the improvements. Section 153 of the Railway Act, which provides that the date of the deposit of the plan shall be the date with reference to which the compensation or damages shall be ascertained does not mean that all the company's improvements made before depositing the plan go to the land owner; the lands dealt with in this section are the lands as the company obtained them, in the condition they were at the time they entered, valued as of the date of filing the plan; the claimants' right to compensation accrued at the date the lands were taken, and stood "in the stead of the lands" by virtue of s. 173; and so the improvements were not put upon the lands of the claimants at all. *Re Ruttan and Dreifus and Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 339, 12 O.L.R. 187.

BARRISTER AS ARBITRATOR; COMPENSATION; HOTEL PROPERTY; GOODWILL; LICENSE.

There is no objection to an arbitrator who is a barrister and probably also a solicitor making an affidavit shewing how the amount found by the arbitrators was made up for use on an appeal from an award under the Dominion Railway Act, 1903—137; and it is the *ex* parte properly receivable on such appeal, as is also the evidence of an arbitrator given on his examination as a witness on a pending motion. Where the land taken consisted of an hotel property, an allowance was properly made for the loss sustained by the owner for the disturbance of his business and anticipated profits by reason of the expropriation, notwithstanding by the fencing off of the railway property therefrom, which the company had the right to do, the hotel property might have been rendered valueless as such, but which right the company had never attempted to exercise and presumably

never would have exercised. The value of the license of an hotel is also a proper subject of allowance, though merely a personal right, and the renewal thereof, though reasonably probable, is not absolutely certain. Interest on the amount of compensation awarded is properly allowable from the date of the taking of the land, which in this case was the filing of the plan shewing the land expropriated, and the order of the Railway Commission authorizing the taking. *Re Cavanagh and Atlantic Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 395, 14 O.L.R. 523.

[Disapproved in *Re Can. North. Ry. Co. and Robinson*, 17 Man. L.R. 415; *Re Clark and Toronto, Grey and Bruce Ry. Co.*, 18 O.L.R. 628, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 290; referred to in *Can. Pac. Ry. Co. v. Brown Milling Co.*, 18 O.L.R. 85.]

LICENSED HOTEL; LIQUOR LICENSE.

The Crown expropriated for the purposes of a public work certain premises which the owner used as a hotel licensed to sell liquors. The license was an annual one, but, as the license laws then stood, it could be renewed in favour of the then owner, or in case of his death, of his widow; but no license could be granted to any other person for such premises. If the owner sold the property it was shewn that the use to which he put it could not be continued.—Held, that while this particular use of the property added nothing to its market or selling value, it enhanced its value to the owner at the time of the expropriation and that such was an element to be considered in determining the amount of compensation to be paid to him for the premises taken. *The King v. Rogers*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 409, 11 Can. Ex. R. 128.

[Adopted in *Re Can. North. Ry. Co. and Robinson*, 17 Man. L.R. 406.]

DAMAGES FOR BUSINESS; DEPRECIATION OF VALUE OF MACHINERY.

Where the whole property is taken and there is no severance the owner is entitled to compensation for the land and property taken, and for such damages as may properly be included in the value of such land and property. He is not entitled to damages because such taking injuriously affects a business which he carried on at some other place. Defendants, in expropriation proceedings, at the time their premises were taken had them fitted up as a boiler and machine shop. The machinery was treated as personal property by the defendants, and sold for less than it was worth to them when used for such purposes.—Held, that they were entitled to compensation for the depreciation in value of the

machinery by reason of the taking of the premises where it had been used. *The King v. Stairs*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 410.

ADDITIONAL LANDS; STATIONS; COMPENSATION; TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

The Board, on February 23rd, 1905, made an order authorizing the Grand Trunk Railway Co. to take certain lands in the City of Toronto for a railway passenger station, etc., upon certain terms and conditions (*Burnt District Case*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 290). One of the terms and conditions (numbered 7), was that the applicant should pay to the owner, if thereto required by notice in writing given to it before the appointment of arbitrators, compensation with interest at 5 per cent. per annum from May 4th, 1904. Arbitrators were appointed on January 23rd, 1906. On February 4th, 1907, Eckardt applied to the Board for an order to vary clause 7, so as to dispense with or extend the time for giving the said notice or allowing it to be given *nunc pro tunc* or for such further and other order as to the Board might seem proper.—Held, that the application should be dismissed; the railway company had acquired a vested right to obtain the land upon the statutory terms and the matter had passed out of the hands of the Board. *Eckardt v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* (*Burnt District Case* (2), No. 595), 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 90.

COMPENSATION; DAMAGE TO REMAINING LAND.

A railway company under its compulsory powers of expropriation acquired from the owner a certain portion of his land for the purposes of their undertaking. A majority of arbitrators by their award allowed compensation for depreciation to the remainder of his land resulting from the operation of the railway elsewhere than on the land so taken.—Held, upon appeal, (1) That the award must be set aside and the question referred back to the arbitrators for further consideration and award. (2) That the plaintiff is entitled to compensation for the depreciation of the value of his other lands, in so far as such depreciation is due to the anticipated legal use of works to be constructed upon the lands which have been taken from him under the Railway Act. (3) That the arbitrators may take into consideration the fact that the lands sought adjoin the railway premises and are convenient for extension of their yard. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Gordon*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 53.

EXPROPRIATION OF LAND; ACCEPTANCE OF AMOUNT OFFERED BY COMPANY.

Under s. 159 of the Railway Act, 1903, if the owner of land sought to be expropriated

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by the railway company does not accept the offer of the railway company within ten days, the company may at once proceed to have the amount of the compensation payable determined by arbitration; but the owner may accept the offer at any time after the expiration of ten days if in the meantime the company has taken no further proceedings, and such offer and acceptance will constitute a binding contract between the parties upon which the owner may proceed in an action to recover the amount offered. *Bennetto v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 223, 18 Man. L.R. 13.

ARBITRATION AND AWARD; PAYMENT INTO COURT; COSTS.

In an action brought by plaintiff claiming damages for lands taken for railway purposes, part of plaintiff's claim had been the subject of arbitration and award, but it appeared that part of the work of construction preceded the filing of the expropriation plans:—Held, that plaintiff was entitled to recover for all damages which could have been legitimately excluded from the consideration of the arbitrators, and that plaintiff's claim could not be deemed to have been satisfied by an award for injuries which would not have formed a legitimate subject for the consideration of the arbitrators. Defendant paid into Court a sum of money which the trial Judge held insufficient, but which the Court, under the evidence, thought excessive, if not the extreme limit of any damage of which there was reasonable evidence:—Held, in respect to this portion of the judgment appealed from, that defendant's appeal must be allowed with costs. *Beaton v. Mabou & Gulf Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 251, 41 N.S.R. 429.

RENEWABLE LEASE; TENANCY AT WILL; "PERSONS INTERESTED."

Lessees under a renewable lease, or their assignees, where the lessors have an option to renew or to pay for improvements, who remain in possession after expiration of the term, but to whom no renewal lease is granted, although demanded, are in occupation as tenants at will merely, and are not "persons interested" in the land within the meaning of s. 155 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, and are therefore not entitled to compensation for expropriation of any part of the lands demised. Judgment of Riddell, J. reversed. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Brown Milling & Elevator Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 56, 18 O.L.R. 85.

[Affirmed in 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 74, 42 Can. S.C.R. 600.]

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COMPENSATION; PERSONS INTERESTED; LESSOR AND LESSEE.

The covenant for renewal of a lease for a term of years is indivisible and if the lessee assigns a part of the demised premises neither he nor his assignee can enforce the covenant for renewal as to his portion. The assignment of part of the leasehold premises included an assignment of the right to renewal of the lease for such part and the lessor executed a consent thereto:—Held, that he did not thereby agree that his covenant for renewal would be exercised in respect to a part only of the demised premises. In the case mentioned the lessee who has severed his term cannot, when the land demised is expropriated by a railway company, obtain compensation on the basis of his right to a renewal of his lease. *Brown Milling & Elevator Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 74, 42 Can. S.C.R. 600.

[*Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Brown Milling & Elevator Co.*, 18 O.L.R. 85, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 56, affirmed.]

COMPENSATION; WARRANTS OF POSSESSION; PAYMENT INTO COURT.

The power conferred on arbitrators appointed under the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, to award compensation for lands taken by a railway company is limited to determining the amount of such compensation merely; and, therefore, they exceeded their jurisdiction in awarding interest on the amounts allowed as compensation from the date with reference to which the same were ascertained, namely the date of the filing of the plan, etc. *Re Canadian Northern Ry. Co. and Robinson* (1908), 17 Man. L.R. 396, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 226, approved of; *Re Cavanagh and Canada Atlantic Ry. Co.* (1907), 14 O.L.R. 523, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 395, dissented from. Cases decided under the arbitration sections of the Municipal Act distinguished. Prior to the making of the awards, possession of the lands was taken by the railway company under warrants of possession issued by a Judge, payment into Court being then made by the company of sums deemed sufficient to satisfy the compensation to be awarded:—Held, that the owners were entitled to have paid to them, out of the moneys in Court, not only the amounts of the compensation awarded, but also interest thereon, not limited to such interest as, according to the practice of the Court, is payable on moneys in Court, but at the legal rate of interest, namely, five per cent., payable from the date of the warrants of possession until the date of the payment out. *In re Clarke and Toronto Grey and Bruce Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 290, 18 O.L.R. 628.

[Re *Lea and Ontario and Quebec Ry. Co.* (1885), 21 C.L.J. 154, *Re Taylor and Ontario and Quebec Ry. Co.* (1886), 11 P.R. 371, and *Re Philbrick and Ontario and Quebec Ry. Co.* (1886), 11 P.R. 373, referred to and discussed.]

ADDITIONAL LANDS; COMPENSATION; DATE OF ACQUISITION.

Application under s. 178 of the Railway Act, to take additional lands about two miles in length by some 2.5 or 2.700 feet in width for railway terminals, shops, storage yards and other railway purposes:—Held, (1) That the right of eminent domain is given to railway companies not for their own benefit but in the public interest and to enable reasonable facilities to be given to the public. (2) That upon a strict compliance with the provisions of s. 178 of the Railway Act, the company has the right to acquire the lands covered by its application unless it is established that the application is not bona fide and that the company does not require the lands for public purposes or that it is acquiring them for some ulterior purpose. (3) That this application should be granted subject to the following conditions:—(a) That the applicant (if required within ten days after making the award) must purchase from the land owners, portions of whose lands are authorized to be taken, the remainder of their lands, at the same rate as may be fixed by the award for the portions taken, but should the amount awarded for the portions taken include compensation for damages to the remaining lands, then such amount shall be deducted from the purchase price of the remainder of said lands. (b) The operation of the order should be stayed as to the lands covered by options until the pending litigation is terminated, when, if expropriation takes place, the compensation to be awarded shall be based upon the value of such lands at the time the applicant actually acquires title thereto pursuant to 8 and 9 Edw. VII. c. 32, s. 3. (c) The applicant shall provide the Pitt River Lumber Company with suitable railway facilities for the mill proposed to be erected on its lands adjoining those authorized to be taken and if the extra expense of the new railway facilities over the cost of the present railway facilities is not taken into consideration in the compensation awarded for the portion taken, the question of such additional expense shall be reserved for further consideration. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Coquitlam Landowners*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 25.

[Vide *Burnt District Case Toronto*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 290.]

RIGHT TO COMPENSATION; ANTICIPATED PROFIT ON A CROP; ABANDONMENT OF PROCEEDINGS.

The owner of land cannot recover as special damage resulting from the service of a notice of expropriation, by a railway company, which was abandoned, the anticipated profit on a crop which the owner desisted from raising because of the notice having been served. *Marson v. Grand Trunk Pac. Ry. Co.*, (Alta.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 26, 1 D.L.R. 850.

[Followed in *Lavalee et al. v. C.N.R. Co.*, 4 D.L.R. 376.]

DAMAGES; VALUE OF EXPROPRIATED LANDS.

The value of lands expropriated for a public work is to be determined prima facie upon the basis of the market price, but the prospective capabilities of the property have to be taken into account in ascertaining the market price, and an additional allowance made for compulsory expropriation. *The King v. Moncton Land Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 36, 1 D.L.R. 279.

[*Brown v. The King*, 12 Ex. C.R. 463, and *Dodge v. The King*, 38 Can. S.C.R. 149, specially referred to.]

ADDITIONAL SERVITUDE; ABUTTING OWNERS; INCREASE OF TRAFFIC; COMPENSATION.

Where a railway established a freight shed and freight shunting yard which materially increased the traffic upon that part of the railway running along a city street and injuriously affected the value of the property fronting on the street to an extent not contemplated when the grant was made many years previously by the municipal corporation of permission to carry the railway line along such street, the Railway Board of Canada will order compensation to be paid by the railway to such of the landowners within the territory injuriously affected as were the owners of their property prior to such change of conditions. *City of Hamilton v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* (Re Shunting on Ferguson Avenue, Hamilton), 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 196, 5 D.L.R. 60.

ADDITIONAL SERVITUDE; COMPENSATION.

Purchasers of property upon a street upon which a railway is operated who bought subsequently to the establishment of a railway yard and the incidental damage to the properties on that street by reason of the shunting of cars thereon, having purchased with notice of the new conditions, are not entitled to compensation in damages as are the landowners who had acquired title previous to the establishment of the railway yard. *City of Hamilton v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* (Re Shunting on Ferguson

Avenue, Hamilton), 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 196, 5 D.L.R. 60.

COMPENSATION; REMOVAL OF SPUR TRACK.

The award of damages for the wrongful removal by a railway company of a spur track adjoining a coal and lumber yard from which coal and lumber could be unloaded from cars into the yard with little labour, based upon the owner's evidence of the additional cost of hauling coal and lumber from the company's freight yards, is not erroneous, though evidence that a transfer company would handle such commodities at a less sum per day for each team, if it appeared that the coal and lumber owners' teams were better than those of the transfer company and would do more work per day. *Robinson v. Can. North. Ry. Co.*, (Man.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 281, 5 D.L.R. 716.

[Vide 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 101; 37 Can. S.C.R. 541; 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 289; 19 Man. L.R. 300; 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 304; 43 Can. S.C.R. 387; 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 412; [1911] A.C. 739.]

COMPENSATION; PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS; SPUR OR SWITCH.

The Railway Commission will usually follow the principle that a railway company desiring to take land of a private individual should be given the right, provided the individual can be properly compensated for his land and for damages to adjoining land, but it is a ground for refusing to give the railway company that privilege that the proposed railway line is a cut-off for freight only which if permitted would run through a valuable suburban subdivision for the development of which the land proprietor had dedicated large sections for the construction of driveways and parks, which might be expected to benefit both the suburban locality and the adjoining city and so be considered as in the nature of a public undertaking. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Smith*, 5 D.L.R. 391.

COMPENSATION; INCONVENIENCE AND ADDITIONAL COST OF CULTIVATING FARM CROSSED BY RAILWAY; INTEREST.

In awarding damages against the railway in eminent domain proceedings in respect of a railway right-of-way across a farm, the inconvenience of transferring machinery and farm implements, and the like, from one part of the farm to another and the inconvenience in farming and cultivating the land, occasioned by the construction of the railroad, are not separate items to be capitalized on an ascertainment of a prospective annual loss to the owner whose farm is divided, but are to be considered only as factors in fixing the depreciation of the

market value of the remaining parts of the farm. Interest on the sum awarded as compensation as of the date of the deposit of the plan and profile, should not be given by arbitrators as a part of their award for land expropriated for railway purposes, and will be struck out as beyond their jurisdiction; the right to interest from that date is conferred under the Railway Act (Can.) and not left to be determined by the arbitrators. *Re Ketcheson and Can. North. Ont. Ry. Co.*, (Ont.) 13 D.L.R. 854.

[*Re Clarke and Toronto, Grey & Bruce Ry. Co.*, 18 O.L.R. 628, referred to; *Re Davies and James Bay Ry. Co.*, 20 O.L.R. 534, considered.]

DAMAGES; DEPRECIATION; RAILWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY ACROSS FARM.

The loss of time and inconvenience of transporting the crop from the part of the farm separated from the buildings by the construction of the railway on a compulsory taking of a strip of land for the right-of-way, is proper to be considered in estimating the damages only in so far as it effects a depreciation of the market value of the land not taken. *Re Ketcheson and Can. North. Ont. Ry. Co.*, (Ont.) 13 D.L.R. 854.

[*Idaho and W. Ry. Co. v. Coey*, 131 Pac. Rep. 810, approved.]

MEASURE OF COMPENSATION; UNDERLYING MINERALS.

The value of minerals underlying the usual 100-foot strip of land expropriated for a railway right-of-way cannot be included in an award of damages, as the railway company does not become vested with any right to such minerals by virtue of the expropriation; the landowner's right thereto is merely suspended until such future time as the Board of Railway Commissioners shall, on the latter's application, under ss. 170 and 171 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, require the company to compensate the landowner for the value of the minerals if necessary for the safe support of the railway; or to submit to such order as the Board may make relative to the working of the minerals by the landowner. A railway company does not acquire any right to minerals underlying land expropriated for a right-of-way; since the respective rights of the company and the landowner to the minerals are to be fixed and determined under ss. 170 and 171 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, on future application to the Board of Railway Commissioners, who may require the company to purchase the minerals, if necessary for the safe support of the railway, or to submit to such order as the Board may make relative

to the working of the minerals by the landowner. Notwithstanding that ss. 170 and 171 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, relating to the rights of a landowner and a railway company in minerals underlying land expropriated for railway purposes are silent as to the right of the landowner to compensation for the value of such minerals, ss. 2, 26, 28, 48, 59, 178 and 179 of the Act shew that the Board of Railway Commissioners, in making an order under ss. 170 and 171 of the Act relating to such underlying minerals, may require the railway company to make compensation therefor if the minerals are necessary for the safe support of the railway. The value of minerals underlying land expropriated for a railway right-of-way cannot be allowed as an injurious affection of the land resulting from the exercise of the power of eminent domain conferred by the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, since the Act gives the right to expropriate the surface of the land without taking the underlying minerals. *Re Davies and James Bay Ry. Co.*, 13 D.L.R. 912, 28 O.L.R. 544.

[*Rex v. Pease*, 4 B. and Ad. 30; *Hammer-smith, etc., Ry. Co. v. Brand*, L.R. 4 H.L. 171; *London & North Western Ry. Co. v. Evans*, [1893] 1 Ch. 16; *Smith v. Great Western Ry. Co.*, 3 App. Cas. 165; *Ruabon Brick & Terra Cotta Co. v. Great Western Ry. Co.*, [1893] 1 Ch. 460, referred to; *Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co. v. Fort William Land & Investment Co.*, [1912] A.C. 224, considered.]

MEASURE OF COMPENSATION; TAKING LAND OF BRICK PLANT; SEPARATION FROM SOURCE OF SUPPLY; COST OF CROSSING.

Where the expropriation of a railway right-of-way through land owned by a brick manufacturing company separates its factory from the source of its supply of brick-making material, all of which, however, was not needed for immediate use, the benefits conferred on the land by the construction of the railway and which may be off-set against the damages sustained by the landowner, must be based on the present worth of a sum payable not when the railway is built, but at such future time when the materials will be needed in the land-owner's business. On the expropriation of a railway right-of-way through a brick-making plant so as to separate the factory from its supply of brickmaking materials, the costs of grading a necessary crossing over the railway may be awarded as damages, notwithstanding that the construction of such crossing depends on the subsequent consent of the Board of Rail-

way Commissioners. *Re Davies and James Bay Ry. Co.*, 13 D.L.R. 912, 28 O.L.R. 544.

EXPROPRIATION; RIGHT OF WAY THROUGH FARM; COMPENSATION; DAMAGES.

Gray v. Grand Trunk Pac. Branch Lines Co., (Sask.) 11 D.L.R. 861.

D. Water Rights; Foreshore.

AWARD; VALIDITY OF; RIPARIAN RIGHTS.

In an award for land expropriated for railway purposes where there is an adequate and sufficient description, with convenient certainty of the land intended to be valued and of the land actually valued, such award cannot afterwards be set aside on the ground that there is a variation between the description of the land in the notice of expropriation and in the award. A riparian proprietor on a navigable river is entitled to damages against a railway company for any obstruction to his rights of access et sortie, and such obstruction without parliamentary authority is an actionable wrong: *Pi n v. North Shore Ry. Co.*, 14 App. Cas. 612, followed. *Taschereau, J.*, was of opinion that the award in this case included compensation for the beach lying in front of plaintiff's property, which belongs to the Crown, and, for that reason, should be set aside. *Bigauette v. North Shore Ry. Co.*, 17 Can. S.C.R. 363.

[Referred to in *Bannatyne v. Suburban Rapid Transit Co.*, 15 Man. L.R. 19.]

POWER TO EXPROPRIATE FORESHORE; JUS PUBLICUM.

By 44 Viet. c. 1, s. 18, the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., "have the right to take, use and hold the beach and land below high water mark, in any stream, lake, navigable water, gulf or sea in so far as the same shall be vested in the Crown, and shall not be required by the Crown, to such extent as shall be required by the company for its railway and other works as shall be exhibited by a map or plan thereof deposited in the office of the Minister of Railways." By 50 and 51 Viet. c. 56, s. 5, the location of the company's line of railway between Port Moody and the City of Westminster, including the foreclosure of Burrard Inlet at the foot of Gore Avenue, Vancouver City, was ratified and confirmed. The Act of Incorporation of the City of Vancouver, 49 Viet. c. 82, s. 213 (B.C.), vests in the city all streets, highways, etc., and in 1892 the city began the construction of works extending from the foot of Gore Avenue, with the avowed object to cross the railroad track at a level, and obtain access to the harbour at deep water. On an application

by the railway company for an injunction to restrain the City Corporation from proceeding with their work of construction and crossing the railway:—Held, affirming judgment of the Court below that as the foreshore forms part of the land required by the railway company, as shewn on the plan deposited in the office of the Minister of Railways, the jus publicum to get access to and from the water at the foot of Gore Avenue is subordinate to the rights given to the railway company by the statute (44 Vict. c. 1, s. 18 a), on the said foreshore, and therefore the injunction was properly granted. 2 B.C.R. 306 affirmed. City of Vancouver v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 23 Can. S.C.R. 1.

[Considered in Atty.-General v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 11 B.C.R. 299; followed in Can. Pac. Ry. Co. v. Parke, 6 B.C.R. 15; referred to in Can. Pac. Ry. Co. v. McBryan, 5 B.C.R. 198.]

COMPENSATION; DRAINAGE RIGHTS; NECESSARY AGRICULTURAL WORKS.

The owner of the lower lands is bound, under Art. 501 C.C., to receive the water brought from the higher lands upon his property by a line ditch constructed by the owner of the higher lands for their cultivation, such necessary works not falling within the exception in that article as to artificial constructions. (2) The compensation paid to the owner of land for an expropriation in connection with the construction of a railway does not include damages caused by the penning back of waters. Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Langlois, Q.R. 14 K.B. 173.

[Applied in Lapointe v. Tellier, Q.R. 32 S.C. 531.]

OBSTRUCTION OF WATER SUPPLY FOLLOWING EXPROPRIATION; COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF WATER.

In an arbitration to determine the amount to be paid to the owner of land expropriated by a railway company, the arbitrators found for the owner as compensation for the land, \$2,950, and for loss of water supply from a spring, obstructed in consequence of such expropriation, two of the arbitrators awarded the sum of \$1,200. The third arbitrator returned a finding against any compensation for deprivation of the water in the absence of a water record:—Held, that the owner was entitled. Where the three arbitrators agreed on the amount of compensation for land taken, and the third returned a separate finding dissenting on the construction of a statute, from giving compensation for deprivation of a water supply, and an appeal was taken:—Held,

on objection raised to the appeal as being based on an insufficient amount in dispute, under s. 209 of the Railway Act (Provincial), that there was only one award given, and the appeal was properly brought. The owner of land on which there is a spring or stream has rights therein to the exclusion of all other persons not holding records under the Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897. In re Milsted, 13 B.C.R. 364.

COMPENSATION; EMBANKMENT PREVENTING ACCESS TO WATER.

Certain lands in the District of Rainy River vested in Her Majesty for the use of the Province of Ontario, being taken by Her Majesty for the use of the Dominion under 31 Vict. c. 12, and 37 Vict. c. 13 and 14 (D.), for the defendants' railway, and the lands adjoining the railway lands having been alienated by the Province, the claim to compensation therefor and for all damages which could be reasonably foreseen as likely to be suffered by the Province from the exercise by the Dominion of its powers with regard to the said lands, became vested in the Province. Part of the lands so taken were covered by the waters of a bay on the Lake of the Woods, across which the railway was first built on trestle work with rip-rap foundations, protected by a crib-work of stone:—Held, that the subsequent construction of a solid embankment replacing the trestle work was a proper exercise by the defendants, as successors to the right of the Dominion, of its powers and such as might be reasonably foreseen, and that, therefore, the plaintiffs, who became owners of the adjoining lands after their severance by the railway and its first construction, were not entitled to maintain an action for damages on account of the construction of the embankment and the consequent deprivation of access to the waters of the Lake of the Woods. Per McMahon, J.: Such claim, even if valid, is barred by the limitation clause of the Railway Act, 51 Vict. c. 29, s. 287 (D.), and in any event the proper remedy is by arbitration under the compensation clauses of the Railway Act. Ross v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 461.

EXPROPRIATION; COMPENSATION FOR RIPARIAN RIGHTS; WHEN COMMON LAW REMEDY NOT SUPERSEDED.

Dorchester Electric Co. v. Roy (Que.), 12 D.L.R. 767.

E. Gravel and Timber.

POWER TO ENTER LANDS AND TAKE MATERIAL FOR REPAIR OF HIGHWAYS; ARBITRATION.
The onus is on a district municipal coun-

cil entering on land and taking any timber, stones, gravel or other material for repair of roads, etc., to show what is intended to be taken, and the extent of the operations to be carried on. *Cook v. District of North Vancouver*, 16 B.C.R. 129.

TRAMWAY FOR TRANSPORTATION OF MATERIALS; RIGHT OF PASSAGE; ADDITIONAL SERVITUDE.

The place where materials are found referred to in the one hundred and fourteenth section of the Railway Act, means the spot where the stone, gravel, earth, sand or water required for the construction or maintenance of railways are naturally situated and not any other place to which they may have been subsequently transported. Per *Taschereau and Girouard, JJ.*—The provisions of the one hundred and fourteenth section of the Railway Act confer upon railway companies a servitude consisting merely in the right of passage and do not confer any right to expropriate lands required for laying the tracks of a tramway for the transportation of materials to be used for the purpose of construction. *Quebec Bridge Company v. Marie Roy*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 18, 32 Can. S.C.R. 572.

TAKING GRAVEL; RIGHT TO CROSS HIGHWAY.

For the purpose of taking gravel from lands on both sides of a highway, a railway company applied to the Board for authority to construct and operate tracks over such highway for a term of years, to close to public traffic a portion of such highway, and to open a new road in lieu thereof:—Held, that it is not necessary to comply with s. 141 where the company can acquire the lands containing the gravel and has a right-of-way thereto, that for such purposes the company may exercise the same powers for crossing and diverting highways as for the construction and operation of its main line, and that a diversion of the highway may be authorized for the time necessary to exhaust the gravel pit upon proper terms for safeguarding the interests of the municipality and of the public. *Railway Act, 1903, s. 2 (s) and (bb), ss. 118 (1) and (q), 119, 141 and 186 referred to.* *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Township of North Dumfries*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 147.

REMOVAL OF GRAVEL; RIGHTS OF HOMESTEADERS ON DOMINION LANDS.

The defendant constructed a line of railway across Government land and opened a gravel pit thereon, from which large quantities of gravel were removed. The plaintiff made entry for the land as a homestead. In an action for trespass:—Held, that a homesteader on Dominion lands has

the exclusive right to the possession thereof, and may maintain an action for trespass. The company endeavoured to justify its action under s. 19, schedule A. of 44 Vict. c. 1, which authorizes the company to take from adjacent public lands gravel for the construction of the railway. The evidence shewed that the gravel was used for maintenance of the right-of-way:—Held, that statute referred to did not authorize the taking except for the purpose of construction which did not include maintenance of the right-of-way. *Smyth v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 265, 1 Sask. L.R. 165.

FILING PLANS; CONDITION PRECEDENT TO ENTERING LANDS; RIGHT TO TAKE GRAVEL.

The sale, by deed, stipulating for immediate delivery and possession, to a railway company of all that portion of certain lots required by it for its right-of-way and other purposes necessary for construction, maintenance, or operation as the same appears on the plans already filed or to be filed in the land registry office of the county in which such lands are situate, does not give the company any right to the possession for the purpose of taking away sand and gravel therefrom, of lands outside of the lands designated upon the plan or plans filed under the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37; if further lands are required, the new or amended plan must first be filed before the railway acquires any right of possession under such deed. *Ha Ha Bay Ry. Co. v. Larouche*, 10 D.L.R. 388, 22 Que. K.B. 92.

F. Highways; Diversion.

AUTHORITY TO USE STREETS; DAMAGES; NON-LIABILITY OF MUNICIPALITY.

By 16 Vict. c. 100 (Q.), the North Shore Ry. Co., was authorized to construct a railway to connect the cities of Quebec and Montreal, with the restriction that the railway was not to be brought within the limits of the city without the permission of the corporation of the city expressed by a by-law. In July, 1872, the city council, by resolution, had given to the North Shore Ry. Co. the liberty to choose one of the streets to the north of St. Francis street in exchange for St. Joseph street, which had been at one time chosen for that purpose. In 1874 the city council were informed by the company that the line of railway had been located in Prince Edward street, and the company asked the council to take the necessary step to legalize the line, but the corporation did not take any further action in the matter. In 1875, the company being unable to carry on its enterprise, the railway was trans-

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ferred to the Province of Quebec by a notarial deed, and the transfer was ratified by 39 Vict. c. 2 (D.). By that Act the name of the railway was changed and the Legislature authorized the construction of the road to deep water in the port of Quebec. It moreover declared that the railway should be a public work and should be made in such places and in such manner as the Lieutenant-Governor-in-council should determine and appoint as best adapted to the general interest of the province. After the passing of this Act the Provincial Government caused the road to be completed, and it crossed part of the city of Quebec from its western boundary by passing through Prince Edward street along its entire length. The road was completed in 1876. In 1878, L. (the appellant), owner of several houses bordering on Prince Edward street, sued the corporation of the city of Quebec for damages suffered on account of the construction and working of the railway.—Held, affirming the judgment of the Court of Queen's Bench for Lower Canada (appeal side), that the respondent had no right of action against the corporation for the damages which he may have suffered by the construction and working of the railway in question. If the corporation gave the authorization required by 16 Vict. c. 100, s. 3, there was a complete justification of the Acts complained of. The imposing of terms was discretionary with the corporation. But the corporation never acted on the demand to legalize, and never authorized, the building of the railway through Prince Edward street. If the corporation could have prevented the government from constructing the railway in the streets of the city, in the face of the provisions of 39 Vict. c. 2, the respondent could also have prevented it. His recourse, if any, was not against the corporation but against the Provincial Government, the owners of the railway. Appeal dismissed with costs. *Lefebvre v. City of Quebec*.—22nd June, 1885. See Cass, Can. S.C.R. Dig. 1893, p. 176.

REMOVAL OF TREES ON HIGHWAY; RIGHTS OF OWNER OF ADJOINING LAND.

The right of property in shade trees on highways and to fence them in conferred upon the owners of the land adjacent to the highways by s. 688 of The Municipal Act, R.S.M. 1902, c. 116, is not taken away by an Act incorporating a railway company with power to construct a line of railway along the public highway with the consent of the municipality and according to plans to be approved by the council of the municipality, even although such consent has been given and such plans approved. *Doug-*

las v. Fox (1880), 31 U.C.C.P. 140, and *Re Cuno* (1888), 45 Ch.D. 12, followed. The defendants' Act of incorporation provided that the several clauses of the Manitoba Railway Act, R.S.M. 1902, c. 145, should be incorporated with and deemed part of it. And the Railway Act provides that the several clauses of The Manitoba Expropriation Act, R.S.M. 1902, c. 61, with respect to the expropriation of land and the compensation to be paid therefor shall be deemed to be incorporated mutatis mutandis with the Railway Act.—Held, that the defendants had no right to cut down the trees on the highway or to lower the grade in front of the plaintiff's land, although such action was necessary in carrying out the approved plans without taking the proper steps, under the Railway Act and the Expropriation Act, either to ascertain and pay the damage suffered by the plaintiffs to their land injuriously affected by the intended construction, or to procure an order from a Judge, under s. 25 of the Railway Act, giving them the right to take possession upon giving security for payment of the compensation to be awarded; and that the interim injunction secured by the plaintiffs should be continued until the trial unless the defendants should furnish security that they would proceed forthwith to settle the amount of such compensation. *Bannatyne v. Suburban Rapid Transit Co.*, 15 Man. L. R. 7 (*Perdue, J.*).

RIGHT TO CROSS STREETS; EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS OR COMPENSATION; EXTENSION OF CITY LIMITS; TOLL ROAD, PURCHASE OF; EFFECT OF.

Railways incorporated by the Dominion Parliament, where in the construction of their lines of railways, they have complied with the requirements of the Dominion Railway Act and obtained the consent of the Railway Committee, have the right to cross the highways of a city without taking expropriation proceedings under the Railway Act, or without making any compensation to the city therefor. Where under the powers conferred by 51 Vict. c. 53, s. 9 (O.) for extending the limits of the city of Ottawa, the city acquired at an agreed price, part of the road of a toll road company within such extended limits, such part thereupon ceased to have its previous character of a toll road, and became a highway like the other public streets of the city. *Canada Atlantic Ry. Co. v. City of Ottawa; Montreal and Ottawa Ry. Co. v. same Corporation*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 298, 2 O.L.R. 336.

[Affirmed in 4 O.L.R. 56, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 305, 33 Can. S.C.R. 376.]

HIGHWAY CROSSING; COMPENSATION TO MUNICIPALITY; "AT OR NEAR" CITY; POWER TO TAKE THROUGH COUNTY.

The plaintiffs were authorized by 47 Vict. c. 84 (D) to lay out, construct, and finish a railway, from a point on the Grand Trunk Railway in the parish of Vaudreuil, in the Province of Quebec, to a point at or near the city of Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario, passing through the counties of Vaudreuil, Prescott, and Russell, and also to connect their railway with any other railway having a terminus at or near the city of Ottawa.—Held, that "at or near the city of Ottawa" should be read as "in or near the city of Ottawa," and the plaintiffs were authorized to carry their line to a point in the city and to connect it with the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in the city. (2) That the plaintiffs had power, by implication, to take their line into the county of Carleton. (3) That the portion of the Richmond road (or Wellington street) within the limits of the city of Ottawa which the plaintiffs' line crossed, was a public highway and not the private property of the defendants. (4) That the plaintiffs, having taken the proper proceedings under the Railway Act of Canada and being duly authorized to cross the highway, were not bound to make compensation to the defendants for crossing it. Judgment of Boyd, C. 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 298, 2 O.L.R. 336, affirmed. Montreal and Ottawa Ry. Co. v. City of Ottawa, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 305, 4 O.L.R. 56.

[Affirmed in 33 Can. S.C.R. 376.]

DEVIATION AND CLOSING STREET; LANDS INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED; COSTS OF ARBITRATION AND AWARD.

The claimants alleged that their lands were injuriously affected by the doing of certain acts authorized by Clause 2 of the Tripartite Agreement and two by-laws passed by the respondents—(1) Authorizing and permitting the Grand Trunk Ry. Co. to place, maintain, and use certain tracks on the Esplanade opposite the claimants' premises; (2) deviating and closing a portion of Berkeley street. The premises of the claimants were 125 feet to the west of Berkeley street, and south of the Esplanade. The Tripartite Agreement was validated by 55 Vict. (Ont.) c. 90, s. 2, the latter providing that the respondents should pay to any person whose lands are injuriously affected by any act of the corporation in the execution of said agreement, compensation, which, if not agreed upon, should be ascertained by arbitration. The arbitrators awarded \$100 as damages for the deviation and closing of Berkeley Street, and found that the other matters, for which

compensation was claimed, were not acts done by the respondents in the execution of the Tripartite Agreement, for which the claimants were entitled to any compensation from the respondents. The award also provided that the arbitrators' and stenographers' fees and costs of the award should be paid by the respondents in any event.—Held, (1) That the claimants were not entitled to damages for the deviation and closing of Berkeley street. (Moore v. Twp. of Esquesing (1891), 21 C.P. 277; Falle v. Tilsonbury (1893), 23 C.P. 167, followed); (2) That the railway tracks were placed upon the Esplanade under the authority of an order of the Railway Committee. (3) That the respondents had done none of the acts complained of in the execution of the Tripartite Agreement. (4) That the respondents had no authority, since 51 Vict. c. 29, to consent to a railway company constructing its lines upon any street in the city of Toronto. (5) That the claimants' lands were not "injuriously affected," within the meaning of 51 Vict. c. 29, so as to entitle them to compensation. Powell v. T. H. and B. Ry. Co. (1898), 25 A.R. 209, followed. (6) That the respondents were entitled to the general costs of the arbitration and award. In re Pattullo and Town of Orangeville (1899), 31 O.R. 192, followed. The claimants also claimed damages to two water lots opposite their property in the harbour and unpatented. Held, that the respondent was not liable. In re Medler & Arnot and Toronto, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 13.

DIVERSION OF HIGHWAY; COMPENSATION; LANDOWNERS; ACCESS TO NAVIGABLE RIVER.

A railway company applied to the Board under s. 178 of the Railway Act for authority to expropriate certain lands for the purpose of the diversion of a public highway. The landowners interested opposed the application unless the following conditions were granted: (1) that the adjoining landowners be paid compensation for the lands (part of the public highway) on which the railway was to be built on the ground that the said lands would revert to them as a closed public highway; (2) that the company pay compensation to the owners of the land required for the diverted highway; (3) that the owners be given the right of crossing on foot and to maintain landings and net-houses on the company's right of way next the river opposite the lands of each owner.—Held, that the application should be granted subject to the condition as to foot crossings. Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Ry. & Nav. Co. v. Municipality of Delta, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 354.

DIVERSION OF HIGHWAYS; INJUNCTION.

In an action by a municipality for an injunction against a railway company to restrain the latter from closing up or interfering with a certain road, it developed that the Board of Railway Commissioners had made an order authorizing the railway company to divert a portion of the said road and construct their line between certain points of such diversion. The trial Judge decided that the municipality could maintain such an action only by the Attorney-General as plaintiff.—Held, on appeal, that, while the Court had jurisdiction to grant all proper relief, the Board of Railway Commissioners having dealt with the matter, the plaintiffs should apply to the Board for relief as they had complete control over their order. *Municipality of Delta v. Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Ry. & Nav. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 362, 14 B.C.R. 83.

RAILWAY UPON OR ALONG HIGHWAY; DAMAGES TO ABUTTING LANDOWNERS.

Having obtained the consent of the municipality to use certain public streets for that purpose, the G.T.P. Ry. Co. applied to the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada for leave to construct and approval of the location of the line of their railway upon and along the highways in question. None of the lands abutting on these highways were to be appropriated for the purposes of the railway, nor were the rights or facilities of access thereto to be interfered with except in so far as might result from inconvenience caused by the construction and operation of the railway upon and along the streets. In granting the application the Board made the order complained of subject to the condition that the company should "make full compensation to all persons interested for all damage by them sustained by reason of the location of the said railway along any street." On appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada.—Held, Davies and Duff, JJ., dissenting, that, under the provisions of s. 47 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. (1906), c. 37, the Board had, on such application, the power to impose the condition directing that compensation should be made by the company in respect of the damages which might be suffered by the proprietors of the lands abutting on the highways of the municipality upon and along which the line of railway so located was to be constructed. *Grand Trunk Pacific etc. Ry. Cos. v. Fort William et al.*, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 271, 43 Can. S.C.R. 412.

[Reversed in [1912] A.C. 224, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 187.]

CONDITION AS TO COMPENSATION; INTERESTED PERSONS.

Under s. 159 of the Railway Act of 1906 the Board of Railway Commissioners ordered that the location of the appellants' line of railway along certain streets in the city of Fort William be approved in accordance with an agreement between the appellants and the municipal corporation, but subject to the condition that the appellants shall "make full compensation to all persons interested for all damage sustained by reason" thereof.—Held, that the order must be rescinded. Under s. 237 (3) the power to award damages was in respect of construction, and s. 47 did not on its true construction extend that power to meet the case of location; and as the condition failed there was no approval. *Grand Trunk Pacific and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos. v. City of Fort William, Fort William Land Investment Co. et al.*, 43 Can. S.C.R. 412, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 271, reversed. *Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co. v. Fort William Landowners et al.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 187, [1912] A.C. 224.

ADDITIONAL LANDS; PUBLIC LANE OR HIGHWAY.

Application to expropriate a strip of land from the city of Guelph which the applicant claimed to be private property, and not as contended by the respondent a public lane or highway. It appeared that a portion of the land in question had been leased by the respondent to the Guelph Junction Ry. Co. for its right-of-way, and in the lease there was a recital that the lane was no longer necessary for public purposes.—Held, (1) That the declaration in the lease could not be regarded as evidence of the acceptance of dedication of the strip of land in question, and not having been otherwise accepted or dedicated by the municipality as a public lane it was not in fact a public lane. (2) That as the Canada Company might still be the owner of the land in question, it should be added as a party nunc pro tunc to these proceedings, and an order might go granting the application. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. City of Guelph*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 371.

G. Railway Land; Crossings.

RIGHT OF WAY; ORDER OF RAILWAY COMMITTEE; JUNCTION OF ELECTRIC RAILWAY WITH STEAM RAILWAY; CONSENT OF MUNICIPALITY.

The defendants were a company incorporated under statutes of the Province of Ontario, operating an electric railway upon Yonge street between the town of New-

market and the city of Toronto, with its southern terminus in the northern part of the city, a few yards north of the Canadian Pacific Ry. lines. By order of the 23rd November, 1899, the Railway Committee of the Privy Council of Canada, reciting the consent of counsel on behalf of the corporation of the city of Toronto, approved of the defendants connecting their tracks with the tracks of the Canadian Pacific Ry. by means of a switch, as shewn on a plan annexed to the order, and on the conditions imposed by the order:—Held, that the defendants had not the right, without the authority or consent of the city corporation, to occupy or expropriate or otherwise to force their way over a part of Yonge street within the limits of the city so as to enter the lands of the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. and make the proposed junction. The order of the Railway Committee was to be regarded as dealing only with the mode of junction or union, and not as professing to expropriate a right-of-way over the highway. And the consent of counsel for the city corporation, when before the Railway Committee, was to be viewed in the same way. Section 173 of the Railway Act of Canada does not give the Railway Committee power to expropriate land or to deal with the right of property. The protection of the crossing or junction is the object of the Committee, which has to approve of the place and mode thereof, and which is not concerned, so far as this section applies, with how the railways arrive at the point of union:—Held, also, that the defendants had not, by virtue of any statute or agreement, viewing their road as a mere street railway, the right to expropriate the right-of-way; and even if their road was a railway within the meaning of the Railway Act, s. 183 was not applicable, for the proposition here was not to carry the tracks "along an existing highway"; and they could not avail themselves of s. 187, for the provisions of law applicable to the taking of land by the company had not been complied with. The plaintiffs were therefore entitled, without derogation of the order of the Railway Committee, to an injunction restraining the defendants from effecting the proposed junction by the method shewn on the plan. *City of Toronto v. Metropolitan Ry. Co.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 63, 31 O.R. 367.

INTERSECTION OF RAILWAY; EXPROPRIATION OF LANDS OCCUPIED BY ANOTHER RAILWAY; ORDER OF RAILWAY COMMITTEE.

Where an order has been obtained from the Railway Committee allowing one railway company to expropriate a right-of-way over the lands of another company any sub-

sequent notice of expropriation served by the expropriating company must be set out with sufficient accuracy the lands which it is proposed to occupy, and any material error in the description of such lands or material variance from the description given in the order permitting expropriation will invalidate such notice. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Lindsay, Bobenyacon and Pontypool Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 174.

RAILWAY LANDS; COMPENSATION.

The Guelph and Goderich Ry. Co. applied to the Board under s. 137 of the Railway Act, 1903, for authority to take possession of, use and occupy land of the Grand Trunk Ry. Co. along the harbour of the town of Goderich. The latter company opposed the application claiming that they were likely to require for their business in the future two additional sets of tracks upon that land. The land in question was upon a hillside and the construction of the two additional tracks would cut away a strip of land required for the proper support of the tracks which the Guelph and Goderich Ry. Co. wished to lay upon the land required from the Grand Trunk:—Held, that the Board is empowered by s. 137 of the Railway Act, 1903, to authorize one railway company to occupy and use the lands of another, even to the serious loss and detriment of the latter, due compensation being made therefor, but such injury should be avoided except where the public interest imperatively demands it. *Re Guelph and Goderich Ry. Co. and Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 138.

BRANCH LINE; SPURS; CONSTRUCTION OF.

Application under s. 176 of the Railway Act for leave to expropriate a portion of a triangular piece of land for the purpose of constructing a spur across it from the applicant's branch line on Lauriston street, in the city of Saskatoon. The said land had been acquired by the respondent from the former owner, one A. Bowerman, the respondent had been authorized by order of the Board to construct certain spurs across the land in question when the applicant's spur was constructed with the exception of the section crossing the portion of the land aforesaid. The order authorizing construction of the branch line and the said spur of the applicant was made before the respondent had acquired the said land:—Held, (1) That the applicant should be authorized to take so much of the said land as would be necessary for the construction of its spur. (2) That if a dispute should arise as to the area necessary to be so taken, the matter should be determined by an engineer of the Board. (3) The expense of making

the necessary railway crossings on the land should be borne jointly by the applicant and respondent. *Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Ry. and S.S. Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 131.

[*Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. (Kaiser Crossing Case)*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 297; *Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. (Nokomis Crossing Case)*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 299, distinguished.]

RIGHT OF DOMINION RAILWAY TO EXPROPRIATE UNUSED RIGHT-OF-WAY OF PROVINCIAL RAILWAY.

A provincial railway company that has neither graded nor built tracks upon a right-of-way acquired by it, cannot prevent a Dominion railway company from expropriating the lands so held by the provincial company and utilizing them for the actual construction of a railway authorized by the Parliament of Canada. A Dominion railway company will not be enjoined from expropriating and building tracks on a right-of-way acquired by a provincial railway company, where the latter has not yet utilized it for railway purposes; the right of a Dominion railway company being in such case superior to those of the provincial company. *Canadian Northern Western Ry. Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, (Alta.) 13 D.L.R. 624.

H. Possessory Rights; Trespass.

COMPENSATION; POSSESSORY TITLE OF OCCUPANT; CONTINUING TRESPASS.

The plaintiff and his predecessors in title were in possession as trespassers of certain land since 1871; the defendants entered upon a portion of it in 1890 and constructed their railway upon it and continued in undisturbed possession of such portion until 1904 and no claim was made for the land so taken though the defendants were willing to pay compensation to any one who could prove that he was entitled to it. In the year 1905 the plaintiff brought this action of trespass. The defendants pleaded (1) that he was not the owner of the lands; (2) that his claim, if any, was barred by the Statute of Limitations:—Held (Tuck, C.J. and McLeod, J., dissenting) that though the plaintiff or his predecessor in title was originally a trespasser, yet having been in peaceable possession at the time of the defendants' entry on the lands, he was entitled to damages for being disturbed in his possession. (2) That each passing over the land was a new trespass and therefore the defendants would be liable for all except for so much as was barred under their plea

of the Statute of Limitations which only voids a remedy and does not change the nature of the Act. *Clair v. Temiscouata Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 171, 1 East. L.R. 524.

[Reversed in 38 Can. S.C.R. 230; 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 367.]

TRESPASS; POSSESSION; CASUAL USE.

The casual use of land for pasturing cattle in common with other persons does not constitute evidence of possession sufficient to maintain an action for trespass against a railway company for the taking of the land for railway purposes without compensation. *Temiscouata Ry. Co. v. Clair*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 367, 38 Can. S.C.R. 230.

[Judgment appealed from, 1 East. L.R. 524, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 171, reversed.]

DAMAGE TO LANDS; TRESPASS; COMPENSATION.

The foundation of proceedings under s. 146 et seq. of the Railway Act, 1888, 51 Vict. c. 29 (D.) to determine the compensation to be paid a landowner for lands taken or injuriously affected by a railway company in the exercise of their statutory powers, is the notice to be served on the landowner thereunder; and in the absence thereof the railway company is, as to the lands damaged by its construction, a trespasser, and like any other trespasser responsible to the person injured in damages to be recovered in the ordinary courts of the country. Where, therefore, without taking any proceedings under said sections, the defendants, a railway company, for the purposes of their railway made a cutting adjoining the plaintiff's lands, which caused a subsidence thereof, whereupon the plaintiff brought an action, claiming a mandatory order to compel the defendants to support his lands and prevent further subsidence, and recovered damages for the actual loss then sustained:—Held, that the plaintiff was entitled to the order and to the damages recovered; but as he would be entitled to maintain actions for the recovery of damages as further loss was sustained, leave was given to the defendants to take proceedings under the above sections for the assessment of compensation so as to have future damages settled, the judgment being stayed for a limited time. *Hanley v. Toronto, Hamilton, and Buffalo Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 25, 11 O.L.R. 91.

TRESPASS; ENTRY BEFORE EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS.

The filing of a plan, profile and book of reference under the Railway Act, 1903, shewing the land required for the railway,

does not warrant the company in taking possession of it before proceedings for expropriation are commenced, unless by agreement with the owner; and, if such possession is taken, the company is a trespasser, and the owner is not limited to the remedy by arbitration provided by the Act, but may proceed by an ordinary action at law against the company. *Wicher v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 181, 16 Man. L.R. 343.

[Relied on in *Carr v. Can. Northern Ry. Co.*, 17 Man. L.R. 181.]

RIGHTS OF PLACER MINERS; DEPOSIT OF WASTE; COMPENSATION.

The defendants claimed the right to construct their railway under the authority of certain orders in council having obtained the approval of the Board and Minister of the Interior of a route map referred to in sub-s. 1 of s. 122 of the Railway Act, 1903, but not that referred to in sub-s. 5 of s. 122.—Held, (1) Before the defendants could expropriate land without the consent of the owners they must comply with the provisions of the Railway Act, 1903. (2) Placer miners are owners within the meaning of the Railway Act, 1903, and entitled to compensation. (3) A placer mine is an open mine within s. 132 of the Railway Act, 1903. (4) The plaintiffs were entitled to an injunction restraining the defendants from constructing their works and injuriously affecting the working of the plaintiff's placer mining claims held by them under licenses issued under the placer mining regulations, ss. 132 and 133, Railway Act, 1903. *Yale Hotel Co. v. Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Ry. & Navigation Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 108, followed. *Day v. Klondike Mines Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 203, 2 W.L.R. 205.

TRIAL LINE; ARBITRATION; DAMAGES RESULTING FROM EXERCISE OF STATUTORY POWERS.

If damages are occasioned to a landowner by the exercise of the powers conferred on a railway company by the Railway Act and there is no negligence in the mode of exercising such powers, the person injuriously affected is limited to the provisions of the Act for compensation. *C.P.R. v. Roy* (1902), A.C. 220, and *Bennett v. G.T.R.* (1901), 2 O.L.R. 425. But if there is negligence in such exercise of statutory powers, or if damages are unnecessarily inflicted, then an action will lie and the complainant is not limited to the remedy given by the arbitration clauses of the Act. The plaintiff's claim was for damages for cutting down trees in his grove through which the defendants were making a survey for a

trial line for a proposed branch of their railway, but the possibility of running the trial line through the grove, without cutting down the trees by making a rectangular detour around it was not raised at the trial and the trial Judge did not pass upon it:—Held, that the plaintiff, who had been non-suited at the trial, was entitled to a new trial to determine whether the line could not have been run in the manner suggested. *Barrett v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 356, 16 Man. L.R. 549.

DAMAGES FOR CUTTING DOWN TREES; TRIAL LINE; ARBITRATION.

At the new trial ordered in the foregoing case, 16 Man. L.R. 549, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 356, the County Court Judge again non-suited the plaintiff who appealed to the Court of Appeal:—Held, that the evidence shewed that it was unnecessary to cut down the trees for the purpose of running the required trial line and that the plaintiff was entitled to recover in the action, and that judgment should be entered for him for \$250.00 damages and costs of both trials and both appeals. *Barrett v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 364, 16 Man. L.R. 558.

TRESPASS; TAKING POSSESSION OF STRIP NOT OF STATUTORY WIDTH.

A railway company cannot, in an action for a trespass in laying side-tracks on the plaintiff's land, justify on the ground that its predecessor in title, without right, took a strip of land twelve feet wide from that owned by the plaintiff, for part of its right-of-way, which was not, at such place, of the width allowed by statute, and that therefore it became entitled to claim the full ninety-nine feet allowed by statute for a right-of-way, which would include the land on which the side-tracks were laid, since the Court cannot presume that the company, by taking possession of the twelve-foot strip, also took possession of the entire ninety-nine feet which it was entitled to expropriate for a right-of-way. *Carr v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, (N.B.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 40, 5 D.L.R. 208.

EXPROPRIATION PENDING TRESPASS ACTION.

Where, pending an action against a railway company for trespass, the company takes expropriation proceedings in respect of the land in question, judgment may be given for the plaintiff for such damages as he has sustained apart from the compensation which he would be entitled to claim in the arbitration to be held in respect of the expropriation of the land. *Como v. Canadian Northern Alberta Ry. Co. and Can-*

adian Northern Ry. Co., 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 46, 9 D.L.R. 683.

For construction of embankment and contribution of costs, see Embankment.

I. Conveyances.

TITLE TO LAND; TENANT FOR LIFE; CONVEYANCE TO RAILWAY COMPANY.

By C.S.C. c. 66, s. 11 (Railway Act), all corporations and persons whatever, tenants in tail or for life, grèves de substitution, guardians, etc., not only for and on behalf of themselves, their heirs and successors, but also for and on behalf of those whom they represent . . . seized, possessed of or interested in any lands, may contract for, sell and convey unto the company (railway company) all or any part thereof; and any contract, etc., so made shall be valid and effectual in law:—Held, affirming the decision of the Court of Appeal, that a tenant for life is authorized by this Act to convey to a railway company in fee, but the company must pay to the remainderman or into Court the proportion of the purchase money representing the remainderman's interest. *Midland Ry. Co. of Canada v. Young*, 22 Can. S.C.R. 190.

[Followed in *Forbes v. Grimsby Public School Board*, 6 O.L.R. 539; approved in *Re Toronto Belt Line Ry. Co.*, 26 O.R. 413.]

AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE LAND; TAKING POSSESSION; LANDOWNER'S REMEDY; ARBITRATION.

In carrying out the agreement provided for in 63 Vict. c. 77 (O.), an Act respecting the Town of Meaford, the town agreed with the plaintiff for the purchase of and possession by the railway company of the portion of the plaintiff's land required by the company, but without fixing the price. The company, pursuant to s. 131 of the Railway Act, 51 Vict. c. 29 (D.), deposited a plan, profile and book of reference of the land required in the county registry office, which was approved by the Railway Committee, shewing the plaintiff's lands entered upon it, and completed the work. The purchase money not having been agreed upon, or paid, plaintiff brought an action against the town and the railway company for damages to the land, and for interference with his business, whereupon the town paid into Court \$375.50, and set up, by way of defence, that plaintiff's remedy was by arbitration under the Municipal Act:—Held, that the defendants, the town, were not liable, and the plaintiff's remedy against the railway company was by arbitration proceedings under the Railway Act,

and not by action, and that the money in Court should be paid out to him without prejudice to his right to proceed further against the company. *Todd v. Corporation of the Town of Meaford*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 375, 6 O.L.R. 469.

[Judgment of Falconbridge, C.J., varied.]

OWNER OF LAND; TRUSTEE AS "OWNER"; NOTICE.

A bare trustee of land is not "the owner of the land or the person empowered to convey the land, or interested in the land sought to be taken," within the meaning of s. 71 of the Dominion Railway Act, 1903; and notice under that section must be served upon all the cestui que trust. *Re James Bay Ry. Co. and Worrell et al.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 21, 6 O.W.R. 473.

INFANT REMAINDERMEN; TENANT FOR LIFE; ORDER AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE.

Where a widow was entitled to a life estate in certain lands and her infant children to the remainder in fee, and she had made an agreement with a railway company to sell them such part of the lands as they required for their right-of-way, at a reasonable price, approved by the official guardian on behalf of the infants, an order was made by a Judge under s. 184 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, giving her power to sell the lands and the rights of the infants therein, which power, joined to her legal power as tenant for life, would enable her to sell and convey the fee; the purchase money to be paid into Court, and the company to pay the costs. *Re Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. and Byrne*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 71, 15 O.L.R. 45.

[*Re Dolsen* (1889), 13 P.R. 84, followed, the sections of the Act as it now stands being substantially the same as in the Act of 1888.]

COMPENSATION; PURCHASE OF LAND FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY; SALE BY INSTITUTE; RECOURSE OF SUBSTITUTES.

The sale or conveyance of lands for right-of-way permitted under the Railway Act from institutes to railway companies, is binding upon the substitutes, notwithstanding violation of the rules respecting payment of the consideration money. Hence, when the company has paid the consideration money to the institute, instead of paying him the annual rent, thereon, the substitute has no recourse against the railway company other than a right to recover his share of the consideration money, as determined at the time of the sale. He cannot claim, at the opening of the substitution, his share of the accrued value of the land

sold. *Latour v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 404, Q.R. 40 S.C. 514.

PURCHASE OF LAND; POSSESSION; NECESSITY OF EXPROPRIATION.

A contract to purchase is not established as against a railway company entitled to take lands by eminent domain proceedings, by the fact of the company having taken possession of same after notice from the owner naming his price and stating that if they took possession he would construe their action as an acceptance of his terms. *Haney v. Winnipeg and Northern Ry. Co.*, (Man.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 39, 1 D.L.R. 387, 20 W.L.R. 540.

PURCHASE OF LAND; NOTICE OF ARBITRATION; STATUS OF OWNER.

On an application to the Court to restrain expropriation proceedings taken by a railway company on the ground that the company had agreed upon a price with plaintiff, the plaintiff's status is proved *prima facie* by shewing that he had been served as owner with notice of arbitration proceedings by the company without his further shewing his title or interest in the land. *Haney v. Winnipeg and Northern Ry. Co.*, (Man.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 39, 1 D.L.R. 387, 20 W.L.R. 540.

J. Location Plans; Deviation.

DESCRIPTION IN MAP OR PLAN FILED.

A company built its line to the termini mentioned in the charter and then wished to extend it less than a mile in the same direction. The time limited for the completion of the road had not expired, but the company had terminated the representation on the board of directors which, by statute, was to continue during construction and had claimed and obtained from the city of K. exemption from taxation on the ground of completion of the road. To effect the desired extension it was sought to expropriate lands which were not marked or referred to on the map or plan filed under the statute:—Held, affirming the judgment of the Court below, that the statutory provisions that land required for a railway shall be indicated on a map or plan filed in the Department of Railways before it can be expropriated applies as well to a deviation from the original line as to the line itself, and the company, having failed to shew any statutory authority therefor, could not take the said land against the owner's consent:—Held, also, that the proposed extensions was not a deviation within the meaning of the statute, 42 Vict. c. 9, s. 8, sub-s. 11 (D.). Per Ritchie,

C.J., Strong, Fournier and Taschereau, JJ., that the road authorized was completed as shewn by the acts of the company, and upon such completion the compulsory power to expropriate ceased. Per Gwynne, J.:—that the time limited by the charter for the completion of the road not having expired the company could still file a map or plan shewing the lands in question, and acquire the land under s. 7, sub-s. 19 of the Act, 42 Vict. c. 9, 11 O.R. 302, 582 affirmed. *Kingston and Pembroke Ry. Co. v. Murphy*, 17 Can. S.C.R. 582.

[Approved in *Barbeau v. St. Catharines and Niagara Central Ry. Co.*, 15 O.R. 586; distinguished in *Brooke v. Toronto Belt Line Ry. Co.*, 21 O.R. 401.]

AGREEMENT; MISDESCRIPTION; PLANS AND BOOKS OF REFERENCE.

In matters of expropriation, where the railway company has complied with the directions and conditions of Arts. 5163 and 5164, Revised Statutes of Quebec, as to deposit of plans and books of reference, notice and settlement of indemnity with the owners, or with at least one-third of the owners *par indivis*, of lands taken for railway purposes, the title to the lands passes forthwith to the company for the whole of the property by mere operation of the statute, even without the consent of the other owners *par indivis*, and without the necessity of formal conveyance by deed or compliance with the formalities prescribed by the Civil Code as to registration of real rights. The provisions of the Civil Code respecting the registration of real rights have no application to proceedings in matters of expropriation of lands for railway purposes under the provisions of the Revised Statutes of Quebec. Pending expropriation proceedings begun against lands held in common (*par indivis*), for the purposes of appellants' railway, the following instrument was signed and delivered to the company by six, out of nine, of the owners *par indivis*, viz.: "Be it known by these presents that we, the legatees Patterson of the Parish of Beauport, County of Quebec, do promise and agree that as soon as the Quebec, Montmorency and Charlevoix Ry. is located through our land in Parishes of Notre-Dame des Anges, Beauport and L'Ange-Gardien, and in consideration of its being so located, we will sell, bargain and transfer to the Quebec, Montmorency and Charlevoix Ry. Co., for the sum of one dollar, such part of our said land as may be required for the construction and maintenance of the said railway, and exempt the said company from all damages to the rest of the said property, and that, pending the

execution of the deeds, we will permit the construction of said railway to be proceeded with over our said land, without hindrance of any kind, provided that the said railway is located to our satisfaction. As witness our hands at Quebec, this 11th day of June, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six." Afterwards, the line of the railway was altered and more than one year elapsed without the deposit of an amended plan and book of reference to shew the deviation from the line as originally located. The company, however, took possession of the land and constructed the railway across it and, in August, 1889, the same persons who had signed the above instrument granted an absolute deed of the lands to the company for a consideration of five dollars, acknowledged to have been paid, reciting therein that the said lands had "been selected and set apart by the said railway company for the ends and purposes of its railway, and being already in the possession of the said railway company since the eleventh day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six, in virtue of a certain promise of sale sous seing privé by the said vendors in favour of the said company." Neither of the instruments were registered. G. purchased the New Waterford Cove property in 1889 and, after registering his deed, executed by all the owners par indivis, brought a petitory action to recover that part of the property taken by the railway company, alleging that the instruments mentioned constituted a donation of the lands and did not come within the operation of Arts. 5163 and 5164 of the Revised Statutes of Quebec:—Held, that the terms of subs. 10 of Art. 5164, R.S.Q., were sufficiently wide to include and apply to donations; that the instrument in question was not properly a donation, but a valid agreement or accord within the provision of said tenth sub-section, under onerous conditions of indemnity which appeared to have been satisfied by the company; that, as the agreement stipulated no time within which the new plan should be filed and the location appeared to have been made to the satisfaction of the required proportion of the owners, it was sufficient for the company to file the amended plan and book of reference at any time thereafter and that, as the indemnity agreed upon by six out of nine of the owners par indivis had been satisfied by changing the location of the railway line as desired, the requirements of Art. 5164 R.S.Q., had been fully complied with and the plaintiff's action could not, under the circumstances, be maintained. Quebec, *Montmorency and Charlevoix Ry. Co. v. Gibsons et al.*, 29 Can. S.C.R. 340.

POWERS OF EXPROPRIATION; PLANS AND LOCATION.

In their private Act, 61 Vict. c. 68 (O.), the defendants incorporated ss. 13 to 20 of the Railway Act of Ontario, R.S.O. 1897, c. 207, relating to the expropriation of land, but omitted to incorporate s. 9 of the last mentioned Act, by which a general power to take land is conferred, and s. 10, by which a railway is entitled to make surveys and file a plan and book of reference:—Held, that ss. 19 and 20 of the Railway Act of Ontario were unworkable by defendants as the powers of compulsory alienation given by s. 20 do not arise until the map and book of reference have been deposited under s. 10, but, assuming that ss. 9 and 10 were incorporated, as no plan or book of reference has been filed by defendants, they were without the protection afforded by the Act.

[*Hopkin v. Hamilton Electric Light and Cataract Power Co.*, 4 O.L.R. 258 (C.A.) affirming 2 O.L.R. 240.]

COMMENCEMENT OF; OMISSION TO FILE PLANS; FORFEITURE.

The defendant company was originally incorporated in 1897 by an Act of the Legislature of British Columbia, and on 28th June, 1898, by an Act of the Parliament of Canada, its objects were declared to be works for the general advantage of Canada, and thereafter to be subject to the legislative authority of the Parliament of Canada and the provisions of the Railway Act, except s. 89 thereof. Section 4 of the Dominion Act of 1898 required the railway to be commenced within two years. In 1901, the defendant company commenced expropriation proceedings in respect of the plaintiff Hotel Company's lands, and by consent took possession and proceeded with construction, negotiations to determine the amount of compensation by arbitration being carried on in the meantime. The defendant company had purchased for its line of railway land on either side of the plaintiff Railway Company's right of way and had applied to the Railway Committee of the Privy Council for leave to make a crossing. On the application of plaintiffs who alleged *inter alia* that the defendants' railway was not commenced within the two years, that no map or plan and profile of the whole line of railway had been prepared and deposited in the department of the Minister of Railways, and that the work being done by the defendant company was not authorized and was not being prosecuted in good faith by the company under its charter, but was really for the benefit of the Great Northern Ry. Co., so that it might extend its railway system, which

lies south of the International Boundary, into British Columbia, injunctions were granted restraining until the trial of the action defendant company from continuing in possession and proceeding with the expropriation of the land of the plaintiff Hotel Company, and also from taking any proceedings toward effecting the proposed crossing of the right of way of the plaintiff Railway Company. Motions to dissolve the injunctions were refused. The full Court (Irving, J., dissenting), dismissed an appeal on the ground that there were several points of importance which should be decided at the trial. Per Irving and Martin, J.J. (Drake, J., dissenting).—Special sittings of the Full Court may be held either at Victoria or Vancouver to hear appeals in actions irrespectively of where the writs of summons were issued. *Yale Hotel Company v. Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Ry. Co.; Grand Forks etc. Ry. Co. v. Vancouver, Vict. and East. etc. Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 108, 9 B.C.R. 66.

[Referred to in *Fry v. Botsford*, 9, B.C.R. 243.]

DEVIATION; ORDER AUTHORIZING; APPLICATION TO RESCIND.

Certain landowners applied to rescind an order of the Board authorizing a deviation from the located line of the T. & N. Power Company previously approved by the Board:—Held, (1) that the company's powers under its Act of incorporation (2 Edw. VII. c. 107, Dom.), were not exhausted by the construction of one line as in the case of a company authorized to build between two termini or any specified number of lines. (2) That the cases relating to deviations by railway companies do not apply. (3) Without considering the jurisdiction of the Board to make the orders respecting location plans, the applications must be refused. *Walker v. Toronto and Niagara Power Company*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 190.

LIABILITY OF MUNICIPALITY; FILING PLAN; MISTAKE.

Under the Act incorporating the Inverness and Richmond Ry. Co., and amending Acts, it was provided that lands required by the company for its right of way, station grounds, etc., should be vested in the company upon the filing of a plan thereof, as if the same were deeded to the company, and that the owners of the same should only have recourse for the lands taken against the municipality of the county. By an Act passed in 1903, c. 97, a resolution of the Municipal Council, adopted for the express purpose of settling what land the municipality was to pay for, was confirmed. Lands of the plaintiff were taken for the

purposes of the company, and a plan filed indicating the land taken, and shewing it to be land which was the subject of an award in plaintiff's favour under the Act:—Held, that the land, being clearly marked and indicated, became the property of the company on the filing of the plan, and was properly charged up against defendant under the legislation relating to the company:—Held, also, that the liability of defendant would not be affected by a mistake in the resolution in relation to an immaterial matter. *McIsaac v. Municipality of Inverness*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 105, 38 N.S.R. 76.

[Affirmed in 37 Can. S.C.R. 75, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 109.]

EXCESSIVE EXPROPRIATION; DESCRIPTION OF LANDS; REFERENCE TO PLANS.

A municipality passed a resolution by which it agreed to pay for lands required for the right of way, station grounds, sidings and other purposes of a railway as shewn upon a plan filed under the provisions of the general railway Act. At the time of the resolution there were four such plans filed, each shewing a portion of the land proposed to be taken for these purposes, and including in the aggregate, a greater area than could be expropriated for right of way and station grounds under the provisions of the Acts applicable to the undertaking of the railway company. The Legislature passed an Act confirming such resolution. To an action by the owner of the land taken, on an award fixing the value of that in excess of what could be so expropriated, the corporation pleaded no liability on account of such excess, and also, that there was no specific plan on file describing the land:—Held, affirming the judgment appealed from (38 N.S. Rep. 76, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 105), that the first defence failed because of the Act confirming the resolution, and, as to the second, that the four plans should be read together and considered to be the plan referred to in such resolution. *County of Inverness v. McIsaac*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 109, 37 Can. S.C.R. 75.

DEVIATION OF LINE; DATE OF FILING NEW PLAN; COMPENSATION; ROADSIDE LANDOWNER.

On an application by a landowner for an order rescinding an order of the Board allowing an electric railway company to change the location of its line from the centre to the west side of a public highway on the ground that such deviation would injuriously affect his property:—Held, (1) refusing the application, that the Board having already sufficient material before it, could authorize such deviation without the

filing of further plans and profiles. (2) That the railway in question was one "to be operated as a street railway or tramway" within the meaning of s. 235 of the Railway Act and that the Board must either authorize the placing of the railway upon the street in accordance with the terms of the consent of the municipality (that it should be on the west side of the highway) or refuse the authority entirely. Chief Commissioner:—The construction of the railway would more than offset the damage to the owner's land. Deputy Chief Commissioner dissenting. The question of compensation should be decided by the ordinary Courts of justice and rests entirely between the immediate landowner and the municipality. Commissioner Mills dissenting. The order should stand only on condition that the landowner is allowed reasonable compensation. *Robertson v. Chatham, Wallaceburg & Lake Erie Ry. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 96.

LOCATION; REGISTRATION; PLANS.

Application to the Board for an order under ss. 26, 30 and 158 of the Railway Act, declaring the plan, profile and book of reference affecting certain lots deposited in the Registry Office by the railway company, not to be in accordance with the provisions of the Railway Act. The plan had been registered with respect to a portion of the property in question, but no steps had been taken for several years to negotiate with the owners and fix the price to be paid by the railway company:—Held, (1) That an order should be made cancelling the location shown by such plan, etc., through the lots in question. (2) That the Board has jurisdiction under s. 29 of the amendment to the Railway Act, 7 and 8 Edw. VII. c. 62, to review, rescind, change, alter or vary any order made by it. (3) That the charter of the company does not authorize it to register plans upon the lands of private persons and then take no steps to acquire title to such lands during the life of the charter. (4) If the company is willing to expropriate the lands in question upon the basis of the present value of such lands, no order need issue. (5) Leave to appeal should be obtained from a Judge of the Supreme Court as the question is one of jurisdiction. *McDougall and Secord v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 201.

REQUIREMENTS OF PLANS; INJUNCTION.

While a substantial compliance only is needed with the provisions of s. 158 of the Railway Act with respect to plans, profiles and books of reference to be filed prior to expropriation proceedings being taken, it must clearly appear from the plans, profiles

and books of reference filed, exactly what portion of the land of each separate owner the railway company requires, and the mere indication of the centre line of the proposed railway is not sufficient; the book of reference is a necessary part of the filings to substantially comply with the provisions; if the first definite information of the owner as to the quantity of land to be taken is obtainable only from the notice served, there has not been substantial compliance with the Act. In the absence of evidence that the company has been oppressive or high-handed, an injunction will not be granted to restrain the railway company from proceeding with the railway, even if there has not been substantial compliance with the Act, provided the railway company will enter into an undertaking to comply forthwith with the requirements of the Act and to facilitate the proceedings for determining the amount of compensation to be paid—following *Corporation of Parkdale v. West, L.R. 12 A.C. 602*, 56 L.J.P.C. 66, 57 L.T. 602, and *Hendrie v. Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Ry. Co.*, 26 O.R. 607, affirmed 27 O.R. 46. But the Court will reserve to the plaintiff the right to apply to a single Judge for an injunction to prevent any unnecessary delay in proceeding to comply with the Act and pay compensation. Warrants of possession improperly granted to a railway company which has not complied with the provisions of the Act will not prevent or render invalid the registration of a plan sub-dividing the lands required by the railway company, but:—Held, that in the absence of acceptance by the municipality of the streets, and evidence of a user of the streets by the public, or of evidence of the sale of lands in the sub-division, the streets shown on the plan do not become highways. *Quaere, per Stuart, J.*:—Whether or not the judgment of a Judge who is persona designata is appealable in view of the decision in *C.P.R. v. Little Seminary of Ste. Therese*, 16 Can. S.C.R. 606, since the enactment of s. 220 of the Railway Act. *Quaere, per Stuart, J.*:—Whether or not a dissatisfied litigant who has the right to appeal must appeal and is not at liberty to bring the same matter before the Court in a different way, but:—Held, that where the right of appeal was doubtful and the plaintiff has given notice of appeal, and at the same time brought an action for injunction, in which action the validity of the order appealed from would have to be inquired into, the matter was properly brought before the Court:—Held, also, that the Court will not be bound by agreements of counsel in a stated case as to the effect upon the rights of parties to the action by determination of certain questions submitted in certain spe-

cified ways. *Marsan v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 341, 2 Alta. L.R. 43.

[Partly followed and distinguished in *Girouard v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 354, 2 A.L.R. 54.]

ROUTE MAP; LOCATION PLANS.

Application for approval of its location. "Prince Rupert westerly, mile 0 to mile 3.23." The applicant proceeded to construct the roadbed but found that it could not obtain some \$400,000.00 under its contracts with the Government unless it was able to shew that the three and one-quarter miles of railway had been constructed under the provisions of the Railway Act. The applicant contended that this being merely the yard of the company, no route map or location plan was required.—Held, (1) That the company not having complied with the provisions of ss. 157, 158, and 159 of the Railway Act, the application must be refused. (2) That the Board had no jurisdiction under 9 and 10 Edw. VII. c. 50, s. 2, empowering the Board to approve of works constructed without approval before December 31st, 1909, since the roadbed in question had been constructed subsequent to that date. In re Prince Rupert Location, *Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 153.

PLANS; DELAY IN COMMENCING PROCEEDINGS.

Where the plan of the line of a proposed railway has been approved by the Railway Commissioner of Manitoba, and filed in the land titles office of the district, but nothing has been done towards actually establishing the railway, except the obtaining of a charter which incorporated the provisions of the Manitoba Railway Act, and the payment in of a specified deposit in respect of such charter, the railway company should with reasonable dispatch exercise its right to acquire the land through which its proposed line runs by eminent domain proceedings, and an owner through whose property the proposed line runs may, on the company's default in proceeding within a reasonable time, apply pursuant to the provisions of the Manitoba Railway Act, 3 Geo. V. (Man.), to have the plans set aside. Re *The Winnipeg North-Eastern Ry. Co.*, (Man.), 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 66, 10 D.L.R. 469.

[Affirmed in 11 D.L.R. 147.]

PLANS AND PROFILE; VACATING FOR DELAY.

Where the plan of the line of a proposed railway has been approved by the Railway Commissioner of Manitoba, and filed in the land titles office of the district, but

nothing has been done towards actually establishing the railway, except the obtaining of a charter which incorporated the provisions of the Manitoba Railway Act, and the payment in of a specified deposit in respect of such charter, the Public Utilities Commission of Manitoba has jurisdiction, upon the application of an owner through whose property the proposed line runs, to set aside the plans on the company's default in proceeding within a reasonable time. Re *Winnipeg North-Eastern Ry. Co.* (No. 2), 11 D.L.R. 147.

[Re *Winnipeg North-Eastern Ry. Co.*, 10 D.L.R. 469, affirmed as to jurisdiction.]

K. Possession; Abandonment; Notice.

POSSESSION BEFORE PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION.

An order of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada giving leave to a railway company to construct an extension of a spur track and authorizing the expropriation of the necessary land is conclusive, unless reversed on appeal to the Supreme Court, as to the right of the company to expropriate the land and construct the extension, and the fact that the owner of the land is bona fide proceeding to appeal to the Supreme Court from such order would not justify a delay in granting a warrant, under s. 217 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, to put the company in possession of the required land before payment of the compensation, as that section makes it the duty of the Judge to grant the warrant on affidavit to his satisfaction that immediate possession is necessary. Such a warrant should, however, not be granted unless there is some urgent and substantial need for immediate action in the interest of the railway itself or of the public, and it is not sufficient to shew that the interests of an individual, whose property would be reached by the spur line when built, urgently call for such construction in order that he may profitably carry on his business on such property. Re *Canadian Northern Ry. Co.* and *Blackwood*, 20 Man. L.R. 113, 15 W.L.R. 454.

[*Kingston and Pembroke Ry. Co.* and *Murphy* (1886), 11 P.R. 304, and *C.P.R. v. Little Seminary of Ste. Therese* (1889), 15 S.C.R. at p. 617, followed.]

WARRANT OF POSSESSION; MANDATORY POSSESSIONS.

The effect of the change of the word "may" in s. 217 to "shall" is that, once it is established to the satisfaction of the Judge that immediate possession of the land by the company is necessary, the Judge has no

alternative but to grant the warrant. He must exercise his discretion, however, as to whether necessity is established. And here there was no suggestion of the necessity of immediate provision of facilities for the public; the possession was not necessary for any urgent purpose of the company; the basis of the application was the necessity of S. and B.'s property rights were as much entitled to consideration as the necessities of S. Re Canadian Northern Ry. Co. and Blackwood, 15 W.L.R. 454.

EXPROPRIATION OF LAND; WARRANT OF POSSESSION; JURISDICTION OF JUDGE AS PERSONA DESIGNATA; CONDITIONS PRECEDENT; DEPOSIT OF PLAN.

Re Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co. and Marsan, 9 W.L.R. 211 (Alta.).

WARRANTS FOR POSSESSION; SUMS TO BE PAID INTO COURT.

Re Campbellford, Lake Ontario and Western Ry. Co., 3 D.L.R. 889, 3 O.W.N. 1513.

NOTICE; EXTENT OF RIGHT; EASEMENT; "LANDS"; AMENDMENT OF NOTICE.

A notice of expropriation containing a clause: "Reserving to the said" (land-owners) "the right or privilege by way of easement upon the lands expropriated of maintaining, repairing and using the dams, sluice gates, and head race at present constructed and existing upon the said lands, and of maintaining and using in their present condition and capacity the hydraulic rights and privileges thereby controlled or enjoyed." By the interpretation clause of the Railway Act, s. 2 (m), "The expression 'lands' means lands the acquiring, taking or using of which is incident to the exercise of the powers given by this Act or the special Act, and includes real property, messuages, tenements, and hereditaments of any tenure. . . .":—Held, by the reservation contained in the notice, if effect were given thereto, the railway company would acquire an easement over at least a portion of the lands of the owners, and as, under the above clause of our Railway Act, the company have no right to acquire an easement, the order for immediate possession must be refused, unless the owners permit an amendment in the notice by striking out the objectionable clause. Re James Bay Ry. Co. and Worrrell, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 23, 6 O.W.R. 512.

[Reference to s. 85 of the English Land Clauses Consolidation Act; Hill v. Midland Ry. Co., 21 Ch.D. 143; Ayr Harbour Trustees v. Oswald, 8 App. Cas. 623; Ontario and Quebec Ry. Co. v. Philbrick, 12 Can. S.C.R. 288.]

SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE; IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.

The defendants had, under their special Act, power to acquire "any privilege or easement required by the company . . . over and along any land, without the necessity of acquiring a title in fee simple thereto"; and the Act defined "land" as including any such privilege or easement, etc. In giving notice of expropriation the defendants did not state whether it was the fee simple, or merely some easement or privilege over the land which they sought to acquire, but only that they proposed to acquire the land "to the extent required for the corporate purposes of the company";—Held, that such notice was too uncertain a foundation for expropriation proceedings, and the defendants were not entitled to a warrant for immediate possession under s. 170 of the Railway Act of 1903, 3 Edw. VII. c. 58 (D.). Lees v. Toronto and Niagara Power Company, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 128, 12 O.L.R. 505.

IMMEDIATE POSSESSION; STATION SITE; PLANS NOT PREPARED.

A railway company having obtained an order from the Board authorizing it to take the lands of the owner for the purposes of a station the company made a motion under s. 170 of the Railway Act, 1903, for an order for immediate possession of the said lands:—Held, that as the affidavits failed to shew that the railway company was ready forthwith to proceed with the erection of the station, the motion must be dismissed but without prejudice to the right of the railway company to renew the motion when the conditions have changed. Re Williams and Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 200, 8 O.W.R. 277.

WARRANT OF POSSESSION; PRACTICE.

Where a railway company under its powers to expropriate land obtained a warrant for possession and the amount awarded the owner in subsequent arbitration proceedings is less than the amount at first offered by the company, the costs of obtaining the warrant for possession shall be borne by the owner. Re Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Ry., etc., Co., and Milled, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 257, 13 B.C.R. 187.

WARRANT OF POSSESSION; APPEAL FROM; RES JUDICATA.

The defendant applied for warrant of possession under the Railway Act regarding expropriation of lands, and the Judge, sitting in Court, granted the warrant of possession on facts which the Court en banc, in Marsan v. Grand Trunk Pacific, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 341, 2 A.L.R. 43, held were not sufficient to

give the Judge jurisdiction, and the order was therefore invalid. The plaintiff, instead of taking an appeal from the order, brought an action against the railway company, claiming injunction and damages:—Held, that the plaintiff could maintain the action, for the reason that, even if an appeal would lie from the order, the plaintiff was entitled to additional relief by way of an injunction and damages which could not be given on appeal:—Held, also, the principle of *res judicata* would not apply, as the order granting the warrant of possession was made without jurisdiction. *Attorney-General for Trinidad v. Enrieche*, 63 L.J.P.C. 6, L.R. (1893) A.C. 518, 1 R. 440, 69 L.T. 505, referred to:—Held, also, that the railway company having acted under the invalid warrant of possession had committed a technical trespass and was liable for nominal damages, which carried costs. *Girouard v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 354, 2 Alta. L.R. 54.

[*Marsan v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 341, distinguished.]

WARRANT FOR IMMEDIATE POSSESSION; JUDICIAL DISCRETION.

Railway company moved under s. 217 of the Dominion Railway Act for a warrant for immediate possession. *Middleton, J.*:—Held, that although it was a case of hardship on the landowner there was no discretion left to the Judge under the statute. Order granted. *McCarthy v. Tillsnburg, Lake Erie & Pacific Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 272, 2 O.W.N. 34, 16 O.W.R. 964.

ABANDONMENT OF NOTICE; ENFORCING AWARD; POSSESSION.

Held, per *Gwynne and Patterson, JJ.*:—That an abandonment of a notice to take lands for railway purposes, under R.S.C. c. 109, s. 8, sub-s. 26, must take place while the notice is still a notice and before the intention has been exercised by taking the lands. That the proper mode of enforcing an award of compensation, made under the Railway Act, is by an order from the Judge. *Quaere*, whether sub-s. 31 of s. 8, c. 109, R.S.C., permits possession to be given before the price is fixed and paid of any land, except land on which some work of construction is to be at once proceeded with. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Ste. Therese*, 16 Can. S.C.R. 606.

ABANDONMENT; SERVICE OF NEW NOTICE.

Defendant company proposing to expropriate certain lands of plaintiff, served notice to treat pursuant to s. 193 of the Railway Act; but upon disagreement as to price applied to a Judge for the appointment of an arbitrator, under s. 196, and also for a war-

rant of possession under ss. 217 and 218. This application was refused because the notice to treat was not accompanied by the certificate of a disinterested surveyor under s. 194. Thereupon the company served a new notice, accompanied by a proper certificate, and at the same time served a notice abandoning and desisting from the first notice and all proceedings had thereon. Plaintiff treated this latter notice as given under s. 207 and proceeded to tax costs as of an abandonment under ss. 199 and 207. The costs were submitted to *Clement, J.*, the Judge applied to, who directed that they be taxed by the registrar, and *Clement, J.* adopted the taxation. At the trial, *Irving, J.*, came to the conclusion that the confirmation by the Judge after preliminary taxation by his clerk, amounted to a taxation in fact by him, and on the merits was of opinion that there was no abandonment, and dismissed the plaintiff's action:—Held, on appeal, that the new notice to treat being served at the same time as the abandonment of the first notice, was manifestly a continuation of the original proceedings, and did not come within s. 207, an abandonment under which is one with the intention of wholly discontinuing and taking no further action. Held, further, that the subject was not *res judicata* by reason of the taxation by the Judge or by the taxing officer on the Judge's direction. *Semble*, per *Gallier, J.A.*:—That it was competent for the Judge to direct the taxation as he did and then adopt it as his own act, it not being the intention of the statute that the Judge should perform the actual clerical work of taxation. *Atwood v. Kettle River Valley Railway Co.*, 15 B.C.R. 330.

USUFRUCT; ABANDONMENT.

The abandonment of the usufruct from land need not be made in any particular form. It may result from circumstances such as the conduct of the usufructuary, his failure to exercise his rights, etc., from which the Court may determine it. Expropriation for the purposes of an electric railway (Art. 5164 St. Seq. R.S.O.) does not affect the right of the owner expropriated to damages for injury to the land which is left by the substitution of a steam for an electric railway. Therefore, this right is independent of the enhanced value, if any, that is given to the land by the railway and the arbitrators' award fixing the indemnity, is not a bar to recovery of a claim, resulting from the expropriation. Such claim, moreover, is in no way based on the special provisions above referred to, but is founded on the common law liability stated in Art. 1053 C.C. Therefore it only applies to the damages actually suffered, to be revived

in case of fresh damage afterwards and cannot be determined by a gross amount covering past and future damages. *Lapointe v. Chateauguay and Nor. Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 38 S.C. 139 (Sup. Ct.)

RIGHT ACQUIRED BY RAILWAY COMPANY; ABANDONMENT BY RAILWAY; EASEMENT.

The title to land expropriated for a right of way by a railway company that received a subsidy under 27 Vict. (N.B.), c. 3, 1864, and 28 Vict. (N.B.), c. 12, 1865, is, by the provisions of such Acts, limited to an easement merely, and upon abandonment thereof for railway purposes the title reverts to the original owner. *Carr v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.* (N.B.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 40, 5 D.L.R. 208.

L. Costs.

EXPROPRIATION COSTS.

(1) The costs of an owner who succeeds in an arbitration under the Railway Act shall be taxed as between solicitor and client. (2) The tariff of costs prescribed for ordinary litigation may be accepted as a general guide for taxing the costs of such an arbitration. *Canadian Northern Quebec Ry. Co. v. Paquin*, 11 Que. P.R. 237.

RAILWAY EXPROPRIATION; COSTS; COUNSEL FEES.

The costs of a successful attorney in a railway expropriation over \$10,000 include the sum of \$25 for the first sitting at enquete, instead of \$10; \$70 as attorney's fee, \$15 hearing fee, \$20 for filing factums and an additional fee of \$50, the amount of the case being over \$10,000; but the sum of \$25 for the special enquete fee will not be allowed. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Oligny*, 12 Que. P.R. 11.

ARBITRATION; COSTS; FEES OF ARBITRATOR WHO RESIGNED PENDING THE ARBITRATION.

Application by the railway company under s. 199 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, to have its costs of an arbitration to determine the amount of compensation to be paid for land taken taxed by the Judge, the board of arbitrators having awarded only the sum previously offered by the company. Mr. Johnson, one of the arbitrators first appointed, resigned before the award was made and a new arbitrator was appointed in his stead. The owner took up the award, paying the fees of all the arbitrators but Mr. Johnson, who came in on this application and asked that his fees be paid:—Held, that he could have no relief on this application, but must be left to his remedy, if any, against the owner by action. In

taxing the costs of the arbitration under the statute, the Judge acts ministerially and cannot decide anything as to the right to costs. *Blackwood v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 20 Man. L.R. 161, 15 W.L.R. 110.

[*Ontario & Quebec Ry. v. Philbrick* (1886), 12 S.C.R. 288, followed.]

NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT; COSTS.

The word "desist" in C.S.C. c. 66, s. 11, sub-s. 6, has the same meaning as "abandon" in 51 Vict. c. 29, s. 158 (D.), i.e., to leave off or discontinue. Whether voluntarily or compulsorily makes no difference; if the railway company ceases operations to expropriate land and give notice as to other operations, that is desistment or abandonment, and the company must pay the costs to the landowner. *Re Oliver and Bay of Quinte Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 384, 6 O.L.R. 543.

[*Widder v. Buffalo and Lake Huron Ry. Co.* (1865), 24 U.C.R. 222, 234, applied and followed.]

ABANDONMENT; ARBITRATION; COSTS.

The usual and convenient course in regard to costs of proceedings under the Railway Act, 51 Vict. c. 29 (D.), provided for by ss. 154 and 158, is not for the Judge to tax in the first instance, but to relegate the bill of costs to an officer conversant with the practice of taxation to ascertain what has been properly incurred; and his conclusions may be adopted or varied by the Judge. If lands are taken compulsorily, the costs should be allowed in larger measure than in ordinary litigation, but in the case of mere desistment, it is enough if the bill is fairly taxed:—Held, with regard to items in dispute upon taxation:—(1) That a consent to take possession was not part of desistment proceedings, and the costs of it were properly disallowed. (2) That costs of steps taken to appoint a third arbitrator were not costs of the landowner; the appointment was a matter to be arranged by the two arbitrators already named. (3) That "instructions for brief" upon arbitration should be allowed. (4) That what was actually disbursed in witness fees to a necessary and material witness as to value should be allowed. (5) That the quantum of the counsel fee upon the arbitration was in the discretion of the taxing officer, and should not be interfered with. (6) That "instructions to move for costs of arbitration" was properly disallowed by the taxing officer, in the discretion given by item 38 of the tariff of the Supreme Court of Judicature. (7) That the costs of a formal order for taxation and its incidents, and not a mere fiat or direction to tax, should be

allowed, the liability for costs having been disputed: see 6 O.L.R. 543, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 384. *Re Oliver and Bay of Quinte Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 386, 7 O.L.R. 567.

[Adopted in *Re Can. Nor. Ry. Co.* and *Robinson*, 17 Man. L.R. 580.]

COSTS; ARBITRATOR'S FEES; COUNSEL FEES; FEES OF EXPERT WITNESSES.

(1) Under sub-s. (5) of s. 2 of the Railway Act R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, interpreting the word "costs" used in s. 199 of the Act, as including fees, counsel fees and expenses, the costs of an owner who succeeds in an arbitration under the Railway Act should be taxed as between solicitor and client. *Malvern Urban District v. Malvern* (1900), 83 L.T. 326, followed. (2) The tariff of costs prescribed for ordinary litigation may be accepted as a general guide for taxing the costs of such an arbitration; but when, in the opinion of the taxing officer, the fees fixed by that tariff are inadequate compensation for the services necessarily and reasonably rendered, he is not bound by it and should not follow it. (3) For the purposes of the taxation of such costs the arbitration began when the company served notice upon the owner offering an amount which they were willing to pay and naming its arbitrator, and items for work done even before that date should be allowed if they were for work that would properly be costs of the arbitration if done after that date; for example, Fee perusing the order of the Railway Commissioners giving leave to expropriate, and taking instructions. (4) The owner was entitled to tax the fees paid to the arbitrators on taking up the award. *Shrewsbury v. Wirral*, [1895] 2 Ch. 812, distinguished. (5) Counsel fees allowed by the taxing officer were reduced to \$100 per day for first counsel and \$75 per day for second counsel. (6) The fees actually paid to expert witnesses should not necessarily be allowed, but only fair and reasonable fees for the time occupied in attending before the arbitrators and in qualifying themselves to give evidence. (7) The costs of the taxation, including a fee of \$25 for the argument before the Judge, should be borne by the company. *Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Robinson*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 244, 17 Man. L.R. 579.

COSTS; CLERK'S FEES.

Held, (1) The award by the arbitrators does not constitute a judgment for costs and, therefore, the latter cannot be recovered against the losing party by way of execution. (2) By s. 162 of the Railway Act, the Judge in taxing the costs is exercising a function merely ministerial, and such

taxation has not the effect of giving to the party in favour of whom the costs have thus been taxed, a judgment upon which he might proceed to recover his costs. (3) The only means to recover the costs under the Railway Act, would be by way of an ordinary action, i.e., compare *Ex parte Gagnon*, Q.R. 3 S.C. 288. *Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Touchette & Fortier*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 53, 9 Q.P.R. 125.

DAMAGES; COSTS.

A railway company which after having given a notice of expropriation, abandoned it under the provisions of s. 207, c. 37, R.S.C. 1906, is obliged to pay besides the taxed costs, the damages incurred by the owner notified. These damages comprise the fees paid to an architect and an advocate employed in making arrangements for the arbitration. *Gravel v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 437, Q.R. 38 S.C. 347.

EXPROPRIATION BY RAILWAY; COSTS OF ARBITRATION.

The fact that a land-owner has not appealed from or moved to set aside an award made in arbitration proceedings to ascertain the compensation to be paid for the taking of his lands by a railway, does not preclude him from objecting to the payment of the company's costs of arbitration with which the arbitrators assumed to deal although without jurisdiction to do so. A railway company expropriating lands must give the notice contemplated by the statute, i.e., offering to pay "a certain sum or rent, as compensation," in order to be entitled to costs in the event of the arbitrators finding that the offer of the company was for sufficient compensation. *Re Grand Trunk Ry. Co. and Ash; Re Grand Trunk Ry. Co. and Anderson*, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 48, 9 D.L.R. 453.

[Affirmed in 10 D.L.R. 824.]

Note on the taking of lands for railway purposes and compensation therefor. 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 484.

Note on provincial legislation affecting awards, interest, costs, and filing plans. 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 120.

Note on expropriation of lands of another railway company. 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 180, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 134.

Note on remedy of landowner for taking lands under expropriation. 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 393.

Note on lands injuriously affected by the construction and operation of railway. 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 33.

Note on notice of expropriation. 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 28.

Note on expropriation and compensation. 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 131.

Note on right of compensation by occupant of land under possessory title. 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 180.

Note on appeal from award. 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 199.

Note on conduct of arbitrators. 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 194.

Note on compensation into Court. 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 202.

Note on expropriation of mines, the power to expropriate and compensation. 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 217.

Note on damage resulting from the exercise of corporate powers, and the right of recovery. 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 365.

Note on what constitutes an interest in land or lease, and the loss of profit and injury to business, goodwill, liquor license, etc., entitling to right of compensation. 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 404.

Note on validity of award exceeding powers of arbitrators. 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 343.

Note on statutory power of Board to order railway company to acquire lands within a fixed period. 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 91.

Note on compensation and payment of to proper party. 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 411.

Note on compensation to abutting land-owners upon construction of railway upon highway. 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 199.

FACILITIES.

See Carriers of Goods; Carriers of Passengers; Carriage of Live Stock; Stations; Train Service; Baggage.

FALSE ARREST.

MALICIOUS PROSECUTION; PARTICULARS; COSTS.

The plaintiff claimed damages from the defendant company for "causing and procuring one John McKenzie to lay a series of criminal charges against" him. On application of the defendants, the Referee ordered plaintiff to give further and better particulars in writing of the manner in which the defendant caused and procured McKenzie to lay the charges. The plaintiff claimed that he could not furnish such

particulars:—Held, on appeal, that the order should be varied as to require only that the plaintiff should furnish the best particulars he could give, with liberty to supplement his particulars after examining the defendants' officers and securing production, such additional particulars to be furnished not later than ten days before the trial of the action. *Cousins v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 18 Man. L.R. 320.

[*Marshall v. Inter-oceanic* (1885), 1 Times L.R. 394, and *Williams v. Ramsdale* (1887), 36 W.R. 125, followed.]

PROBABLE CAUSE; LIABILITY OF CORPORATION FOR ACTS OF OFFICERS.

In an action for malicious prosecution and false imprisonment, it was proved on the trial that the plaintiff and one L. were fellow-passengers on the defendants' road. L. complained to an officer of the company that a revolver had been stolen from his valise. The plaintiff had been seen by an official of the defendant company at one of the stations to take something from L.'s valise. L. made a charge of theft against the plaintiff, and he was arrested by a constable appointed by the Government on the recommendation of the defendants, and employed by them for duty on their road and paid by them. The prosecution was carried on by L., but at the instance and with the assistance of the officer making the arrest and other constables in the employment of the defendants. After an investigation by the P.M. of W. the plaintiff was discharged:—Held, per Tuck, C.J., *Hanington, Landry, Barker, McLeod and Gregory, JJ.*:—That the evidence shewed probable cause for the arrest and prosecution, and defendants were not liable. That (*Landry, J.*, doubting) if there was want of probable cause the evidence failed to connect the defendants with the prosecution and imprisonment so as to make them responsible. *Dennison v. Canadian Pacific Ry.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 368, 36 N.B.R. 250.

[Referred to in *Thomas v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 14 O.L.R. 55.]

RAILWAY WATCHMAN; RAILWAY CONSTABLE; SCOPE OF AUTHORITY.

A watchman of the defendant company, who was also a constable appointed on their application under s. 241 of the Dominion Railway Act, 1903, 3 Edw. VII. c. 58 (D.), arrested the plaintiffs at a spot about half a mile from the railway line, and swore out an information against them for breaking into a freight car with intent to steal. The evidence failed, and they were discharged, and brought this action for false arrest and malicious prosecution:—

Held, that the defendant company was not liable because the watchman in his capacity as such had no authority express or implied, either to arrest or prosecute the plaintiffs under the circumstances; and, as constable, he was to be regarded as an officer of the law, and not as a servant of the company, and there was no evidence that the defendant company exercised any control over his action as constable. *Thomas v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, *Bush v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 372, 14 O.L.R. 55.

PLEA OF GUILTY TO CHARGE; EFFECT.

No action to recover damages for false arrest will lie in favour of a party who pleads guilty to a charge of trespass preferred against him when arrested. *Mignault v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 52, Q.R. 40 S.C. 475.

PROBABLE CAUSE.

The entire absence of reasonable and probable cause constitutes malice in law which entitles the plaintiff to recover damages in an action for false arrest. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Waller*, 1 D.L.R. 47, 19 Can. Crim. Cas. 190.

LIABILITY UNDER QUEBEC LAW.

The principles of the French law as laid down in Art. 1053 of the Civil Code of the Province of Quebec and not the principles of the English law govern in a case of false arrest. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Waller* 1 D.L.R. 47, 19 Can. Cr. Cas. 190.

[*Copeland v. Leclere* (1886), M.L.R. 22 B.R. 365, disapproved.]

Note on malicious prosecution and false arrest. 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 373.

Note on liability of railway company for damages for false arrest. 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 380.

FARM CROSSINGS.

For right of way on railway station grounds, see *Right of Way*.

For compensation or substitution of farm crossing by reason of expropriation, see *Expropriation*.

For liability of Crown for compensation of farm crossing, see *Government Railways*.

LIABILITY OF RAILWAY COMPANY TO PROVIDE; AGREEMENT WITH AGENT OF COMPANY.

The C.S.R. Co. having taken for the purposes of their railway the lands of C., made a verbal agreement with C., through their agent T., for the purchase of such lands, for which they agreed to pay \$662, and they

also agreed to make five farm crossings across the railway on C.'s farm, three level crossings and two under crossings; that one of such under crossings should be of sufficient height and width to admit of the passage through it, from one part of the farm to the other, of loads of grain and hay, reaping and mowing machines; and that such crossings should be kept and maintained by the company for all time for the use of C., his heirs and assigns. C. wished the agreement to be reduced to writing, and particularly requested the agent to reduce to writing and sign that part of it relative to the farm crossings, but he was assured that the law would compel the company to build and maintain such crossings without an agreement in writing. C. having received advice to the same effect from a lawyer whom he consulted in the matter, the land was sold to the company without a written agreement and the purchase money paid.

The farm crossings agreed upon were furnished and maintained for a number of years until the company determined to fill up the portion of their road on which were the under crossings used by C., who thereupon brought a suit against the company for damages for the injury sustained by such proceeding and for an injunction:—Held, reversing the judgment of the Court below, *Ritchie, C.J.*, dissenting, that the evidence shewed that the plaintiff relied upon the law to secure for him the crossings to which he considered himself entitled, and not upon any contract with the company, and he could not, therefore, compel the company to provide an under crossing through the solid embankment formed by the filling up of the road, the cost of which would be altogether disproportionate to his own estimate of its value and of the value of the farm:—Held, also, that the company were bound to provide such farm crossings as might be necessary for the beneficial enjoyment by C. of his farm, the nature, location, and number of said crossings to be determined on a reference to the Master of the Court below. The substitution of the word "at," in s. 13 of c. 66 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, for the word "and" in s. 13 of c. 51 of 14 and 15 Viet. is the mere correction of an error and was made to render more apparent the meaning of the latter section, the construction of which it does not alter nor affect. *Brown v. The Toronto and Nipissing Ry. Co.*, 26 U. C. C. P. 206, overruled, 11 A.R. (Ont.) 287, varying 4 O.R. 28, reversed. *Canada Southern Ry. Co. v. Clouse*, 13 Can. S.C.R. 139.

[Applied in *Canadian Pac. Ry. Co. v. Guthrie*, 31 Can. S.C.R. 164; *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Therrien*, 30 Can. S.C.R. 489; discussed in *Ontario Lands & Oil Co. v.*

Canadian Southern Ry. Co., 1 O.L.R. 215; *Veziina v. The Queen*, 17 Can. S.C.R. 12; referred to in *Guthrie v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co.*, 27 A.R. (Ont.) 64; applied in *Perrault v. Grand Trunk Co.*, Q.R. 14 K.B. 256; distinguished in *Wells v. Northern Co.*, 14 O.R. 594; referred to in *Erwin v. Canada Southern Ry. Co.*, 11 A.R. (Ont.) 306.]

UNDER CROSSING; AGREEMENT FOR CATTLE PASS; TRESTLE BRIDGE, RIGHT TO SUBSTITUTE EMBANKMENT FOR.

This case differs from that of *Clouse v. Canada Southern Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. S.C.R. 139, in this that an agreement was reduced to writing to the effect that S., through whom the plaintiff claimed, should "have liberty to remove for his own use all buildings on the said right-of-way, and that in the event of there being constructed on the same lot a trestle bridge of sufficient height to allow of the passage of cattle, the company will so construct their fence to each side thereof as not to impede the passage thereunder"—Held, reversing the judgment of the Court of Appeal for Ontario (11 Ont. App. R. 306), *Ritchie, C.J.*, dissenting.—That the agreement provided for a passage for cattle only, and that conditional upon there being a trestle bridge of sufficient height to permit of such a passage, and did not make the right of the company to discontinue the trestle bridge and erect an embankment subject to the construction of a cattle pass in the embankment or a re-valuation of the land. The plaintiff's statement of claim should be dismissed with costs, but such dismissal would not operate against any claim which he might have under the law for such farm crossings as might be necessary for the reasonable enjoyment of the severed lands. 11 A.R. (Ont.) 306 reversed. Appeal allowed with costs. *Canada Southern Ry. Co. v. Erwin*, (1886), 13 Can. S.C.R. 162.

[Applied in *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Guthrie*, 31 Can. S.C.R. 164.]

LAND ADJOINING UPON ONE SIDE OF RAILWAY.

An owner whose lands adjoin a railway subject to the Railway Act of Canada, upon one side only, is not entitled to have a crossing over such railway under the provisions of that Act, and the special statutes in respect to the Grand Trunk Ry. of Canada do not impose any greater liability in respect to crossings than the Railway Act of Canada. *The Midland Ry. Co. v. Gribble*, [1895] 2 Ch. 827, and *The Canada Southern Ry. Co. v. Clouse*, 13 Can. S.C.R. 139, referred to. The Provincial Legislatures in Canada have no jurisdiction to make regulations in respect to crossings or the structural condition of the roadbed of

railways subject to the provisions of the Railway Act of Canada. *The Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Corporation of the Parish of Notre-Dame de Bonsecours*, [1899] A.C. 367, followed. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Therrien*, 30 Can. S.C.R. 485.

[Applied in *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Perrault*, 36 Can. S.C.R. 677; followed in *Perrault v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 14 K.B. 249.]

LANDS ADJOINING UPON ONE SIDE OF RAILWAY.

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[Applied in *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Perrault*, 36 Can. S.C.R. 677; followed in *Perrault v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 14 K.B. 249.]

CLOSING UP CROSSING.

The farm crossings which railway companies are obliged to provide for the convenience of the owners of the lands the railway runs through constitute a legal servitude and such owners are not obliged to establish a title thereto. When a company has once provided such crossings as it considers necessary it cannot close up any of them on the ground that those left are sufficient. The Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada have no jurisdiction to declare an existing crossing unnecessary and authorize it to be closed up. *Saindon v. Temiscouata Ry. Co.*, 41 Que. S.C. 337 (Ct. Rev.).

PRESCRIPTION; RIGHT-OF-WAY.

When a line of railway severs a farm, and no crossing is provided by the company, a right-of-way across the line may be acquired by the owner of the farm by prescription. A farm crossing, provided by a railway company, may be used by any person who, after the severance, becomes the owner of portions of the farm on both sides of the line of railway, and has a right of access to the crossing. A right-of-way may be acquired, although the dominant tenement is not contiguous to the servient tenement. Judgment of *Boyd, C.*, affirmed. *Guthrie v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 1, 27 A.R. (Ont.) 64.

[Reversed in 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 9, 31 Can.

S.C.R. 155; distinguished in *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Valliear*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 399, 7 O.L.R. 364.]

EASEMENT; RIGHT-OF-WAY; USER; PRESCRIPTION.

A railway line passed over the northern half of lots 32, 33 and 34 respectively, of the eighth concession of North Dumfries, having a trestle bridge over a ravine on 34, near the boundary of 33. G., the owner of lot 33 (except the part owned by the railway company) for a number of years used the passage under the trestle bridge to reach a lane on the south half of lot 34 over which he could pass to a village on the west side, his predecessor in title, who owned all these lots, having used the same route for the purpose. The company having filled up the ravine, G. applied for an injunction to have it re-opened:—Held, reversing the judgment of the Court of Appeal (27 Ont. App. R. 64, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 1), that such user could never ripen into a title by prescription of the right-of-way nor entitle G. to a farm crossing on lot 34. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Guthrie*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 9, 31 Can. S.C.R. 155.

[Distinguished in *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Valliear*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 245, 1 O.W.R. 695; followed in *Oatman v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 521, 2 O.W.N. 21, 16 O.W.R. 905; distinguished in *Leslie v. Pere Marquette Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 219, 24 O.L.R. 206.]

DUTY TO PROVIDE; RETROACTIVITY OF STATUTE.

Before the Dominion Railway Act of 1888 there was no statutory obligation upon a railway company to provide and maintain a farm crossing where the railway served a farm, and s. 191 of that Act, providing that every company shall make crossings for persons across whose lands the railway is carried, is not retrospective. *Vézina v. The Queen* (1889), 17 Can. S.C.R. 1, and *Guay v. The Queen* (1889), ib. 30, in effect overrule *Canada Southern Ry. Co. v. Clouse* (1886), 13 Can. S.C.R. 139, and approve *Brown v. Toronto and Nipissing Ry. Co.* (1876), 26 U.C.C.P. 206. *Ontario Lands and Oil Co. v. Canada Southern Ry. Co. et al.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 17, 1 O.L.R. 215.

[Followed in *Carew v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 5 O.L.R. 653, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 241; relied on in *Perrault v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 14 K.B. 249; followed in *Wright v. Michigan Central Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 133.]

"FARM PURPOSES"; INJURY TO STRANGER; DUTY.

The defendants having, in compliance with the requirements of s. 191 of the Railway Act of Canada, 51 Vict. c. 29, made, and assumed the duty of keeping in repair a crossing over their railway where it crossed a certain farm, nevertheless allowed it to get into an unsafe and defective condition whereby a horse of the plaintiff was injured. The plaintiff was at the time using the horse, with the permission of the owner of the farm, in hauling gravel from a part of the farm to the highway, for which purpose it was necessary to cross the railway:—Held, without deciding whether the right of user of such a crossing is limited to a user for farm purposes, but assuming it to be so limited, that the hauling of gravel was, under the circumstances, a farm purpose, and that the defendants owed a duty, even apart from s. 289, towards one using the crossing by invitation of the owner. *Plester v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 27, 32 O.R. 55.

[Discussed in *Tor. Ham. & Buff. Ry. Co. v. Simpson Brick Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 464, 17 O.L.R. 632; referred to in *Clayton v. Canadian North. Ry. Co.*, 17 Man. L.R. 432.]

FARM CROSSING; PECUNIARY COMPENSATION IN LIEU OF.

When the value of a piece of land enclosed by a line of railway is so small as to be disproportionate to the cost of a farm crossing; and is of no utility to the farm from which it is so separated, the Court has the power and the discretion to grant to the proprietor a pecuniary compensation in lieu of a crossing. *Martin v. Maine Central Ry. Co.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 31, 19 Q.R.S.C. 561.

NON-REPAIR OF APPROACH WITHIN FARM; INJURY TO TENANT OF FARM; DUTY OF RAILWAY COMPANY AS TO REPAIR.

A railway company are not obliged or authorized to go upon the adjoining lands of the owner and repair the approaches to a farm crossing over the railway. Where an accident to the plaintiff was caused by such approach being out of repair, held that the defendants were not liable, and a nonsuit was granted. *Town of Peterborough v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 32 O.R. 154, affirmed, 1 O.L.R. 144, followed. *Palmer v. Michigan Central Ry. Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 239, 2 O.W.R. 477, 6 O.L.R. 97.

[Affirmed in 7 O.L.R. 87, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 194.]

DUTY TO PROVIDE; CONVEYANCE OF LAND TO.

The plaintiff's father in 1882 conveyed

part of his farm to the Midland Ry. Co., who constructed their railway so as to sever the farm, but did not agree to make a farm crossing. In 1900 the father conveyed to the plaintiff all the farm not previously conveyed to the railway company:—Held, that the plaintiff could not compel the defendants, who had acquired the Midland Ry. in 1893, to provide a farm crossing, either by virtue of the Dominion Railway Act or of Ontario legislation applicable to the railway before 1893. Review of the statutes affecting the Midland Railway Company. *Carew v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 241, 5 O.L.R. 653.

[Ontario Lands and Oil Co. v. Canada Southern Ry. Co. (1901), 1 O.L.R. 215, followed.]

PRIVATE WAY ACROSS RAILWAY LANDS; EASEMENT BY PRESCRIPTION; USER NOT INCOMPATIBLE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF RAILWAY.

Railway lands may be dedicated for public or other user so long as that user is not incompatible with the present and actual requirements of the railway. Where an adjoining landowner had used a well-defined path across railway station grounds continuously for over 30 years, his user was held to be confirmed by lapse of time. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Guthrie*, 1 Can. Ry. Cases 9, distinguished. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Valliear*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 245, 1 O.W.R. 695.

[Reversed in 7 O.L.R. 364, 3 O.W.R. 98.]

RIGHTS TO; APPROACHES; DUTY TO REPAIR.

Where a railway severs a farm and the company have constructed a farm crossing, no duty is cast upon them, in the absence of express agreement, to keep in repair the approaches thereto within the farm. Semble, in the case of the approaches to an overhead bridge on a public highway, the presumption would be that the approach is part of the bridge and to be kept in repair by the railway company. *Palmer v. Michigan Central Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 194, 7 O.L.R. 87.

[6 O.L.R. 90, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 239, affirmed.]

TITLE TO; JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

In an action for a farm crossing, it is sufficient if the plaintiff be shewn to be the actual bona fide owner, and in possession as such of the land crossed by the railway, although his title is not registered; and the fact that the land was purchased and cleared by him, long subsequent to the building of the railway, is no bar to his right of action. The district magistrate's court has no jur-

isdiction to order the construction of a farm crossing even when the cost thereof is alleged to be less if the crossing would create a servitude, and would be interfering with future rights. *Guillaume Bolduc v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 197, Q.R. 23 S.C. 238.

CATTLE AND FARM PASSAGE; TRESTLE BRIDGE.

A railway company, desiring to fill up a trestle bridge under which there is a farm and cattle passage, in lieu thereof offered a farm crossing at rail level:—Held, that the application must be refused because the agreement is valid and binding between the parties as to the crossing, and the application is not in the public interest, but solely to save expense to the railway company. *Anderson v. Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Ry. Co. (Farm Crossing Case)*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 444.

MEANS OF ACCESS FOR CATTLE; STATUTORY RIGHT OF LANDOWNER; RIGHT OF OWNERSHIP.

Held, applying *Vézina v. The Queen* (1889), 17 Can. S.C.R. 1, that the owner of a farm has no statutory right under sec. 198 of the Railway Act, 1903, to have a farm crossing constructed to sufficiently provide a satisfactory means of access for his cattle to and from a spring. *Re Armstrong and James Bay Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 306, 12 O.L.R. 137.

JURISDICTION OF SUPERIOR COURTS.

(1) At the final hearing of a case, the Court has power to reverse an interlocutory judgment rejecting a declinatory plea, and to dismiss the action for want of jurisdiction. (2) The Superior Court of this Province has jurisdiction in actions to compel railway companies within the legislative authority of the Parliament of Canada, to make railway crossings, to pay damages for their neglect to do so, etc., the Railway Act of 1903 having nowhere taken away such jurisdiction by express words, or necessary implication. *Perrault v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 14 Que. K.B. 245.

[Reversed in 36 Can. S.C.R. 671, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 293.]

RIGHT TO; ENFORCEMENT OF; STATUTORY CONTRACT.

The right claimed by the plaintiff's action, instituted in 1904, to have a farm crossing established and maintained by the railway company cannot be enforced under the provisions of the Act, 16 Viet. c. 37 (Can.) incorporating the Grand Trunk Ry. Co. of Canada. Judgment appealed from, *Que R. 14 K.B. 245*, reversed. *Idington J.*, dissenting in regard to damages and

costs. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. of Canada v. Perrault*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 293, 36 Can. S.C.R. 671.

[Referred to in *Re Can. Pac. Ry. Co. and McLeod*, 5 Terr. L.R. 197; applied in *Valières v. Ontario & Que. Ry. Co.*, Que. R. 19 K.B. 523.]

CROSSING UNDER RAILWAY; HIGH EMBANKMENT.

The Board has jurisdiction under s. 198 of the Railway Act, 1903, to require a railway company to make a farm crossing under its railway. Where the railway was carried across a farm upon a high embankment, and any crossing over it would be inconvenient, the owner was held entitled to an undercrossing, in addition to payment of the purchase money for the land taken and damages. *Re Cockerline and Guelph and Goderich Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 313.

[*Reist v. G.T.R. Co.*, 6 U.C.C.P. 421, approved; *Armstrong v. James Bay Ry. Co.*, 7 O.W.R. 715, 12 O.L.R. 137, not followed.]

SALE OF LAND TO RAILWAY COMPANY; RESERVATION OF RIGHT OF WAY; SPAN BRIDGE.

On the sale and conveyance of land to a railway company, on which there existed a bridge or viaduct spanning a valley, the vendors reserved "the right of way under the said bridge as now enjoyed by the vendors." At that time the only use made of the right of way was by persons on foot, or with horses, carts, etc.:—Held, that "as now enjoyed" meant "as now used," i.e., for farm purposes, and did not justify the laying and using a railway under the bridge. *Dand v. Kingscote*, 6 M. & W. 174, and *The United Land Co. v. Great Eastern Ry. Co.*, L.R. 17 Eq. 158, 10 Ch. 586, distinguished. *Can. Pac. Ry. Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 400, 12 O.L.R. 320.

[Relied on in *Fraser v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 17 Man. L.R. 672, 8 W.L.R. 380.]

STATUTORY RIGHT TO; MAINTENANCE OF.

Wright having purchased lands on both sides of the Canada Southern Railway after the line was constructed, for which no farm crossing had been furnished, applied to the Board for a farm crossing over the railway. Without this crossing an inconvenient route was necessary to reach the lands of the owner across the railway:—Held, by the Chief Commissioner following *Ontario Lands & Oil Co. v. Canada Southern Ry. Co.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 17, that the applicant had no absolute legal right to the crossing; that it could only be granted by

the Board in the exercise of the discretion given by s. 253 of the Railway Act (sub-s. 2, s. 198 Railway Act, 1903); that the applicant should, therefore, bear the cost of its construction and maintenance and the company should receive reasonable compensation, but:—Held, by the majority of the Board that the railway company must construct and maintain at its own expense an adequate and satisfactory farm crossing over the railway on Wright's farm. *Wright v. Michigan Central Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 133.

TEMPORARY ROAD; ENTRANCE GATES; AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE.

The plaintiffs constructed their railway through a quadrilateral parcel of land owned by one Smithson, the predecessor in title of the defendant. By an agreement with Smithson, the plaintiffs acquired (for a temporary road) a strip of land crossing their tracks leading from the Hamilton road to the Johnson Settlement road, which was used as a diversion under s. 183 of the Railway Act, 1888, while a bridge was being constructed to carry the railway over the Hamilton road and afterwards while repairs were being made. In the deed from Smithson the plaintiffs agreed to erect in lieu of farm crossings, four gates for entrances to the temporary road from the four parcels of land into which the original parcel had been sub-divided. The plaintiffs closed that part of the temporary road leading from their right of way to the Johnson Settlement road and brought an action for an injunction restraining the defendant from trespassing upon it:—Held, that the temporary road had not been dedicated as a highway, but that the defendant was entitled to a right of way over it to reach the Johnson Settlement road. *Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Ry. Co. v. Hanley*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 321, 6 O.W.R. 921.

BRIDGE AND UNDERPASS; AGREEMENT; MAINTENANCE.

A railway constructed by the defendants' predecessors in title crossed the plaintiffs' respective farms. In 1854, when the line of railway was being laid down, bridges and an under-pass were constructed by the railway company to enable the owners of the farms to pass from one side of the railway to the other, and were for more than 50 years maintained and used in connection with the plaintiffs' farms, with the knowledge of the defendants and their predecessors in title, without any objection on their part:—Held, on the evidence, that the bridges and under-pass were provided for and enjoyed by the plaintiffs' predecessors in title as part of the agreements or arrangements under which the defendants' predecessors

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in title acquired their right of way through the lands in question, and the defendants were bound by them. There could be no question of ultra vires; the subject matter of the agreements was within the powers and authority of the railway company in dealing for the acquisition of a right of way. The defendants were in the wrong in assuming to alter or reconstruct the bridges and underpass without the sanction of the Board of Railway Commissioners; and it was for them, and not for the plaintiffs, to apply to the Board. Judgments of Boyd, C., and Meredith, C.J.C.P., 7 O.W.R. 798, affirmed. *McKenzie v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*; *Diekie v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 47, 14 O.L.R. 671.

[Followed in *Toronto, H. & B. Ry. Co. v. Simpson Brick Co.*, 17 O.L.R. 632; *Leslie v. Pere Marquette Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 219, 24 O.L.R. 206.]

LAND-LOCKED LANDS; WAY OF ACCESS TO BRICKYARD; LAND ON ONE SIDE OF THE RAILWAY; COST OF CONSTRUCTION.

Henry New (a brick manufacturer) applied to the Board under ss. 252 and 253 of the Railway Act for an order directing the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Ry. Co. to provide and construct a suitable crossing where the railway abuts on the lands of the applicant. By reason of the construction of the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Ry., New was deprived of access to a travelled road except by passing over the lands of his sons and crossing a number of railway tracks. The object of the application was to obtain access to the said road by a crossing over the railway for the purpose of more conveniently carrying on his manufacturing business, but not in any way for farm purposes or as a farm crossing.—Held, that the application for a crossing of the nature of a farm crossing should be granted by the Board in the exercise of its discretion, upon the condition that all expenses of construction and maintenance of the crossing must be borne by the applicant. *New v. Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 50.

[Followed in *Richards etc., v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 329.]

CONTRACT; UNDERCROSSING; SUITABLE FARM CROSSING.

An application was made to the Board under ss. 252 and 253 of the Railway Act for an order directing the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. to provide and construct a suitable farm crossing. The applicant complained that the present undercrossing was too small to carry on properly his farming operations, and applied to have it enlarged.—Held,

that the application must be refused, the railway company having carried out their contract in regard to the undercrossing. *Stiles v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.* (Case No. 1141), 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 190.

MANUFACTURING PURPOSES; USE OF CROSSING FOR BUSINESS OF BRICKYARDS; AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE.

S. 191 of the Dominion Railway Act of 1888 is not restricted in its application to crossings for farm purposes merely, notwithstanding the heading and side-note "Farm Crossings," which may be taken as descriptive of the character of the construction of the crossing, and not restrictive of the purposes for which it may be used or of the uses to which the lands crossed by the railway may be put, and notwithstanding the words of the section itself, "convenient and proper for the crossing of the railway by farmers' implements, carts and other vehicles," which may be similarly interpreted. The defendants, as lessees of S., occupied and operated a brickyard, in a city, on the north side of the plaintiffs' railway, and in connection with their business used a private lane over the property of M., lying to the south of the railway. This lane led to a street, and was the only means of access from the brickyard to a public highway. To reach this lane the defendants used a crossing over the railway and their right to do so was called in question by this action. When the railway was built, the land leased by the defendants and that owned by M. were the property of the Messrs. B., who in December, 1894, conveyed to the plaintiffs a right of way through their property, and obtained simultaneously with their conveyance an agreement by which the plaintiffs covenanted to provide and maintain "a farm crossing" at the point now in question, which was duly constructed. The Messrs. B. conveyed both properties to M. in 1901, and in 1903 F. acquired from M. the premises afterwards leased by the defendants. In his conveyance M. granted to F. a right of way over the lane opposite the crossing. S. acquired title from F. and subsequently leased to the defendants. The land leased by the defendants had been in use as a brickyard for 25 years before 1893, but lay idle from that year until 1903, when S. established a brick-making industry upon it. The plaintiffs were aware that S. bought with the intention of using the crossing and the lane to the south as the means of conveying from his yard, brick for local trade, and with this knowledge they reconstructed and kept in repair the crossing in question which was used by S. and the defendants for that purpose, without objection by the plain-

tiffs, until 1906, when they complained of its use, and began this action in July, 1907.—Held, that a railway company acquiring a right of way may take the land required subject to reservations in favour of the grantor of such rights of crossing or other easements as may be agreed upon, and are not inconsistent with the use of the right of way for railway purposes; an agreement for a crossing contemporaneous with the deed of the right of way is equivalent to a reservation in the deed itself; and, the vendors having made such an agreement, the character and extent of the right of crossing must be determined by the terms of that agreement. Subject to the question of severance, the covenant of the plaintiffs with the "vendors, their heirs, executors and administrators," enured to the benefit of the assigns or grantees of the vendors, including lessees of such grantees; and the use which the defendants were making of this crossing was within the rights conferred upon the Messrs. B. by the agreement of the plaintiffs, not being, upon the evidence, inconsistent with the safe operation of the railway, nor unduly increasing the burden of the easement created by the agreement.—Held, also, that, although when the right of crossing was created the lands on either side of the railway belonged to the same owners, and were now held by different owners, there was no such severance as would involve the cesser of the right of crossing. *Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Ry. Co. v. Simpson Brick Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 464, 17 O.L.R. 632.

[*Midland Ry. Co. v. Gribble*, [1895] 2 Ch. 827, distinguished.]

CATTLE PASS; SUBSTITUTING DRAINAGE PIPE.

In an action against the defendants for damages for filling up a culvert used as a cattle pass under the defendants' embankment and substituting a drainage pipe, the plaintiff claimed the right to have the culvert maintained at its full size under an agreement made at the time of construction, providing that the flow of the waters of a certain drain upon the lands to be crossed by the railway should not be interfered with, that he had acquired an easement by prescription, and that under s. 257 of the Railway Act the defendants could not fill in the culvert without leave of the Board.—Held, (1) that the defendants had the right to substitute any other means of drainage to enable the water to flow through the drain mentioned in the agreement. (2) That no easement by prescription had been acquired. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Guthrie*, 31 S.C.R. 155, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 9, followed. (3) That s. 257 of the Railway Act did not apply. *Oatman v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*,

12 Can. Ry. Cas. 521, 2 O.W.N. 21, 16 O.W.R. 905.

COST OF MAKING; PROPER ENJOYMENT OF LAND.

Application under ss. 252, 253 of the Railway Act, directing the respondent to construct a farm crossing for the proper enjoyment by the applicant of his land on the north side of the railway. The applicant's farm of 72 acres was a sub-division of a larger farm provided with a crossing, but was worked as a separate farm only, upon its being acquired by the applicant, thus requiring a crossing to join the two portions of the farm. The practice of the Board has not been uniform, but not infrequently the entire cost of making a farm crossing has been imposed upon the railway company, especially in the Province of Quebec and Eastern Ontario, the facts and circumstances, especially the size of the farms, being considered in each case.—Held, that the respondent should be directed by agreement to construct at its own expense a farm crossing for the applicant upon the dividing line between him and his neighbour. *Riddell v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 216.

SEVERANCE OF FARM; UNDERGRADE CROSSING; AGREEMENT; MAINTENANCE OF.

In 1885, the predecessor in title of the plaintiffs conveyed to a railway company, the predecessors of the defendants, a certain strip of land, running across a farm, for the right of way of the railway. The conveyance was in fee, the consideration was \$40, and there was no reference in the deed to a crossing. The defendants' predecessors, however, constructed an undergrade crossing, which was necessary for the working of the farm, and this was maintained and kept in repair by the defendants or their predecessors, and was used by the plaintiffs or their predecessors until 1906, when the defendants closed it up.—Held, having regard to the surrounding circumstances and the evidence, that it was a part of the agreement and arrangement, made at the time of the purchase of the right of way, that the plaintiffs' predecessor should have an underpass for the passing of waggons and cattle from one part of the farm to the other—the granting of the pass was a part of the consideration for the right of way; and the plaintiffs were entitled to have it maintained. *McKenzie v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, *Diekie v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 47, (1907), 15 O.L.R. 671, followed. *Oatman v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* (1910), 2 O.W.N. 21, distinguished.—Held, also, upon the evidence, that the pass was used in connection with and for the purposes of

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the farm for over twenty years; and the plaintiffs had established an easement by continuous user as of right for that period. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Guthrie* (1901), 31 Can. S.C.R. 155, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 9, and *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Valliear* (1904), 7 O.L.R. 364, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 399, distinguished. *Semble*, also, that the doctrine of presumption of a lost grant could be applied. It being conceded by the defendants that the plaintiffs were entitled to a level crossing, and the plaintiffs being willing to accept such a crossing, with damages, in lieu of the under-pass, damages arising from the depreciation of the land by the change from an under-pass to a level crossing, and damages on account of the under-pass having been closed since 1906, were assessed. *Leslie v. Pere Marquette Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 219, 24 O.L.R. 206.

[Affirmed in 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 228.]

SEVERANCE OF FARM; UNDERGRADE CROSSING; AGREEMENT; MAINTENANCE OF.

The judgment of *Clute, J.*, 24 O.L.R. 206, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 219, was affirmed, on the ground that the plaintiffs' right to an undergrade crossing had been established as an easement by continuous user for twenty years. *Leslie v. Pere Marquette Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 228.

CROSSINGS FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF LANDS; RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF COMPANIES AND PROPRIETORS.

Held, the crossings which railway companies are bound to make for the convenience of the lands over which the line is carried, is a legal servitude, and the proprietors are not obliged to establish a title. When a railway company has once provided crossings which it recognizes as being necessary, it cannot abolish one, under the pretext that one crossing was sufficient. The Board of Railway Commissioners has no power to declare that an existing crossing is useless. *Saindon v. Temiscouata Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 326, Q.R. 41 S.C. 337.

CROSSING IN THE NATURE OF A FARM CROSSING; ACCESS TO HIGHWAY; CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE; GATES.

The Board granted a crossing in the nature of a farm crossing from the applicants' lands to a highway upon condition that all expenses of construction and maintenance be borne by the applicants and that gates be established, which must be kept closed, on both sides of the railway. *Richards & Bennett v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 329.

[*New v. Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 50, followed.]

STATUTORY RIGHT; RELEASE BY LANDOWNER.

Where a railway corporation buys a strip of land to be used as a right-of-way for a railway across a farm and takes with the deed of the strip the vendor's release of all claims for severance or depreciation without any reservation to the vendor of any right to cross the railway over such strip, the vendor is not entitled as of right upon the subsequent passing of a statute (B.C. Statutes, 1911, c. 44, s. 167) directing the company to make farm crossings for "persons across whose lands the railway is carried" to compel the company to provide a crossing over the strip so conveyed. *Hounsome v. Vancouver Power Co.*, (B.C.) 9 D.L.R. 823, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 69.

[Compare s. 169 of B.C. Stat. 1911, c. 44, as to the power of the British Columbia Minister of Railways to order a crossing.]

Note on rights to and repairs of farm crossings and approaches. 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 200.

Note on Farm Crossings. 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 33, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 247, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 317.

FATAL ACCIDENTS ACT.

See *Lord Campbell's Act*; Negligence; Employees.

FENCES AND CATTLE GUARDS.

- A. Duty to Fence; In General.
- B. Injury to Animals; Cattle Guards.
- C. Defective Fences.
- D. Animals at Large.

For injuries to cattle on government railways, see *Government Railways*.

For injury to animals on street railways, see *Street Railways*.

For injuries to animals while in transit, see *Carriage of Live Stock*; *Limitation of Liability*.

A. Duty to Fence; In General.

HIGHWAY CROSSING; PROTECTION; STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS.

By the *Dominion Railway Act*, 1888, s. 197, as amended by 55 and 56 Vict. c. 27, s. 6, it is provided that "at every public road crossing at rail level of the railway, the fence on both sides of the track shall be turned in to the cattle guards, so as to allow of the safe passage of trains." By s. 259 of the former Act, as amended by s. 8 of the latter, it is provided that "no loco-

motive or railway engine shall pass in or through any thickly peopled portion of any city, town, or village, at a speed greater than six miles an hour, unless the track is fenced in the manner prescribed by this Act"—Held, that the words "in the manner prescribed by this Act" do not refer to the turning in of the fence to the cattle guards; and, although no other fence is specifically prescribed in the railway legislation, the meaning of s. 259 is, that unless the track, including the crossing, is properly fenced or otherwise protected so as to efficiently warn or bar the traveller while a train is crossing, or immediately about to cross, the maximum speed at which a train may cross in thickly peopled portions of cities, towns, and villages, is six miles an hour. The plaintiff was struck by a train at a crossing over a main street in an incorporated town, not protected by a gate or watchman. In an action to recover damages for his injuries, the jury found that the train was travelling at the rate of twenty miles an hour, and that the injury complained of was caused by this excessive speed, coupled with the absence of proper protection at the crossing, and without negligence on the plaintiff's part; and the Court, though there was strong evidence of contributory negligence, declined to interfere. *McKay v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 42, 5 O.L.R. 313.

[Reversed in 34 Can. S.C.R. 81, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 527.]

HIGHWAY CROSSINGS; PROTECTION AT.

The Dominion Railway Act, 1888, ss. 197 and 259, as amended by 55 and 56 Vict. c. 26 (D.), ss. 6 and 8, do not require that railway companies shall erect fences and gates at highway crossings in thickly peopled parts of cities, towns, and villages before running their trains across such highways at a greater speed than six miles an hour. The power to determine whether gates should be placed at highway crossings rests with the Railway Committee of the Privy Council and not with a jury. *Lake Erie, etc. Ry. Co. v. Barelay*, 30 S.C.R. 360, distinguished. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. McKay*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 52, 34 Can. S.C.R. 81.

[Followed in *Tabb v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 8 O.L.R. 514; *Clark v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 51, 2 D.L.R. 331; adhered to in *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Hainer*, 36 Can. S.C.R. 183; *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Perrault*, 36 Can. S.C.R. 678; *Lake Erie & D. R. Ry. Co. v. Marsh*, 35 Can. S.C.R. 198; discussed in *Perrault v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, Que. R. 14 K.B. 248, 260; distinguished in *Burch v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 13

O.L.R. 632; followed in *Carrier v. St. Henri*, Que. R. 30 S.C. 47; *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Daoust*, Que. R. 14 K.B. 551; *Quebec & Lake St. John Ry. Co. v. Girard*, Que. R. 15 K.B. 51; referred to in *R. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 17 O.L.R. 601; *Smith v. Niagara & St. Catharines Ry. Co.*, 9 O.L.R. 158; *Wabash Ry. Co. v. Misener*, 38 Can. S.C.R. 99; relied on in *Girard v. Quebec & Lake St. John Ry. Co.*, Que. R. 25 S.C. 248.]

FAILURE TO FENCE; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE; INFANT.

A street ran to the north and to the south from the defendants' tracks in a city but did not cross them. With the tacit acquiescence of the defendants, however, foot passengers were in the habit of crossing the tracks from one part of the street to the other and for convenience in doing so part of the fence between the tracks and each part of the street had been removed. A boy of nine intending to cross from one part of the street to the other walked through the opening in the fence to one of the tracks. While he was standing and playing upon this track waiting for a train on another track to pass he was struck by a train running at a speed of about forty miles an hour and was killed:—Held, that there was a clear neglect of a statutory duty by the defendants in permitting the track to remain unfenced and at the same time running at such a high rate of speed; that it was for the jury to say whether upon all the facts the deceased had displayed such reasonable care as was to have been expected from one of his tender years; and that their verdict in favour of the child's father could not be interfered with. Judgment of *Falconbridge C.J.*, affirmed. *Tabb v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 1, 8 O.L.R. 203.

[Followed in *Potvin v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 8.]

FAILURE TO FENCE; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE; INFANT.

On the west side of a street in a city, east of and parallel to the railway, were a number of dwelling houses, with the lots on which they stood not fenced, leaving a large open space in the rear, next the railway fence, in which there were openings. A boy of eight years and seven months, while engaged in playing with his companions, went through one of the openings in the railway fence, and getting upon the line was killed by a train running at the rate of twenty-five miles an hour. The jury found that the boy's death was due to the negligence of the defendants, consisting in the poor condition of their fence; that it was not due to the boy's own negligence, who was incapable of reasonable thought in the

matter, and that he was not a trespasser:—Held, affirming the judgment of Falconbridge, C.J.K.B., that the Court might draw the inference of fact, under Con. Rule 817, that the boy's death was due to defendants' negligence in allowing their train to pass through a thickly peopled portion of the city without the track being properly fenced and that the defendants were liable. *Potvin v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 8.

[*Tabb v. G. T. Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 1, 8 O.L.R. 203, followed.]

INJURY TO CHILD; UNFENCED PREMISES; TRESPASSER.

A boy, over eight years of age, entered from the adjoining highway the unfenced freight yard of the defendants, for the purpose of gathering pieces of coal dropped from the cars, and in doing so got under or alongside the wheels of a car which, in being shunted, ran over and killed him, at a place over 400 feet from where he entered the yard:—Held, that he was wrongfully trespassing where he had no business or invitation to be:—Held, also, that the plaintiffs had not satisfied the onus cast upon them to establish by evidence circumstances from which it might fairly be inferred that there was reasonable probability that the accident resulted from the absence of a fence at the place where the boy entered. *Williams v. The Great Western Ry. Co.* (1874), L.R. 9 Exch. 157, distinguished; *Daniel v. The Metropolitan Ry. Co.* (1868), L.R. 3 C.P. 216, affirmed (1871), L.R. 5 H.L. 45, followed. *Newell v. The Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 372, 12 O.L.R. 21.

[*Referred to in Gloucester v. Toronto Elect. Light Co.*, 12 O.L.R. 413.]

HIGHWAY CROSSINGS; TOWNSHIP ROADS; FENCING.

The provisions of 55 and 56 Vict. c. 27, s. 6 amending s. 197 of the Railway Act, 1888, and requiring, at every public road crossing at road level of the railway the fences on both sides of the crossing and of the track to be turned into the cattle guards applied to all public road crossings and not to those in townships only as in the case of the fencing prescribed by s. 194 of the Railway Act, 1888, *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. McKay*, 34 Can. S.C.R. 81, followed. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Hainer, et al.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 59, 36 Can. S.C.R. 180.

[*Applied in Jolicoeur v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, Que. R. 34 S.C. 460; distinguished in *Beck v. Can. North. Ry. Co.*, 2 A.L.R. 558; *Tinsley v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 17 O.L.R. 74; referred to in *Eisenhauer v. Halifax & S.W. Ry. Co.*, 42 N.S.R. 434.]

UNINCLOSED LANDS; FENCES; ORDERS FOR ALL RAILWAYS.

Under the provisions of the Railway Act the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada does not possess authority to make a general order requiring all railways subject to its jurisdiction to erect and maintain fences on the sides of their railway lines where they pass through lands which are not inclosed and either settled or improved; it can do so only after the special circumstances in respect of some defined locality have been investigated and the necessity of such fencing in that locality determined according to the exigencies of the case. *Duff, J., contra.* The Railway Act empowers the Board to order that, upon lines of railway not yet completed or open for traffic or in course of construction, where they pass through inclosed lands, the railway companies should construct and maintain such fences or take such other steps as may be necessary to prevent cattle and other animals from getting upon the right-of-way. *Idington, J., contra.* *Re Can. North. Ry. Co. and Board of Commissioners (Fencing Case)*, 42 Can. S.C.R. 443, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 104.

[*Followed in Municipality of Nutana v. Can. North. Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 11, 7 D.L.R. 888.]

FAILURE TO FENCE; DUTY OF CROWN.

(1) Where the Crown is not required by the adjoining proprietors to fence its line of railway, there is no duty, in favour of a trespasser, cast upon the Crown by the provisions of ss. 22 and 23 of the Government Railways Act to fence as aforesaid. (2) The suppliant, while working on a property adjoining the Intercolonial Railway within the city of Levis, P.Q., was injured while innocently trespassing on the right of way, there being no fence erected, or other means taken, by the Crown to mark the boundary between the adjoining property and the railway. It was not alleged that the adjoining owner had requested the Crown to fence:—Held, that the suppliant had made no case of negligence against the Crown under subs. (c) of s. 20 of R.S.C., c. 140. *Viger v. The King*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 201, 11 Ex. C.R. 328.

RIGHT-OF-WAY FENCES; DEFAULT; PENALTY.

Where a railway was built and not fenced for many years through a thickly settled, highly cultivated and rich agricultural district, the Board ordered the right-of-way to be fenced by the railway company under s. 254 of the Railway Act, and imposed a penalty of \$50 a day for each day's default after the time specified in its order. Muni-

cipality of *Nutana v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 11, 7 D.L.R. 888.

[In re Board of Railway Commissioners and Canadian Northern Ry. Co. (Fencing Case), 42 S.C.R. 143, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 104, followed.]

RIGHT TO FENCE RIGHT-OF-WAY; INTERFERENCE WITH ACCESS TO SPRING.

A railway company which in constructing its line and fencing in its right-of-way pursuant to its statutory right so to do, thereby interfered with plaintiff's access to a spring on the premises of another railway which he was permitted to use as a mere licensee, is not liable to him for damages for such interference. *Ball v. Sydney & Louisburg Ry. Co.*, 9 D.L.R. 148.

B. Injury to Animals; Cattle Guards.

FENCES AND CATTLE GUARDS; STATEMENT OF DEFENCE; LEAVE TO PLEAD OTHER DEFENCES WITH "NOT GUILTY BY STATUTE"; RAILWAY; INJURY TO ANIMALS ON TRACK; CATTLE GUARDS.

Daniel v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 6 W.L.R. 538.

[Followed in *Lougheed v. Hamilton*, 1 A. L.R. 17, 7 W.L.R. 204; referred to in *Jackson v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 1 S.L.R. 88.]

NEGLECT TO FENCE; INJURY TO CROPS ON ADJACENT FARM BY CATTLE TRESPASSING.

Pempeit v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co., 12 W.L.R. 384 (Alta.).

ANIMALS KILLED ON TRACK; DUTY TO FENCE; UNENCLOSED LANDS.

The plaintiff resided and his stable was on the north-east quarter of a certain section of land, and he had a lease of the south-west quarter, through which the defendants' railway ran, and both quarter sections were used by the plaintiff as pasture. There was no fence on the south-west quarter. On a morning in March the plaintiff, as was his custom, let his horses out of the stable to feed, and they proceeded to the south-west quarter, where they usually grazed, and eventually crossed the railway track to the south side, and were there when a train passed in the afternoon. When the horses saw the train, they started to run home, crossing the track in front of the train, which was running about 25 miles an hour, on a fairly straight track, in daylight. One of the horses, having crossed the actual track, got into a cut, and, stumbling over the wire brace of a telegraph pole, fell in between the engine and the tender, and was killed. It was on account of the depth of the cut and the snow that the horse could not es-

cape, but was compelled, having once started in it, to follow the track.—Held, that there was no liability on the defendants to fence, the locality being one in which the lands on either side were not enclosed and either settled or improved: *Dominion Railway Act*, s. 254.—Held, also, that, the animals having been killed on the property of the defendants, and there being no evidence of the existence of any highway, the burden was on the defendants, under s. 294 of the *Railway Act*, to show that the animals were at large through the negligence or wilful act or omission of the owner; and they had satisfied this onus by shewing, from the plaintiff's own evidence, that when the horses were let out of the stable they could go anywhere they wished—that no restraint was imposed on them, and no care taken to see that they did not go directly to the railway track. Whether cattle are "at large" or no, depends on whether they are under restraint or control, quite irrespective of whether they are on their owner's land or not. If, however, the animals were not "at large" in this case, s. 294 did not apply, and the plaintiff had no cause of action, because the defendants were under no liability to fence. Semble, that, upon the evidence, the injury might have been averted by more care on the part of the defendants' servants; but that was immaterial, because the defendants owed no duty in respect of cattle trespassing on their property, in the circumstances of this case. The defendants, in addition to pleading "not guilty by statute," pleaded a number of other defences, but, no leave to do so having been obtained, they were not considered: *Rule 113, Judicature Act*. The statement of defence was also insufficient in not stating the sections of the special Act relied on; but an amendment was permitted in this respect. *Krenzenbeck v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 13 W.L.R. 414.

ANIMAL KILLED ON TRACK; HIGHWAY CROSSING; INSUFFICIENT CATTLE-GUARDS.

The plaintiff's horse got on the right-of-way of the defendants, and was killed by a passing train. The evidence shewed that the animal got on the right-of-way from the highway, where he was at large, being frightened and driven there by the train which killed him; he was not struck until after he was in the right-of-way and had passed over three cattle-guards.—Held, that the defendants could not escape liability under s. 294 (4) of the *Railway Act* of Canada, on the ground that the animal did not stray but was driven by their train into the right-of-way; the cattle-guard at the highway crossing was not "sufficient," within the meaning of s. 254 (3), because the animal did get on the railway. Parliament has

imposed on railway companies the absolute duty to protect their lines from animals. *Becker v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 5 W.L.R. 570, approved. The defendants were held liable for the value of the horse. *Clare v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 17 W.L.R. 536 (Alta.).

CULVERT; DUTY TO FENCE; NEGLIGENCE.

A natural watercourse, which flowed through a culvert under a railway track, dried up in the summer, and to prevent cattle from passing through it the railway company had placed gates in the culvert, which they neglected to keep up, and by reason of the absence thereof, of which the company was duly notified, the plaintiff's cattle, which were lawfully pasturing in a field on one side of the track, got through the culvert into a field on the other side of the track, and from thence on to the railway track, where they were injured.—Held, that the defendants were bound to keep the water course as part of their railway properly fenced, and were liable for the damages sustained by the plaintiff. *James v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 407, 31 O.R. 672.

[Affirmed in 1 O.L.R. 127, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 409; reversed in 31 Can. S.C.R. 420; 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 422; approved in *McKellar v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 14 Man. L.R. 618; distinguished in *Arthur v. Central Ont. Ry. Co.*, 11 O.L.R. 537; *Davidson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 5 O.L.R. 574, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 371; *Fenson v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 7 O.L.R. 254; *Winterburn v. Edmonton Y. & P. Ry. Co.*, 1 A.L.R. 315; followed in *Hunt v. Grand Trunk Pac. Ry. Co.*, 18 Man. L.R. 603, 10 W.L.R. 581; referred to in *Daigle v. Temiscouata Ry. Co.*, 37 N.B.R. 223; *Winterburn v. Edmonton Y. & P. Ry. Co.*, 1 A.L.R. 95.]

CULVERT; ANIMALS ON TRACK; DUTY TO FENCE; NEGLIGENCE.

The plaintiff's horses, which were in a field on one side of the defendants' line of railway, passed to a field on the other side through an unfenced culvert over which the line ran, and the fence in that field being broken, wandered to the highway, and then at a crossing went on the line of railway and were killed.—Held, that the defendants were bound to fence the culvert, and that not having done so they could not set up that the horses were not lawfully on the highway, or defeat the plaintiff's claim to damages. Judgment of *Street, J.*, 31 O.R. 672, affirmed. *Young v. Erie & Huron Ry. Co.* (1896), 27 O.R. 530, commented on *James v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 409, 1 O.L.R. 127.

[Reversed in 31 Can. S.C.R. 420, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 422.]

DUTY OF FENCING A CULVERT; NEGLIGENCE; CATTLE ON HIGHWAY.

A railway company is under no obligation to erect or maintain a fence on each side of a culvert across a watercourse and where cattle went through the culvert into a field and from thence to the highway and straying on to the railway track were killed, the company was not liable to their owner. *Taschereau, J.*, dissenting. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. James*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 422, 31 Can. S.C.R. 420.

[Distinguished in *Davidson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 371, 5 O.L.R. 574; followed in *Fenson v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 376, 2 O.W.R. 479.]

DUTY TO FENCE RIGHT OF WAY; LIABILITY FOR DEATH OF ANIMAL NOT ACTUALLY STRUCK BY TRAIN.

Under sub-s. 3 of s. 194 of The Railway Act, as re-enacted by 53 Vict. c. 28, s. 2, a railway company is not liable in damages for the death of an animal which, having got on the track through a defective fence, is frightened by a train and then runs into a barbed wire in another part of the fence and is so cut by the barbs that it dies. The damage to the animal cannot be said to be "caused by any of the company's trains or engines," unless the animal is actually struck by the train or engine. *Dieta* of the judges in *James v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* (1901), 1 O.L.R. 127, 31 S.C.R. 420; and decision in *Winspear v. The Accident Insurance Co.* (1880), 6 Q.B.D. 42, followed. *McKellar v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 322, 14 Man. L.R. 614.

[Followed in *Hunt v. Grand Trunk Pac. Ry. Co.*, 18 Man. L.R. 604, 10 W.L.R. 581; distinguished in *Winterburn v. Edmonton, Y. & P. Ry. Co.*, 1 A.L.R. 95.]

ANIMAL KILLED ON TRACK; ESCAPE TO HIGHWAY; OPEN GATE.

The plaintiff's horse escaped from a field by jumping a gate without the owner's knowledge and got upon the highway, went a short distance and on to the track where it was killed by a train.—Held, that the company was negligent for failing to have the place fenced or properly protected through which the horse reached the track. *Railway Act*, 1903, s. 199—that the case could not have been withdrawn from the jury and that the plaintiff was entitled to recover the value of the horse, though not in charge of a competent person. *Railway Act*, 1903, s. 237 (4). *Lebu v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 329, 8 O.W.R. 418, 12 O.L.R. 590.

[Followed in *Parks v. Can. North. Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 247.]

DUTY OF MAINTENANCE; LACK OF FENCE BY CONSENT; ANIMAL OF THIRD PARTY.

Section 194 of the Canada Railway Act, (51 Vict. c. 29) obliging railway companies to construct fences on both sides of their track, is imperative and a matter of public interest, and the responsibility it imposes extends to a third party whose animal being lawfully on neighbouring ground is killed owing to the absence of such fence, although it was at the request of the proprietor whose land bordered on the railway track, that the company omitted to make said fence. *Quebec Central Ry. Co. v. Pellerin*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 1, Q.R. 12 K.B. 152.

[Considered in *Carruthers v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 16 Man. L.R. 327, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 13.]

ANIMAL KILLED ON TRACK; ABSENCE OF FENCE; LANDS NOT IMPROVED.

The railway line of the defendants passes through the land of the plaintiff which is owned, occupied, and cultivated by him. There is no fence whatever on or around plaintiff's land, nor on either side of the railway. Plaintiff's cow was pasturing on his land south of the railway when she ran on the track and was killed. Held, that the lands adjoining the railway must not only be improved or settled but also enclosed before the company is required to erect fences under s. 199 of the Railway Act, 1903. *Schellenberg v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 29, 3 West. L.R. 457.

[Referred to in *McLeod v. Can North. Ry. Co.*, 18 O.L.R. 616.]

INJURY TO CATTLE; CROSSING; SPECIAL AGREEMENT; TENANT.

Section 237, sub-s. 4, of the Canada Railway Act, 1903, 3 Edw. VII. c. 58, (D.) enacts that: "When any cattle or other animals at large upon the highway or otherwise, get upon the property of the company and are killed or injured by a train, the owner of such animals so killed or injured shall be entitled to recover the amount of such loss or injury against the company . . . unless the company . . . establishes that such animals got at large through the negligence . . . of the owner or his agent . . .";—Held, that, on the proper construction, the reference in the above section is not to animals getting upon the railway from an adjoining enclosure, but only to animals at large upon the highway or otherwise at large; and that it can have

no reference to animals escaped from an adjoining field where, apart from any defect in railway fencing, they were properly enclosed. The action was brought for the loss of cattle of the plaintiff which escaped from his enclosure and got upon the railway and were killed. The plaintiff was a lessee from the owner for one year, and his animals got on the railway owing to a defective gate at the farm crossing. Prior to the plaintiff's lease the owner had agreed with the defendants that he might put in the crossing provided he did it himself and would keep his gates up, and that the defendants should not be responsible for anything he might lose on that crossing;—Held, that this agreement exonerated the defendants, the plaintiff being bound by it whether he knew it or not when he took his lease;—Held, also, per Riddell, J., that the plaintiff's contributory negligence disentitled him to recover. It was proved by evidence properly admitted that the plaintiff had agreed with the owner to keep up the gates, and while this could not be relied upon by the defendants as an estoppel, or, in itself a perfect defence by way of contract, it was cogent evidence of contributory negligence, for the plaintiff knew it was his duty to keep the gate in repair and he knew that the gate was not a safe gate, yet he deliberately put his animals into the field. *Yeates v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 4, 14 O.L.R. 63.

[Discussed in *Woodburn Milling Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 19 O.L.R. 276; referred to in *Clayton v. Can. Northern Ry. Co.*, 17 Man. L.R. 433, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 355; referred to in *Higgins v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 18 O.L.R. 12.]

LIABILITY TO FENCE; LANDS NOT ENCLOSED; CATTLE AT LARGE.

The plaintiff's cattle passed from his land (lots 41 and 42) on to the defendants' right-of-way, and westerly thereon to and across lots 43 and 44, and from off lot 44 again on to the right-of-way, where they were killed by a passing train. The railway was not fenced across these lots, nor for many miles on either side of the plaintiff's lands. South of the railway the plaintiff's land was improved and settled, and was enclosed in the following manner: A colonization road ran south-westerly through the plaintiff's land and was fenced on each side; there was a fence on the east side of lot 41 from the colonization road to the right-of-way, and on the west side of lot 42 there was a fence from the colonization road to a point within 70 rods of the right-of-way, of which 70 rods about 50 rods was a "slash" of upturned trees, whose roots had been burned and then blown down and left just as they fell; for 20 rods south from the

right-of-way there was no fence or other obstruction but a ditch had been dug by the defendants upon their right-of-way south of the roadbed extending westward on defendants' land to the north of plaintiff's land and part of McMullen's (the adjoining owner) land, until it turned southward for a distance of more than 20 rods to a creek on lot 44, for the purpose of carrying off the water from defendants' land. The remainder of plaintiff's land south of the colonization road was in a state of nature and used for pasture except a small enclosed portion. There were no fences on McMullen's land other than that referred to on the west side of plaintiff's land. The plaintiff claimed the right, under an agreement, with McMullen to pasture his cattle on lots 43 and 44:—Held, (1) that neither the plaintiff's nor McMullen's land was so enclosed as to make the defendants liable to erect a fence between their right-of-way and these lands as required by s. 254 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. c. 37, and s. 199 of the Railway Act, 1903. *Phair v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 334, referred to. (2) That the plaintiff's cattle having the right to be on McMullen's land were not at large within the meaning of sub-s. 4 of s. 294 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. c. 37, and the defendants were not liable for their loss, but even if the cattle were considered to be at large, the plaintiff could not recover. *Biddeson v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 17.

[*Carruthers v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas., at p. 19, followed.]

**ANIMAL KILLED ON TRACK; FARM CROSSING;
ANIMAL AT LARGE.**

Action for damages for a mare killed on the defendants' railway track while the mare was running at large, having presumably got upon the railway track at the farm crossing of a man named Morton at which there were cattle guards but no gates:—Held, Martin, J., dissenting, that in the absence of evidence that the mare was unlawfully at large at Morton's crossing, the railway company was negligent in not maintaining gates at Morton's crossing, and that, according to the law to be administered in British Columbia, she was "not wrongfully on the railway" and the owner was entitled to recover:—Held, further, that the fact of farm crossings being provided with cattle guards instead of gates at the request of Morton the owner did not relieve the defendants from their statutory duty under the Railway Act to maintain gates at this point. Decision of Irving, J., at the trial, reversed. *Coen v. New Westminster Southern Ry. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 60, 5 West. L.R. 214.

**"LOCALITY," MEANING OF; OBLIGATION OF
RAILWAY TO FENCE.**

Plaintiff's animals were killed on defendants' track, the right of way of which passed in front of his land. There was no fence erected on this portion of land, either by the railway company or plaintiff. The north end of the plaintiff's ranch was within 800 yards of the municipal limits of Fernie. There were about two acres of the ranch with a frontage of 450 feet on the right of way, and about 200 feet off was an enclosure used as a goat pen, about 20 by 30 feet. There was also a potato patch of about three-quarters of an acre, and a moveable fence separating this patch from a grassy portion. This, together with a piece of fencing along a wagon road, but not reaching the right of way by some 225 feet, was the only fencing on the ranch. There was evidence of scattered places in the vicinity, some being fenced and others not, but with unfenced and unoccupied land intervening:—Held, by the Full Court, reversing the holding of Wilson, Co. J., (Clement, J., dissenting), that as the land in question per se could not be classed as a settled or inclosed locality, there was no obligation on the company to fence its right of way in the absence of an order from the Board of Railway Commissioners to do so; and that their contiguity to the limits of an incorporated town did not constitute the lands a portion of the settled locality of such town. Having regard to the powers given the Board of Railway Commissioners by s. 254 of the Railway Act, and particularly the language of sub-s. 4, the word "locality" must be construed without reference to the proximity of town limits. *Cortese v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 345, 13 B.C.R. 322.

**LIABILITY TO FENCE; LANDS NOT ENCLOSED;
CATTLE AT LARGE.**

Section 254 (4) of the Railway Act is not retroactive. The exemption from the obligation to erect fences in localities described in this sub-s. does not relieve a railway company from liability for animals killed on the railway where fences were erected before the passing of the Act, and were thereafter maintained. The track of a railway company passing through a locality in which the lands on either side were not enclosed and either settled or improved (s. 254 (4) Railway Act) was fenced on both sides where adjacent to a public highway. The plaintiff's cow was turned out of its stable to pasture on unenclosed land and wandered along the public highway (which highway ran parallel to the railway) until it got upon the property of the defendants, through their defective fence, where it was

killed.—Held, (1) That the defendants had not established upon the evidence that such animal had got at large through the negligence or wilful act or omission of the plaintiff. (2) That the defendants having erected the fence although not bound by law to do so and maintained it before and since the passing of the Act, are not exempted from liability to the plaintiff under s. 254 (4) of the Railway Act. *Quinn v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 143.

DAMAGE TO CROPS BY ANIMALS; ACCESS FROM RIGHT OF WAY; LIABILITY.

Section 254 of the Railway Act requires the railway to fence its right of way under certain conditions, and sub-s. 3 provides "such fences . . . shall be suitable and sufficient to prevent cattle and other animals from getting on the railway." S. 427 provides that "every company omitting to do any act or thing required to be done . . . is liable to any person injured and hereby for the full amount of damages sustained by such omission"—Held, that where the railway company had not fenced its right of way adjacent to the plaintiff's lands, and cattle came in on such lands and caused damage to crops by reason of the company's neglect to erect fences, the railway company is liable notwithstanding that the rest of the lands are not enclosed by a "lawful fence." Remarks on Fence Ordinance (N.W.T. 1903, 2nd session, c. 28), sub-ss. 2, 7. *Winterburn v. Edmonton, Yukon & Pacific Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 1, 1 Alta. L.R. 92.

[Affirmed in 1 A.L.R. 298, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 7; considered in *Brox v. Edmonton Y. & P. Ry. Co.*, 2 A.L.R. 381; *White v. Grand Trunk Pac. Ry. Co.*, 2 A.L.R. 546; *Hunt v. Grand Trunk Pac. Ry. Co.*, 18 Man. L.R. 609, 613, 10 W.L.R. 581.]

OMISSION TO FENCE; LIABILITY; DAMAGE TO ADJOINING LANDOWNER OCCASIONED BY ANIMALS; HISTORY OF LEGISLATION.

Per Curiam:—Where a statutory duty is imposed, neglect of the duty gives the party damaged thereby a right of action, unless the person damaged is excluded from a particular class of persons who are alone intended to be benefited by the statute. The fences required to be erected by the railway company under s. 254 of the Railway Act [R.S.C. (1906) c. 37] are for all purposes which they may serve, and consequently, by virtue of s. 427, the company is liable for all damage of whatever kind resulting from the omission to fence:—Held, affirming the judgment of *Harvey, J.*, that "where the railway company had not fenced its right of way, adjacent to the plaintiff's lands, and cattle came in

on such lands, and caused damage to crops, by reason of the company's neglect to erect fences, the railway company is liable notwithstanding that the rest of the lands are not enclosed by a "lawful fence." *Per Stuart, J.*—The Fence Ordinance (N.W.T. 1903, 2nd session, c. 28) has no application to a case where it is the duty of the person charged with damage to maintain that portion of the fence through which animals doing damage have entered. It makes no difference whether the rest of the lands are fenced or not. History and effects of the pleas of "Not guilty," and "Not guilty by statute," traced and discussed. The necessity of noting in the margin of the plea, the statute permitting the plea, and the particular statute relied on, discussed, with remarks *ab inconvenienti* in respect of these pleas: *Toll v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 1 Alta. L.R. 244, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 291, *quere.* *Winterburn v. Edmonton, Yukon & Pacific Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 7, 1 Alta. L.R. 298.

DUTY TO FENCE; INJURY TO CROPS CAUSED BY CATTLE STRAYING.

The duty of a railway company to provide under s. 254 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, fences and cattle guards suitable and sufficient to prevent cattle and other animals from getting on the railway, is prescribed only to protect the adjoining land owners from loss caused by their animals being killed or injured on the track; and, notwithstanding the general language of s. 427 of the Act which gives a right of action to anyone who suffers damages caused by the breach of any duty prescribed by the Act, an adjoining owner whose crops are injured by cattle straying on to his land from the railway track, in consequence of the absence of fences and cattle guards, has no right of action against the railway company in respect of such injury. *Richards, J.*, dissented. *Hunt v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 305, 18 Man. L.R. 603.

[*James v. G.T.R.* (1901), 31 S.C.R. 420; *Gorris v. Scott* (1874), L.R. 9 Ex. 125, and *McKellar v. C.P.R.* (1904), 14 Man. L.R. 614, followed; *Winterburn v. Edmonton Ry. Co.* (1908), 8 W.L.R. 815, not followed.]

AGREEMENT; PROTECTION OF RAILWAY FROM ANIMALS; GATE LEFT OPEN; ESCAPE AND DESTRUCTION OF ANIMAL.

A siding was constructed by the defendants from the main line of their railway to the plaintiffs' mills, which stood in a two-acre enclosure bounded on one side by the defendants' fence. At the point where the siding entered the plaintiffs' land the defendants constructed and maintained a gate across the siding and connected with the

fence on each side; this gate was usually kept shut by the defendants' servants except when taking cars to or from the mills, but it was not alleged that there was any agreement that the defendants should keep it shut. The gate was left open by the defendants' servants on one occasion after they had removed a car from the siding, and the plaintiffs' horse, which was loose in the two-acre yard, escaped through the gate and was run over by a train of the defendants on the permanent way. In an action to recover damages for the loss of the horse, the jury found that the injury was caused by the negligence of the defendants' servants in leaving the gate open. A clause in the agreement between the parties concerning the use and maintenance of the siding provided that the plaintiffs should "protect the railway of the company from cattle and other animals escaping thereupon from such portion of the siding as may be outside of the lands of the company";—Held, that this meant that the plaintiffs should keep animals from escaping from that part of their land occupied by the siding to the property of the company; the defendants owed no duty to the plaintiffs to keep their animals away from the line of railway; the placing of the gate by the defendants, their custom of closing it, and the complaints of the plaintiffs that it was sometimes left open, could not create such a duty; and, therefore, there could be no negligence on the part of the defendants. Per Riddell, J., that in the construction of the agreement it was of no significance that the clause above quoted was in the printed form of the defendants, a great part of the form having been struck out and much matter written in; also, that the practice of importing implied terms into a contract is a dangerous one; and there could be no implication here of a condition that the plaintiffs would be relieved from the agreement if the defendants left the gate open. *Woodburn Milling Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 374, 19 O.L.R. 276.

[Judgment of the County Court of Middlesex affirmed; Britton, J., dissenting.]

ANIMALS KILLED ON TRACK; DUTY TO FENCE; UNENCLOSED LANDS; "NOT GUILTY BY STATUTE."

The plaintiff resided and his stable was on the north-east quarter of a certain section of land, and he had a lease of the south-west quarter through which the defendants' railway ran, and both quarter sections were used by the plaintiff as pasture. There was no fence on the south-west quarter. On a morning in March, the plaintiff, as was his custom, led his horses out of the stable to feed, and they proceeded to the south-west

quarter where they usually grazed, and eventually crossed the railway track to the south side, and were there when a train passed in the afternoon. When the horses saw the train, they started to run home, crossing the track in front of the train, which was running about twenty-five miles an hour, on a fairly straight track, in daylight. One of the horses, having crossed the actual track, got into a cut, and, stumbling over the wire brace of a telegraph pole, fell in between the engine and the tender, and was killed. It was on account of the depth of the cut and the snow that the horse could not escape but was compelled having once started in it to follow the track;—Held, that there was no liability on the defendants to fence, the locality being one in which the lands on either side were not enclosed and either settled or improved; *Dominion Railway Act, s. 254*;—Held, also, that the animal having been killed on the property of the defendants, and there being no evidence of the existence of any highway, the burden was on the defendants, under s. 294 of the Railway Act, to shew that the animals were at large through the negligence or wilful act or omission of the owner; and they had satisfied this onus by shewing from the plaintiff's own evidence, that when the horses were let out of the stable, they could go anywhere they wished—that no restraint was imposed on them, and no care taken to see that they did not go directly to the railway track. Whether cattle are "at large" or no, depends upon whether they are under restraint or control, quite irrespective of whether they are on their owner's lands or not. Review of the authorities. If, however, the animals were not "at large" in this case, s. 294 did not apply, and the plaintiff had no cause of action because the defendants were under no liability to fence. Semble, that, upon the evidence, the injury might have been averted by more care on the part of the defendants' servants; but that was immaterial because the defendants owed no duty in respect of cattle trespassing on their property, in the circumstances of this case. The defendants, in addition to pleading "not guilty by statute," pleaded a number of other defences, but, no leave to do so having been obtained, they were not considered: *Rule 113, Judicature Act*. The statement of defence was also insufficient in not stating the sections of the special Act relied on; but an amendment was permitted in this respect. *Krenzenbeck v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 228, 13 W.L.R. 414.

UPKEEP OF FENCES ALONG RIGHT-OF-WAY; ANIMALS KILLED WHILE WANDERING ON TRACKS; FENCES IN BAD STATE OF REPAIR.

Railway companies who do not maintain

their fences and gates in the condition provided by law, are at fault and liable for the loss of animals who thereby gain access to the tracks and are killed. *Bouchard v. Quebec Ry. Light & Power Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 241, Q.R. 41 S.C. 385.

BREACH OF STATUTORY DUTY; LIABILITY.

A railway company which fails to maintain such fences and gates, as are required by the Quebec Provincial Railway Act, commits a breach of duty and will as a result be presumed responsible for any damages caused to animals escaping on to its right-of-way unless it can rebut absolutely the statutory presumption that it is responsible for the killing of the animals on the track. *Rowe v. Quebec Central Ry.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 245, 3 D.L.R. 175.

[*Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Carruthers*, 39 Can. S.C.R. 251, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 23, and *Rogers v. G.T.P.R. Co.*, 2 D.L.R. 683, specially referred to.]

CATTLE GUARDS; FAILURE TO PROVIDE.

In an action to recover the value of a horse claimed to have been killed by an engine of the defendants' railway, the fact that the statement of claim alleges an absence of cattle-guards at the railway crossing on plaintiff's land, does not preclude the plaintiff from relying on evidence adduced at the trial as to a defective fence, where the statement of claim does not specifically allege that the loss of the horse was due to the absence of cattle-guards, but alleges in general terms that it was due to the negligence of the defendants. (Per *Cameron, J.A.*) *Stitt v. Can. North. Ry. Co.*, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 333, 23 Man. L.R. 43, 10 D.L.R. 544.

C. Defective Fences.

REPAIR OF FENCES.

Held, as the railway law imposes the duty upon railway companies of keeping in proper repair the fences on each side of the railway track, it follows that they are liable in damages for injury to an animal on account of one of these fences being left with an unprotected opening of sufficient size to enable an animal to pass through, even when such opening is at a place where there is a ditch for draining the land on each side of the railway. *Huot v. Quebec Ry. Light & Power Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 367, Q.R. 21 S.C. 427.

DEFECTIVE FENCING; CATTLE GETTING ON TO HIGHWAY AND TRACK; NEGLIGENCE.

The plaintiff was the owner of a field, bounded on one side by the main line of

the defendants' railway, and on the other side by a switch thereof, and abutting on a highway, which was crossed by both tracks. Owing to a defect in the fence between the switch and the field, the plaintiff's cow escaped from the field on to the switch, which she crossed and going over the land of a private owner, which was not fenced off from the switch, and then along a lane she went on to the highway and then proceeded along it to the main line, whence by reason of a defective cattle guard she got on to the track and was killed by a passing train:—Held, that the defendants were liable therefor. *The Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. James* (1901), 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 422, distinguished. *Davidson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 371, 5 O.L.R. 574.

[Distinguished in *Fensom v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co.*, 7 O.L.R. 254.]

BARBED WIRE FENCE; INHERENT DANGERS OF; INJURY TO HORSE THEREFROM.

The company maintained along its line of railway a barbed wire boundary fence, without any pole, board or other capping connecting the posts; plaintiff's horse, picketed in their field adjoining, became frightened from some cause unexplained, and ran into the fence, receiving injuries on account of which it had to be killed:—Held, that the fence was not inherently dangerous, and therefore the company was not liable. The test is whether the fence is dangerous to ordinary stock under ordinary conditions, and not whether it is dangerous to a bolting horse. Judgment of *Leamy, Co. J.*, reversed, *Irving, J.*, dissenting. *Plath and Ballard v. Grand Forks and Kettle River Valley Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 331, 10 B.C.R. 299.

DEFECTIVE FENCE; IMPROVED LANDS.

There was a defective fence, which defendants had erected, along the line between their right of way and plaintiff's land. Owing to its defects the cow got on to the right of way and was killed by one of defendants' trains. The trial Judge held that defendants were under a duty to maintain the fence, and gave judgment in plaintiff's favour:—Held, affirming judgment of the trial Court, that under s. 199 of the Railway Act, 1903, there is a duty cast on a railway company to fence where the adjoining land is either (1) improved or (2) settled and enclosed. *Dreger v. Can. North. Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 332, 1 W.L.R. 126, 15 Man. L.R. 386.

[Not followed in *Schellenberg v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 16 Man. L.R. 155, 3 W.L.R.

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ANIMALS KILLED ON TRACK; DEFECT IN FENCE; KNOWLEDGE.

Four horses, the property of the plaintiff, escaped through an opening on to a highway, thence through an opening on to a neighbour's land and thence through an opening in defendants' fence to the track where they were injured by one of defendants' trains:—Held, (affirming *Richards, J.*), 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 13, 3 W.L.R. 455, that under the Railway Act 1903, ss. 199, 237, sub-s. 4, the defendants were liable. Per *Phippen, J.A.*, dissenting. *Carruthers v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 15, 16 Man. L.R. 323, 4 West L.R. 441.

[Affirmed in 39 Can. S.C.R. 251, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 23; followed in *Biddeson v. Can. North Ry. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 17; adhered to in *Clayton v. Can. North Ry. Co.*, 17 Man. L.R. 431; referred to in *Atkin v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 18 Man. L.R. 619; *Higgins v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 18 O.L.R. 12; *McLeod v. Can. North Ry. Co.*, 18 O.L.R. 616; *Coen v. New Westminster South Ry. Co.*, 12 B.C. R. 424; *McDaniel v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 13 B.C.R. 53.]

ANIMALS AT LARGE; TRESPASS FROM LANDS NOT BELONGING TO OWNER.

C.'s horses strayed from his enclosed pasture situated beside a highway which ran parallel to the company's railway, entered a neighbour's field adjacent thereto, passed thence upon the track through an opening in the fence which had not been provided with a gate by the company, and were killed by a train. There was no person in charge of the animals, nor was there evidence that they got at large through any negligence or wilful act attributable to C.:—Held, affirming the judgment appealed from (16 Man. L. R. 325, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 13), that, under the provision of the fourth sub-s. of s. 237 of the Railway Act, 1903, the company was liable in damages for the loss sustained notwithstanding that the animals had got upon the track while at large in a place other than a highway intersected by the railway. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Carruthers*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 23, 39 Can. S.C.R. 251.

[Referred to in *Rowe v. Quebec Central Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 245, 3 D.L.R. 175; followed in *Parks v. Can. North Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 247.]

DAMAGE TO TRESPASSING CATTLE; DEFECTIVE FENCE.

A railway company is liable for damages for killing a cow which was at large on the

highway with the knowledge of the owner contrary to the Railway Act, 1903, and which strayed from the highway to the land of D., and from there to the railway track through a defective fence which the defendant company were obliged to maintain. The company are liable for damage done to the land of an adjoining owner by cattle of a neighbour trespassing by reason of a defective fence which it was the duty of the company to maintain. *Lizotte v. Temiscouata Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 41, 37 N.B.R. 397.

[Observed in *Winterburn v. Edmonton, Y. & P. Ry. Co.*, 1 A.L.R. 97; referred to in *McLeod v. Can. North Ry. Co.*, 18 O.L.R. 616; relied on in *Winterburn v. Edmonton, Y. & P. Ry. Co.*, 1 A.L.R. 309.]

ANIMAL KILLED BY FALL FROM BRIDGE; DEFECTIVE FENCE.

The plaintiff was the owner of a farm adjoining the defendants' railway. The tenant of the plaintiff made an opening in the railway fence without the knowledge of the defendants through which a few hours after the plaintiff's horse escaped on to the railway, where it was killed by falling from a bridge:—Held, that the defendants were not liable for the act of a third party (the tenant) in making an opening in the fence. *Flewelling v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 47.

[Followed in *Atkins v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 204, 18 Man. L.R. 624, 11 W.L.R. 1.]

ANIMALS KILLED ON TRACK; ESCAPE TO HIGHWAY; OPEN GATE; FENCE AND GATE NOT OF SUFFICIENT HEIGHT.

The plaintiff's horses escaped from his field by jumping over a fence of insufficient height and going upon the highway, went a short distance, got on to the track through an open gate leading to defendants' station ground, where they were killed by a train:—Held, that the company was not negligent by failing to keep their gate closed through which the horses reached the track, and the negligence of the plaintiff in having a fence on insufficient height was the cause of the accident. *Laporte v. Canadian Northern Quebec Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 137.

[Reversed in 36 Que. S.C. 179.]

DEFECTIVE FENCE; CATTLE AT LARGE; ANIMAL KILLED BY FALLING FROM RAILWAY BRIDGE.

A heifer, while being fed in the stable of an hotel adjacent to the defendants' railway, escaped into the yard of the hotel and from thence on to the defendants' railway through a defective fence. The animal was pursued

along the track by the man who had her in charge, till she came to a bridge, and falling through, fell a distance of about 30 feet to the ground beneath and was so severely injured that she had to be killed:—Held, that the defendants were not liable under the Railway Act, s. 427 (2), the animal not having been killed by the defendants' train. *Douglas v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 27.

[*Young v. Erie & Huron Ry. Co.*, 27 O.R. 530, followed.]

SHEEP ESCAPING TO ADJOINING FARM; OPENING UNDER GATE AT FARM CROSSING; OPENINGS IN FENCE.

The plaintiff's sheep, without any negligence on his part, escaped from his farm into that of the adjoining owner, through which the defendants' railway ran, and thence having got upon the railway track were killed. There was a gate at a farm crossing on the adjoining owner's farm which had been raised by the defendants at the request of such adjoining owner, leaving an opening under the gate sufficient for the sheep to get through. There were also openings in the fence through which the sheep could have got upon the track; but there was no finding of the jury as to the place at which the sheep got upon the track:—Held, that the defendants were liable under s. 294 (4), even assuming that the sheep got upon the track through the opening under the gate. The effect of the words contained in the section, namely, "at large whether on the highway or not," is that the section is not limited to cattle being at large on the highway and thence getting upon the railway premises. *Higgins v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 34, 18 O.L.R. 12.

GAP LEFT IN FENCE; ANIMALS; INJURY TO; WHEN "AT LARGE"; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE; LANDS ENCLOSED.

The plaintiffs had leased a field, on which they pastured their horses, adjoining the track of the defendants' railway, from which it was separated by a fence erected by the defendants, in which they had left a gap, through which the horses strayed on to the track, where they were run down by a train and killed:—Held, that the horses were not "at large" within the meaning of s. 294 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, which was in force at the date of the accident, and which does not cover the case of such owners as the plaintiffs, who were using their pasturing land adjoining the railway track in the usual manner for the purpose of keeping and feeding their cattle, nor could such

owners be considered as "suffering" their animals to "enter upon" the railway, and so losing their right of action under s. 295 (e). (2) There is no express provision in the present Railway Act equivalent to s. 16 of the Consolidated Railway Act of 1879, as amended by 46 Vict. c. 24, s. 9 (D.), under which it was decided in *Davis v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.* (1886), 12 A.R. 724, that the question of contributory negligence did not arise where the proximate cause of the damage was the omission of the railway company to make or maintain fences as required by the statute. (3) Notwithstanding the absence of an express provision such as is above referred to, the defendants were liable to the plaintiffs for the damages sustained by them, by reason of the duty imposed upon the defendants by s. 254 of the Railway Act to "erect and maintain upon the railway" fences "suitable and sufficient to prevent . . . animals from getting on the railway," for breach of which duty a statutory right of action against the company is given by sub-s. 2 of s. 427 of the Act, to any person injured, for the full amount of damage sustained thereby. (4) *Prima facie* the fence was erected by the company in accordance with their statutory obligation to do so where the lands through which the railway passes are "enclosed and either settled or improved" (s. 254, sub-s. 4); and the onus lay on the defendants to shew that at the time when the fence was erected it was not "required" by the Act. *Judgment of Clute, J.*, affirmed. *McLeod v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 39.

[*New Brunswick Ry. Co. v. Armstrong* (1883), 23 N.B.R. 193, approved and followed.]

ANIMALS KILLED ON TRACK; DEFECTIVE FENCE; SWING-GATE.

Plaintiff brought action to recover \$525 damages for loss of three horses killed by defendants' train, where it crossed plaintiff's farm. Evidence was received as to plaintiff's horses getting on defendants' tracks by reason of a defective gate which it was the defendants' duty to maintain. The jury found in plaintiffs' favour, and *Boyd, C.*, entered judgment accordingly. Divisional Court affirmed above judgment on the ground that defendants had not discharged their statutory obligation to maintain the gate with proper hinges and fastenings, as required by Railway Act, s. 254, and there being no evidence of contributory negligence as provided for by s. 295. *Dolsen v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 264.

D. Animals at Large.

STRAYING ANIMAL KILLED ON TRACK; MUNICIPAL BY-LAW PROHIBITING ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE; VALIDITY; DEFECTIVE FENCES.

McDonnell v Inverness Railway & Coal Co., 4 E.L.R. 365 (N.S.).

ANIMALS AT LARGE; DAMAGE TO TRESPASSING CATTLE.

In an action for damages against a railway company for killing a calf by the company's train the jury found that the plaintiff allowed his cattle to run at large upon the highway, and that the calf got upon the railway track from land adjoining the plaintiff's at a place where there was no fence along the track.—Held, that the findings established that the calf got at large through the negligence or wilful act or omission of the plaintiff, and therefore under s. 294, sub-s. 4, of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, he could not recover. *Dixon v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 39 N.B.R. 305.

ANIMALS KILLED ON TRACK; LIABILITY.

Where animals are run over by an engine or train on a railway track, the onus is on the railway company, under sub-s. 4 of s. 294 of the Railway Act of Canada, to shew that the animals got at large through the negligence or wilful act or omission of the owner. And—Held, upon the evidence in this case, that the defendants had not satisfied the onus, and were liable for the value of three horses killed on their track. *Foster v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 19 W.L.R. 623.

[*Parks v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 15 W.L.R. 445, 18 W.L.R. 118, followed.]

STRAYING ANIMALS; DUTY AS REGARDS TRESPASSERS; HERDING STOCK.

A railway company is not charged with any duty in respect of avoiding injury to animals wrongfully upon its line of railway until such time as their presence is discovered. *Idington, J.*, dissented though concurring in the judgment on other grounds. 1 W.L.R. 356, 6 Terr. L.R. 168, reversed. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Eggleston*, 36 Can. S.C.R. 641.

[Considered in *McLean v. Rudd*, 1 A.L.R. 508; applied in *Coen v. New Westminster South Ry. Co.*, 12 B.C.R. 425.]

ACTION FOR HORSES KILLED ON TRACK.

In an action for damages for the value of horses killed by a train, the plaintiff need not plead negligence of the railway company under the Railway Act, 1903, but the defendants may plead the general issue and may give the Railway Act and special

statutes in evidence thereunder. *Rocheleau v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 9 Que. P.R. 402.

ANIMALS ON TRACK; WILFUL ACT OR OMISSION.

The plaintiff sought to recover damages for three horses killed on the defendants' track. It was admitted that at the place where the animals reached the railway the defendants were under no liability to fence, under sub-s. 4 of s. 254 of the Dominion Railway Act; and, in fact, they had not fenced. The plaintiff contended that he was entitled to recover under sub-s. 4 and 5 of s. 294.—Held, that the application of sub-ss. 4 and 5 of s. 294 is not restricted to cases where the railway company are under a liability to fence; and that, under these sub-sections, the railway company can escape liability only by shewing that the animals got at large through the negligence or wilful act or omission of the owner. History of the legislation and review of the authorities. And held, upon the evidence, that the animals, in the circumstances set out below, were not at large through the negligence or wilful act or omission of the plaintiff. *Parks v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 15 W.L.R. 445 (Man.).

ANIMALS AT LARGE; INJURIES TO STRAYING ANIMALS.

Plaintiff left a number of horses in a pasture partially enclosed, being fenced in two sides, bounded by a shallow creek on the third side and unenclosed on the fourth. He had been using this pasture for the purpose of keeping his horses over night for some years, and up to the time in question none had ever strayed out. On this occasion the horses being left for some days unattended to on account of a severe storm left the pasture, there being no evidence as to how they escaped, and strayed onto the railway of defendant company, where two of them were killed by a train, and one so seriously injured that it had to be destroyed. In an action for damages for the loss of these animals.—Held, that the plaintiff did not take reasonable precautions to safely keep the horses in question and prevent them from getting at large, and could not therefore, under the provisions of sub-s. 4 of s. 237 of the Railway Act of 1903, recover the value of those killed, there being no evidence of negligence on the part of the defendant company. (2) That sub-s. 4 of s. 237, supra, which reads "when any cattle or other animals at large upon the highway or otherwise, get upon the property of the company and are killed or injured by a train the owner . . . shall be entitled to recover" means any cattle or animals at large upon the highway or upon other places

than the highway. *Murray v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 1 Sask. R. 283.

NEGLECT TO FENCE; ESCAPE OF ANIMALS FROM PRIVATE WAY TO TRACK; ESCAPE FROM HIGHWAY.

Plaintiff's cattle, allowed to be at large by municipal by-law, strayed upon a path or track (not being a highway within s. 271 of the Railway Act), and thence from a farm lot, upon the unfenced railway track, and were killed:—Held, that the defendants were liable. Certain other cattle of the plaintiff's also strayed and entered upon the track from a highway crossing, and were killed:—Held, that the defendants were not liable. *Nixon v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 24 O.R. 124; *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. James*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 422, followed. *Fensom v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 376, 2 O.W.R. 479.

[Varied in 7 O.L.R. 254, 3 O.W.R. 227, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 231, 8 O.L.R. 688, 4 O.W.R. 373; followed in *Carruthers v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 16 Man. L.R. 328.]

DUTY TO MAINTAIN; CATTLE RUNNING AT LARGE; CROWN LANDS; POWERS OF MUNICIPALITIES.

The Railway Act, 51 Vict. c. 29, s. 194 (D.), as amended by 53 Vict. c. 28, s. 2, enacts that, if in consequence of the omission of a railway company to erect and maintain a fence, "any animal gets upon the railway from an adjoining place where under the circumstances it might properly be, then the company shall be liable to the owner of every such animal for all damages in respect of it caused by any of the company's trains or engines." The plaintiff's cattle running at large in a municipality, as by one of the by-laws they were permitted to do, got upon Crown lands, and from the Crown lands on to the railway, and were killed on the track by one of the defendants' trains:—Held, that by virtue of the by-law permitting running at large, the cattle were properly on the Crown lands, and hence the defendants were liable under the above enactment. Per Meredith, J. (dissenting):—Municipal bodies have no such control or power, either over private property or Crown lands, as to enable them to give a right to the cattle to be where they were when they strayed on to the railway track. Varying 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 376, 2 O.W.R. 479. *Fensom v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 231, 7 O.L.R. 254.

[Affirmed in 8 O.L.R. 688, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 76.]

ANIMALS AT LARGE; CROWN LANDS; POWERS OF MUNICIPALITIES.

The Railway Act, 51 Vict. c. 29, s. 194

(D.) as amended by 53 Vict. c. 28, s. 2 (D.) enacts that, if in consequence of the omission of a railway company to erect and maintain a fence, "any animal gets upon the railway from an adjoining place where under the circumstances it might properly be, then the company shall be liable to the owner of every such animal for all damage in respect of it caused by any of the company's trains or engines," and that "no animal allowed by law to run at large shall be held to be trespassing on a place adjoining the railway merely for the reason that the owner or occupant of such place has not permitted it to be there." The plaintiffs' cattle running at large in a municipality, as by one of the by-laws they were permitted to do, got upon Crown lands, and from the Crown lands, on to the railway, and were killed on the track by one of the defendants' trains:—Held, that notwithstanding the by-law permitting running at large, the cattle were not properly on the Crown lands; yet the defendants could not defend themselves by saying that they were trespassing there, but were liable under the above enactments. The authority of a municipal council under R.S.O. 1897, c. 223, s. 546 (2) extends no further than to allow the running at large upon the roads and highways of the municipality. *Fensom v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 76.

[Affirming 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 231, 7 O.L.R. 254.]

CATTLE AT LARGE; INTERSECTION OF RAILROAD AND HIGHWAY.

On the proper construction of s. 237, sub-s. 4 of the Railway Act, 1903, 3 Edw. VII. c. 58 (D.), while it is unlawful for the owner of cattle to permit them to be at large within half a mile of the intersection of a highway with a railway, and while if killed at the intersection, the railway is exempt from liability—if by reason of the failure of the company to comply with the statutory requirements as to fencing, construction of cattle guards, etc., the cattle reach the line of railway and are killed or injured at a point on the railway other than the intersection, the company are liable, unless they can establish affirmatively that the owner was guilty of negligence. The mere fact that the cattle were at large or the fact that they were not in charge of a competent person does not prevent the plaintiff's recovery. *Arthur v. Central Ontario Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 318, 11 O.L.R. 637.

[Considered in *Carruthers v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 16 Man. L.R. 329; followed in *Lebu v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 12 O.L.R. 590, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 329; referred to in *McDaniel v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 13 B.C.R. 52; vide

Bacon v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 325, 12 O.L.R. 196; followed in *Parks v. Can. North. Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 247.]

ANIMAL KILLED ON TRACK; NEGLIGENCE.

In an action for damages for the loss of a horse killed by a train upon the defendants' track, the jury found that the horse was killed upon the property of the defendants, and that the defendants were responsible for that:—Held, that upon the proper construction of s. 237, sub-s. 4, of the Dominion Railway Act, 1903, a finding that the horse was killed upon the property of the defendants was sufficient to entitle the plaintiff to recover unless it was shewn by the defendants that the animal got at large through the negligence of the owner or custodian, and such negligence was sufficiently negatived, in view of the Judge's charge, by the finding of the jury that the defendants were responsible. Judgment of the county court of Simcoe reversed. *Bacon v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 325, 12 O.L.R. 196.

[Followed in *Carruthers v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 16 Man. L.R. 329; *Cortese v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 13 B.C.R. 323; *Lebu v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 12 O.L.R. 590, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 329; referred to in *McDaniel v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 13 B.C.R. 53; vide *Arthur v. Central Ont. Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 318; 11 O.L.R. 37; followed in *Parks v. Can. North. Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 247.

ANIMALS AT LARGE; "NEGLIGENCE OF OWNER;" "IMPROVED OR SETTLED AND ENCLOSED."

Held, that the lands adjoining the railway must not only be improved or settled but also enclosed before the company is required to erect fences under s. 199 of the Railway Act, 1903:—Held, also, that an owner of lands adjoining the railway but which the company is not bound to fence, cannot maintain an action under section 237 (4) for the loss of a horse killed on the railway. *Phair v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 334, 6 O.W.R. 137.

[Commented on in *Re Can. North. Ry. Co.*, 42 Can. S.C.R. 475; referred to in *Daigle v. Temiscouata Ry. Co.*, 37 N.B.R. 220; *McLeod v. Northern Ry. Co.*, 18 O.L.R. 616; *Biddeson v. Can. North. Ry. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 17.]

CATTLE STRAYING ON TRACK; LIABILITY FOR KILLING; MEANING OF "OTHERWISE."

Cattle being pastured in common by the occupiers of improved lands bordering on the defendant company's railway found their way to the track, and were killed by a passing train of the defendant company. It was proved that the defendants' fence

along the common pasture was defective, that the company had notice of the defect and neglected to repair it, but there was no evidence as to how the cattle got on the track:—Held, that under the Railway Act it might be inferred that the cattle found their way to the track through the defendants' defective fence, and a verdict for the plaintiff should have been sustained. Sub-s. 4 of s. 237 of the Act provides that when any cattle or other animals at large upon the highway or "otherwise" get upon the property of the company and are killed or injured by a train, the owner shall be entitled to recover for the loss or injury from the company, unless they shew the negligence or wilful act or omission of the owner:—Held, that the word "otherwise" means "otherwise at large," and not otherwise at large in a place ejusdem generis with a highway. *Daigle v. Temiscouata Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 33, 37 N.B.R. 219.

[Referred to in *McLeod v. Can. North. Ry. Co.*, 18 O.L.R. 616.]

ANIMAL KILLED ON TRACK; ANIMALS AT LARGE; NEGLIGENCE OF OWNER.

Plaintiff's horses were found by defendants' section foreman on their right of way about a quarter of a mile from a highway crossing. The fences were in good repair and so were the cattle guards at the crossing prior to a snowstorm which filled them up. The horses were killed after the snow storm. There was no evidence as to how they came to their death nor any evidence of external violence. It was shewn that the horses were put in pasture at a distance from the plaintiff's residence without any one being left in charge and in such a position that they might easily have escaped:—Held, that the plaintiff could not recover as the horses were at large through his negligence or wilful act or omission. *Becker v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 29, 5 West. L.R. 569.

[Approved in *Clayton v. Can. North. Ry. Co.*, 17 Man. L.R. 426, 7 W.L.R. 721, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 355; followed in *Parks v. Can. North. Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 247.]

ANIMALS AT LARGE; PASTURE IN OPEN.

Plaintiff's animals were set at large to pasture in the open country, and were killed at a place where the company was not bound to fence:—Held, that he could not invoke the aid of s. 237, sub-s. 4, of the Railway Act, 1903. Decision of *Forin, Co. J.*, affirmed, *Martin, J.*, dissenting. *McDaniel v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 34, 13 B.C.R. 49.

[Followed in *Power v. Jackson Mines, 13 B.C.R. 208*; referred to in *Clayton v. Can.*

North. Ry. Co., 17 Man. L.R. 426, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 355.]

LOSS OF CATTLE STRAYING ON RAILWAYS; OMISSION OF OWNER.

Under sub-s. 4 of s. 237 of the Railway Act, 1903, 3 Edw. VII. c. 58, an Act of the Parliament of Canada, which provides that railway companies shall be liable for the loss of cattle killed on their roads except when it is proved that such cattle "got at large through the negligence or wilful act or omission of the owner or his agent," no liability whatever is incurred by the company for contributory negligence or otherwise when the case falls within the exception. Bourassa v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 41, Q.R. 30 S.C. 385.

[Approved in Clayton v. Can. North. Ry. Co., 17 Man. L.R. 426, 7 W.L.R. 721, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 355; followed in Renaud v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 358.]

ANIMALS "AT LARGE"; "NEGLIGENCE OF OWNER."

Where horses had been placed by the plaintiff in a corral bounded on the south and west by a fence, on the east by a creek, and not closed in in any way on the north, the creek being frozen over so that the horses could pass over it, it was held that there was a wilful omission or negligence on the part of the owner within the meaning of the statute in leaving horses in such a place at night, and that the owner, therefore, could not recover against the railway company. The statute does not intend that railway companies should be insurers against any accident which may occur by reason of their trains. Some duty is cast upon the owners of all animals that are likely to be placed in danger by reason of the trains, and they must take reasonable precautions to prevent them getting at large, so that accidents may not happen to them. The facts are sufficiently set out in the judgment of Wetmore, C.J. Murray v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 351, 7 West. L.R. 50 (Sask.).

[Referred to in Clayton v. Can. North. Ry. Co., 17 Man. L.R. 437, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 355.]

ANIMALS AT LARGE; NEGLIGENCE OF OWNER; OBLIGATION TO FENCE.

(1) When it is proved that animals killed by a train of a railway company had been allowed to go at large on a public road through the negligence or wilful act or omission of the owner or his agent, and in consequence thereof, got upon the right of way through a defect in the railway fence, sub-s. 4 of s. 237 of the Railway Act, 1903

(s. 294 of c. 37 of R.S.C. 1906) protects the company from any claim for damages, although the company had failed to observe the requirement of s. 199 (now 254) by neglecting to keep the fence along the right-of-way in proper repair. (2) Said s. 237 deals completely with the question of animals at large getting upon the railway track and being killed or injured, and, therefore, s. 294 (now 427) being only of general application, cannot be interpreted so as to make the company liable in a case in which, by s. 237, it is expressly relieved from liability. Howell, C.J.A., dissenting. Clayton v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co., 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 355, 17 Man. L.R. 426.

[Murray v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co. (1907), 7 West. L.R. 50; Becker v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co. (1906), 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 29, and Bourassa v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co. (1906), 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 41, followed.]

CATTLE AT LARGE; COMPETENT PERSON; INFANT IN CHARGE.

Section 294 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, enacts that "no horses . . . or other cattle shall be permitted to be at large upon any highway within half a mile of (its) intersection with any railway at rail level, unless . . . in charge of some competent person . . . to prevent their loitering . . . on such highway . . . or straying upon the railway. (3) If the horses . . . of any person which are at large contrary to . . . this section are killed . . . by any train at such point of intersection . . . he shall not have any right of action against any company in respect of the same being killed or injured." The plaintiff, a farmer, sent a lad about ten years old to take fourteen cows along a public highway and across the defendants' line of railway. A train of the defendants ran over and killed four of the cows, and the jury found negligence on the part of the defendants, and also that the boy was a "competent person" within the meaning of the above section:—Held, that the plaintiff was entitled to judgment. Sexton v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 119, 18 O.L.R. 202.

DUTY TO FENCE; ANIMAL GETTING ON TRACK; OPEN GATE AT FARM CROSSING.

If a gate in the fence at a farm crossing of a railway is left open by the person for whose use the crossing is provided or any of his servants or by a stranger or by any person other than an employee of the company, the company is relieved by s. 295 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, from the liability imposed by sub-s. 4 of s. 294 to compensate the owner for the loss of an animal at large without his negligence or wilful act or omis-

sion getting upon the railway track through such gate and killed by a train. Per *Perdue, J.A.*:—Some negligence or breach of statutory duty on the part of the railway company in respect of such gate would have to be shewn to render the company liable in such a case. Per *Howell, C.J.A.*:—If railway fences or gates are torn down or get open by the action of the elements or by some accident or default not caused by the act of man, and an animal thereby gets upon the track and is killed, none of the exceptions in s. 295 would apply, and the company would be liable under sub-s. 4 of s. 294. Nonsuit ordered, reserving right of plaintiff to bring another action. *Atkin v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 204, 18 Man. L.R. 617.

[*Flewelling v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* (1906), 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 47, followed.]

ANIMAL KILLED ON TRACK; NEGLIGENCE; LIABILITY.

The plaintiff's son, a boy of only 12, but a "competent person," was leading the plaintiff's horse along a highway parallel with the defendants' railway, when the horse became frightened, broke away from the boy, left the highway, crossed lots, and got upon the defendants' track, where it was killed by one of the defendants' trains. The facts, as found, were: (1) that there was no negligence on the part of the train crew; (2) that the animal did not get at large through the negligence or wilful act of the owner or custodian of the animal; (3) that the lands on either side of the railway at the place where the horse was killed were not enclosed or either settled or improved, and there were no fences, gates, or cattle-guards:—Held, upon consideration of ss. 254, 294, and 295 of the Railway Act of Canada, that, in these circumstances, the law imposed no duty on the defendants, and they were not liable to the plaintiff for the loss of the horse. *Seigle v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 463, 13 W.L.R. 627.

ANIMALS AT LARGE; DEFECTIVE FENCE; NEGLIGENCE; WILFUL ACT OF OWNER.

Action for the value of two horses alleged to have been killed by one of the company's trains through its neglect to fence its right of way at the place in question. The horses escaped from the pasture field by reason of the defective fence (slash fence) with which it was enclosed; strayed on to the unfenced right of way of the railway company and were killed by a passing train:—Held, (1) That, under sub-s. 4 of s. 237 (now 294) of the Railway Act, 1903, the defendant escaped liability through the wilful act or omission of the owner of the animals in question by having a defective fence.

(2) That, therefore, the exception in sub-s. 4 of s. 254, relieving a railway company from fencing did not need to be decided. *Renaud v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 358.

[*Bourassa v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 30 S.C. 385, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 41, followed.]

ANIMALS AT LARGE; WILFUL ACT OR OMISSION OF OWNER; DEFECTIVE FENCES.

Action to recover the value of cattle found killed on the defendant's railway. The plaintiff's cattle escaped by knocking down or jumping over a fence of insufficient strength and height from one pasture field to another, and from there got through the highway fence part of which was constructed of brush with poles; thence along the highway, got over the cattle guards at the crossing and were killed by a passing train. The plaintiff's son admitted that said cattle had got out to the highway more than once through the fences which he had fixed at different times in different places after they had got out:—Held, that the cattle got at large through the wilful act or omission of the plaintiff by reason of his fences both of the pasture field and at the highway being insufficient and insecure and he cannot recover their value from the defendant. *Wilkinson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, (Ont.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 236.

LIABILITY FOR ANIMALS KILLED ON TRACK; FENCES; WILFUL ACT OF OWNER; ANIMALS AT LARGE.

The liability of a railway company, under sub-ss. 4 and 5 of s. 294 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, for damages in the case of animals at large killed or injured by a train is not limited to territory where the company is by s. 254 obliged to erect suitable fences, and the company can only escape such liability by shewing that the animals got at large through the negligence or wilful act or omission of the owner or his agent or the custodian of such animals or his agent. The Railway Act of 1903 changed the law in this respect. *Bank of England v. Vagliano*, [1891] A.C., per Lord Herschell at p. 144, followed as to the interpretation of a statute intended to be a code of law on the subject referred to. The plaintiff had for two years been accustomed to turn his horses out of the stable in the winter to go without halters to a watering trough about fifteen yards away and driving them back to the stable after drinking. On the occasion in question, the plaintiff and his hired man were carrying out the usual routine when three of the horses after drinking, without their noticing it, walked off in the direction of the road

instead of returning to the stable. When the fourth had finished drinking it started to walk after the others. The plaintiff observed this and immediately tried to intercept the horses, but the three escaped and, although the plaintiff followed them up at once and did his best to recover them, they eventually got on to the defendant's railway track and were killed by a train on a bridge.—Held, that the plaintiff was not guilty of negligence or of any wilful act or omission in the matter so as to disentitle him to recover. *Parks v. Canadian North-western Ry. Co.*, (Man.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 247.

[*Arthur v. Central Ontario Ry. Co.*, (1906), 11 O.L.R. 537, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 315; *Bacon v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* (1906), 12 O.L.R. 196, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 325; *Lebu v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* (1906), 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 329, 12 O.L.R. 590; *Carruthers v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.* (1906), 16 M.R. 323, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 15, 39 Can. S.C.R. 251, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 23, and *Becker v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.* (1906), 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 29, 5 West L.R. 569, followed.]

ANIMALS AT LARGE; NEGLIGENCE OF OWNER.

A railway company operating under and subject to the Railway Act of Canada is liable for killing horses at large upon the railway line, unless the railway company establishes under R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, s. 294 (4), that the animals got at large through the negligence or wilful act of the owner or his agent or the custodian of such animals or his agent, or unless the circumstances as to the manner in which the horses came to be at large are within the special exceptions from liability stated in ss. 294 and 295 of the Railway Act. *Rogers v. Grand Trunk Pac. Ry. Co.*, 2 D.L.R. 683, 21 W.L.R. 222, 22 Man. L.R. 349.

[Referred to in *Rowe v. Que. Central Ry. Co.*, 3 D.L.R. 175.]

INJURIES TO ANIMALS AT LARGE.

Under s. 294 of the Railway Act R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, as amended by 9-10 Edw. VII. c. 50, s. 8, imposing a liability on a railway company for injuries to animals "at large" on its right-of-way, the onus of proving negligence on the part of the owner of the animal in allowing a horse to be "at large" is upon the railway company. *Stitt v. Can. North. Ry. Co.*, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 333, 23 Man. L.R. 43, 10 D.L.R. 544.

DEFECTIVE FENCE; ANIMALS AT LARGE UNDER BY-LAW.

Cattle turned out to graze on the highways as authorized by a municipal by-law are not "at large" through the negligence or wilful act or omission of the owner" so as to relieve

a railway company, under s. 294 (4) of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, as amended by 10 Edw. VII. c. 50, s. 8, from liability for running down animals that came upon its right-of-way at a place other than a highway crossing, by reason of defects in the fencing which the railway company was under a statutory obligation to maintain. *Greenlaw v. Can. North. Ry. Co.*, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 329, 12 D.L.R. 402, 23 Man. L.R. 410.

Note on duty to fence and liabilities arising therefrom. 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 436, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 378.

Note on duty of railway company to maintain fences and liability for breach of for injuries caused to animals. 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 248.

Note on defective fences. 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 338.

Note on liability of railway company for injuries to children in consequence of failure to fence railway premises. 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 11.

Note on Railway Fences and Cattle Guards. 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 50.

Note on Fences, and animals running at large. 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 366.

Note on right to recover for animals killed or injured on the railway. 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 48.

Note on injury to animals resulting from wilful act or omission of owner. 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 361.

Note on liability of railway company for injury to cattle running at large by reason of failure to fence. 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 263.

FIRES.

For fires on Crown railways, see Government Railways.

For limitation of actions caused by fires, see Limitation of Actions.

For accumulation of weeds causing fires, see Thistles and Weeds.

For loss or damage to goods caused by fire, see Carriers of Goods.

For constitutionality of provincial statutes regulating railway fires, see Constitutional Law.

SPARKS FROM ENGINE; PROPER CARE TO PREVENT EMISSION OF; USE OF WOOD OR COAL FOR FUEL.

R. owned a barn situated about two hundred feet from the New Brunswick Railway Company's line, and such barn was destroyed by fire, caused, as was alleged, by sparks from the defendants' engine. An

action was brought to recover damages for the loss of said barn and its contents. On the trial, it appeared that the fuel used by the company over this line was wood, and evidence was given to the effect that coal was less apt to throw out sparks. It also appeared that at the place where the fire occurred there was a heavy up-grade, necessitating a full head of steam, and therefore increasing the danger to surrounding property. The jury found that the defendants did not use reasonable care in running the engine, but in what the want of such care consisted did not appear by their finding:—Held, reversing the judgment of the Supreme Court of the Province of New Brunswick, that the company was under no obligation to use coal for fuel, and the use of wood was not in itself evidence of negligence; that the finding of the jury on the question of negligence was not satisfactory, and that therefore there should be a new trial. 23 N.B.R. 323 reversed. *New Brunswick Ry. Co. v. Robinson* (1884), 11 Can. S.C.R. 688.

[Applied in *Campbell v. McGregor*, 29 N.B.R. 660; *Glidden v. Town of Woodstock*, 33 N.B.R. 392; distinguished in *Campbell v. McGregor*, 29 N.B.R. 648; inapplicable in *Leonard v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co.*, 15 Q.L.R. 95.]

FIRES COMMUNICATED FROM PREMISES OF COMPANY.

This was an action commenced by the respondent against the appellants for negligence on the part of the appellants in causing the destruction of the respondent's house and outbuildings by fire from one of their locomotives. The freight shed of the company was first ignited by sparks from one of the company's engines passing Chippawa station, and the fire extended to respondent's premises. The following questions, *inter alia*, were submitted to the jury, and the following answers given:—Q. Was the fire occasioned by sparks from the locomotive? A. Yes. Q. If so, was it caused by any want of care on the part of the company or its servants, which, under the circumstances, ought to have been exercised? A. Yes. Q. If so, state in what respect you think greater care ought to have been exercised? A. As it was a special train and on Sunday, when employees were not on duty, there should have been an extra hand on duty. Q. Was the smoke stack furnished with as good apparatus for arresting sparks as was consistent with the efficient working of the engine? If you think the apparatus was defective, was it by reason of its not being of the best kind, or because it was out of order? A. Out of order. Verdict for plaintiff, \$800. On motion to set aside verdict, the Queen's Bench Division unani-

mously sustained the verdict. On appeal to the Supreme Court:—Held, affirming the judgment of the Court below, Henry, J., dissenting, (1) that the questions were proper questions to put to the jury, and that there was sufficient evidence of negligence on the part of the appellants' servants to sustain the finding. (2) If a railway company are guilty of default in the discharge of the duty of running their locomotives in a proper and reasonable manner, they are responsible for all damage which is the natural consequence of such default, whether such damage is occasioned by fire escaping from the engine coming directly in contact with and consuming the property of third persons, or is caused to the property of such third persons by fire communicating thereto from the property of the railway company themselves, which had been ignited by fire escaping from the engine coming directly in contact therewith. (3) The statute 14 Geo. III. c. 78, s. 86, which is an extension of 6 Anne c. 31, ss. 6 & 7, is in force in the province of Ontario as part of the law of England introduced by the Constitutional Act, 31 Geo. III. c. 31, but has no application to protect a party from legal liability as a consequence of negligence. *Canada Southern Ry. v. Phelps* (1884), 14 Can. S.C.R. 132.

[Applied in *Campbell v. McGregor*, 29 N.B.R. 648; *Central Verm. Ry. Co. v. Stanstead & Sherbrooke Ins. Co.*, Q.R. 5 Q.B. 251; *Jackson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 32 Can. S.C.R. 247; referred to in *Grant v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co.*, 36 N.B.R. 542; *Morris v. Cairncross*, 14 O.L.R. 544; *Oatman v. Michigan Central Ry. Co.*, 1 O.L.R. 145; relied on in *Laidlaw v. Crow's Nest Southern Ry. Co.*, 14 B.C.R. 173.]

SPARKS FROM ENGINE; PRESUMPTION AS TO CAUSE OF FIRE.

A train of the Canada Atlantic Ry. Co. passed the plaintiff's farm about 10.30 a.m., and another train passed about noon. Some time after the second train passed it was discovered that the timber and wood on plaintiff's land was on fire, which fire spread rapidly after being discovered and destroyed a quantity of the standing timber on said land. In an action against the company it was shewn that the engine which passed at 10.30 was in a defective state, and likely to throw dangerous sparks, while the other engine was in good repair and provided with all necessary appliances for protection against fire. The jury found, on questions submitted, that the fire came from the engine first passing, that it arose through negligence on the part of the company, and that such negligence consisted in running the engine when she was a bad

fire thrower and dangerous:—Held, affirming the judgment of the Court of Appeal, that there being sufficient evidence to justify the jury in finding that the engine which passed first was out of order, and it being admitted that the second engine was in good repair, the fair inference, in the absence of any evidence that the fire came from the latter, was that it came from the engine out of order, and the verdict should not be disturbed:—Held, also, Henry J., dissenting, that the locomotive superintendent and locomotive foreman of a railway company are "officers of the corporation" who may be examined as provided in R.S.O. (1877) c. 50, s. 136, and the evidence of such officers as to the conditions of the respective engines and the difference as to danger from fire between a wood-burning and a coal-burning engine, taken under said section, was properly admitted on the trial of this cause; and certain books of the company containing statements of repairs required, on these engines among others, were also properly admitted in evidence without calling the persons by whom the entries were made. 14 A.R. (Ont.) 309, affirmed. *Canada Atlantic Ry. Co. v. Moxley*, 15 Can. S.C.R. 145.

[Applied *Campbell v. McGregor*, 29 N.B.R. 648; commented on in *Knight v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 13 O.P.R. 386; discussed in *Leitch v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 13 O.P.R. 369; distinguished in *Jackson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 32 Can. S.C.R. 250; followed in *Dixon v. Winnipeg Elec. St. Ry. Co.*, 10 Man. L.R. 665; *Gordnier v. Can. North Ry. Co.*, 15 Man. L.R. 3; *Sinden v. Brown*, 17 O.A.R. 173; referred to in *Canadian Pac. Ry. Co. v. Roy*, Q.R. 9 Q.B. 570; relied on in *Dominion Cartridge Co. v. McArthur*, 31 Can. S.C.R. 405.]

DAMAGES CAUSED BY SPARKS FROM LOCOMOTIVE.

Running a train too heavily laden on an up-grade, when there was a strong wind, caused an unusual quantity of sparks to escape from the locomotive, whereby the respondents' barn, situated in close proximity to the railway track, was set on fire and destroyed:—Held, affirming the judgments of the Courts below, that there was sufficient evidence of negligence to make the company liable for the damage caused by the fire. *Mont. L.R. 5 Q.B. 122*, affirmed. *North Shore Ry. Co. v. McWillie*, 17 Can. S.C.R. 517.

[Applied in *McDougall Co. v. Boisvert*, Q.R. 24 S.C. 166; approved *Canadian Pac. Ry. Co. v. Roy*, Q.R. 9 Q.B. 573; commented on in *Zimmer v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 19 A.R. (Ont.) 693; followed in *Fournier v.*

Canadian Pac. Ry. Co., 33 N.B.R. 568; *Roy v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 9 Q.B. 551; not followed in *Northern Counties Inv. Trust Ltd. v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 13 B.C.R. 131; referred to in *British Columbia Elec. Ry. Co. v. Crompton*, 43 Can. S.C.R. 17; *Northern Counties Inv. Trust Ltd. v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 13 B.C.R. 138; *Robinson v. Canadian North Ry. Co.*, 19 Man. L.R. 315; *Ryckman v. Hamilton etc. Ry. Co.*, 10 O.L.R. 419.]

SPARKS FROM ENGINE OR "HOT-BOX."

In an action against a railway company for damages for loss of property by fire alleged to have been occasioned by sparks from an engine or hot-box of a passing train, in which the Court appealed from held that there was no sufficient proof that the fire occurred through the fault or negligence of the company, and it was not shewn that such finding was clearly wrong or erroneous, the Supreme Court would not interfere with the finding. *Que. R. 9 S.C. 319*, affirmed. *Sénézac v. Central Vermont Ry. Co.*, 26 Can. S.C.R. 641.

[Distinguished in *Rainville v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 28 O.R. 625; followed in *Collins Bay Rafting etc. Co. v. Kaine*, 29 Can. S.C.R. 262; *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Rainville*, 29 Can. S.C.R. 205; *Mayrand v. Dus-sault*, 38 Can. S.C.R. 465; referred to in *Can. Pac. Ry. Co. v. Roy*, Q.R. 9 Q.B. 573.]

SPARKS FROM RAILWAY ENGINE; RUBBISH ON RAILWAY BERM.

In an action against a railway company for damages in consequence of plaintiff's property being destroyed by fire alleged to be caused by sparks from an engine of the company the jury found, though there was no direct evidence of how the fire occurred, that the company negligently permitted an accumulation of grass or rubbish on their road opposite plaintiff's property which, in case of emission of sparks or cinders would be dangerous; that the fire originated from or by reason of a spark or cinder from an engine; and that the fire was communicated by the spark or cinder falling on the company's premises and spreading to plaintiff's property. A verdict against the company was sustained by the Court of Appeal:—Held, affirming the judgment of the latter court (25 Ont. App. R. 242), and following *Sénézac v. Central Vermont Ry. Co.* (26 Can. S.C.R. 64); *George Matthews Co. v. Bouchard* (28 Can. S.C.R. 580); that the jury having found that the accumulation of rubbish along the railway property caused the damages, of which there was some evidence, and the finding having been affirmed by the trial Court and Court of Appeal, it should not be disturbed by a second

Appellate Court. 25 A.R. (Ont.) 242, 28 O.R. 625, affirmed. Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Rainville et al., 21st November, 1898, 29 Can. S.C.R. 201.

[Applied in *Cameron v. Royal Paper Mills Co.*, Q.R. 31 S.C. 280.]

FIRE FROM ENGINES; DESTRUCTION OF ADJOINING PROPERTY; INFERENCE FROM CIRCUMSTANCES.

In an action for damages for the plaintiff's loss by fire alleged to have been communicated to their buildings and premises, adjoining the defendants' railway, by sparks emitted from the defendants' engines:—Held, on the evidence, that the defendants' engines were as safely built and equipped as the nature of such means of traffic could admit, and that the train was operated in a reasonable manner; no negligence was shown; and the action, therefore, rested upon s. 298 of the Dominion Railway Act:—Held, also, on the evidence, that the fire originated from sparks emitted by the defendants' engines; the evidence was not direct, as no sparks were seen to fly and alight; but the inference from the circumstance in evidence was a reasonably certain one:—Held, also, that, as the action rested on the statute, contributory negligence was not to be considered; the plaintiffs could use their land and premises as they pleased, provided that they were not actuated by motives amounting to fraud. *Fraser v. Pere Marquette Ry. Co.*, 18 O.L.R. 589, 13 O.W.R. 883, distinguished:—Held, also, on the evidence, that the defendants had an insurable interest in the premises under s. 298 (3) of the Act. Damages assessed for injury to the plaintiff's warehouse and contents; but not for loss of trade, no specific damage being shown. *Winnipeg Oil Co. v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 15 W.L.R. 120.

DAMAGE TO WOODLAND BY FIRE; FIRE STARTED BY SECTION FOREMAN.

In an action brought by the owner of a lot of woodland adjoining defendant company's line of railway to recover damages alleged to have been caused by a fire negligently started by defendants' servants and allowed to extend to plaintiff's land, it appeared in evidence that N., a section foreman of the defendants' railway, set fires to burn up some piles of sleepers and rubbish on the railway line. The weather had been very dry for a long time, and forest fires were burning all over the country. Witnesses, on behalf of the plaintiff, testified that they saw fire on the railway line at this time, and traced its course through the fence to the plaintiff's land. N. swore that the fires which he started were all burnt out before the first was seen on the plaintiff's property,

and other evidence was given to the same effect. The jury found that the fire spread from the fire set by N., and that N. negligently and unreasonably allowed it to extend. A verdict was entered for the plaintiff for \$500:—Held, that there was sufficient evidence to justify the verdict. Per Tuck, C.J., and McLeod, J., that the Acts 48 Vict. c. 11, and 60 Vict. c. 9 (to prevent the destruction of forests and other property by fire) are not ultra vires of the local Legislature. Per McLeod, J., that the defendants having brought on their land a dangerous element, not naturally there, did so at their peril, and, if it caused injury, they were liable, though no negligence was proved. The provision of said Acts declaring that a person starting a fire, except for certain purposes specified, between May 1st and December 1st, is guilty of negligence, applied to the defendants, and they were, therefore, liable under the Acts as well as at common law. *Grant v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 36 N.B.R. 528.

SPARKS FROM ENGINE.

An action for damages for the destruction of the plaintiff's property by fire alleged to have been started by sparks from an engine of the defendants, was dismissed, after trial without a jury, the evidence leaving the origin of the fire doubtful. *Farquharson v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 19 W.L.R. 76 (B.C.).

FIRE CAUSED BY SPARKS FROM ENGINE; CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.

In an action against a railway company for negligently causing fire by sparks from their engine, the cause of the fire may be proved by circumstantial evidence. *Rainville v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 113, 28 O.R. 625.

[Affirmed in 25 A.R. (Ont.) 242, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 117, 29 Can. S.C.R. 201, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 125.]

DUTY OF CUTTING DOWN WEEDS.

A railway company is responsible for damages caused by fire which is started by sparks from one of their engines, in dead grass and shrubs allowed by them to accumulate in the usual course of nature from year to year on their land adjoining the railway track. It is the company's duty in such a case to remove the dangerous accumulation. Judgment of Ferguson, J., affirmed. *Rainville v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 117, 25 (Ont.) A.R. 242.

[Affirmed in 29 Can. S.C.R. 201, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 125.]

ACCUMULATION OF WEEDS.

In an action against a railway company for damages in consequence of plaintiff's

property being destroyed by fire alleged to be caused by sparks from an engine of the company, the jury found, though there was no direct evidence of how the fire occurred, that the company negligently permitted an accumulation of grass or rubbish on their road opposite plaintiff's property which, in case of emission of sparks or cinders, would be dangerous; that the fire originated from or by reason of a spark or cinder from an engine; and that the fire was communicated by the spark or cinder falling on the company's premises and spreading to plaintiff's property. A verdict against the company was sustained by the Court of Appeal:—Held, affirming the judgment of the latter Court (25 Ont. App. R. 242), and following *Sénéac v. Central Vermont Ry. Co.* (26 Can. S.C.R. 641); *George Matthews Co. v. Bouchard* (28 Can. S.C.R. 580); that the jury having found that the accumulation of rubbish along the railway property caused the damages, of which there was some evidence, and the finding having been affirmed by the trial Court and Court of Appeal, it should not be disturbed by a second appellate Court. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Rainville*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 125, 29 Can. S.C.R. 201.

[Applied in *Can. Pac. Ry. Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 12 O.L.R. 320, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 400.]

SPARKS FROM ENGINES.

In an action against a railway company, carrying on business under legislative sanction, to recover damages resulting from a fire alleged to have been caused by a spark from an engine, the plaintiff must, in addition to giving evidence from which it may reasonably be inferred that the fire was caused as alleged, also give some evidence of negligence on the part of the defendants, e.g., in the construction or management, or want of repair, of the engine, and the onus is not upon the defendants to prove that they have adopted and used with due care reasonable contrivances to avoid the danger of fire. Judgment of *Armour, C.J.*, reversed. *Oatman v. Michigan Central Ry. Co.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 129, 1 O.L.R. 145.

[Applied in *Jackson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 32 Can. S.C.R. 247, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 156; referred to in same case, 2 O.L.R. 689, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 141.]

CAUSE OF FIRE; EXPERT TESTIMONY.

In an action against a railway company to recover damages because of fire caused by sparks from an engine, two witnesses called on behalf of the plaintiff, men without much practical experience, testified that, in their opinion, the engine in question was defective constructively in a certain par-

ticular, while eleven witnesses called by the defendants, all men of practical experience, testified that the engine was constructed in accordance with the best prevailing practice. The jury found for the plaintiff:—Held, that in a case of this kind, depending upon the weight to be given to scientific and expert testimony and not upon questions of credibility and demeanour, such a verdict could not stand, and it was set aside and the action dismissed. Judgment of *Falconbridge, J.*, reversed, *Armour, C.J.O.*, dissenting. *Jackson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 141, 2 O.L.R. 689.

[Affirmed in 32 Can. S.C.R. 245, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 156; referred to in *Sheppard Pub. Co. v. Press Pub. Co.*, 10 O.L.R. 243.]

SPARKS FROM ENGINE; DEFECTIVE CONSTRUCTION.

Fire was discovered on J.'s farm a short time after a train of the Grand Trunk Railway had passed it drawn by two engines, one having a long, and the other a short, or medium, smoke-box. In an action against the company for damages it was proved that the former was perfectly constructed. Two witnesses considered the other defective, but nine men, experienced in the construction of engines, swore that a larger smoke-box would have been unsuited to the size of the engine. The jury found that the fire was caused by sparks from one engine, and they believed it was from that with the short smoke-box; and that the use of said box constituted negligence in the company which had not taken the proper means to prevent emission of sparks:—Held, affirming the judgment of the Court of Appeal (2 O.L.R. 689), that the latter finding was not justified by the evidence and the verdict for plaintiff at the trial was properly set aside. *Jackson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 156, 32 Can. S.C.R. 245.

FIRE CAUSED BY SPARKS FROM LOCOMOTIVE.

Under the law of this province, even when no proof of negligence is adduced by the plaintiff, a railway company, although authorized by statute to use locomotives, and although it has complied with all the requirements of the law and adopted the most approved appliances known to science for preventing the escape of sparks from its locomotives, is nevertheless responsible for damages so caused. *Quaere*, as to the responsibility of railway companies under the Railway Act of Canada, s. 92. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Roy*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 170, Q.R. 9 Q.B. 551.

[Reversed in 12 Que. K.B. 543, [1902] A.C. 220, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 196; applied in *Jackson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 32 Can. S.C.R. 247, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 156; commented on in

Royal Electric Co. v. Hévé, 32 Can. S.C.R. 465; discussed in Boudreau v. Montreal Street Ry. Co., 6 Q.R. 13 K.B. 534; distinguished in Davie v. Montreal Water and Power Co., Q.R. 23 S.C. 146, Q.R. 13 K.B. 456; distinguished in Garand v. Montreal Light, Heat and Power Co., Q.R. 33 S.C. 417; distinguished in Jones v. Atlantic and N.W. Ry. Co., Q.R. 12 K.B. 403; distinguished in Montreal Water & Power Co. v. Davie, 35 Can. S.C.R. 263; followed in Montreal Light, Heat and Power Co. v. Dumphy, Q.R. 15 K.B. 14; followed in Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Gareau, Q.R. 10 K.B. 427; referred to in Shawinigan Carbide Co. v. Doucet, 42 Can. S.C.R. 349.

**FIRE CAUSED BY SPARKS FROM LOCOMOTIVE;
LIABILITY OF RAILWAY COMPANY.**

The respondent brought suit for damages caused by a fire originating from sparks escaping from a locomotive engine of the company appellant, while the engine was employed in the ordinary use of its railway. The question of negligence on the part of the company was specially withdrawn from the consideration of the tribunal on the present appeal:—Held, reversing the judgment of the Court of Queen's Bench, Que. R. 9 K.B. 551, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 170:—A railway company, authorized by statute to carry on its railway undertaking in the place and by the means adopted, is not responsible in damages for injury not caused by negligence, but by the ordinary and normal use of its railway. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Roy, 12 Que. K.B. 543.

[Affirmed in [1902] A.C. 220.]

**SPARKS FROM ENGINES; ACTS DONE UNDER
STATUTORY AUTHORITY; NON-LIABILITY FOR
DAMAGE.**

A railway company authorized by statute to carry on its railway undertaking in the place and by the means adopted is not responsible in damages for injury not caused by negligence, but by the ordinary and normal use of its railway; or in other words, by the proper execution of the power conferred by the statute. The previous state of the common law imposing liability cannot render inoperative the positive enactment of a statute. Neither the Civil Code of Lower Canada, Art. 356, nor the Dominion Railway Act, ss. 92, 288, on their true construction contemplates the liability of a railway company acting within its statutory powers:—So held, where the respondent had suffered damage caused by sparks escaping from one of the appellants' locomotive engines while employed in the ordinary use of its railway. Appeal allowed, appellants to pay respondent's costs in accordance with the terms on which special

leave to appeal was granted. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Roy, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 196, [1902] A.C. 220.

[Geddis v. Proprietors of Bann Reservoir (1878), 3 App. Cas. 430, 438; and Hammer-smith Ry. Co. v. Brand (1869), L.R. 4 H.L. 215, followed.]

INFLAMMABLE MATERIALS ALONG TRACK.

A fire starting on or near the right of way of a railway company caused by one of their locomotives spread or jumped to the property of the plaintiffs, which was destroyed. The defendants contended that the rocky bluff where the fire started was not within their right of way, that s. 239 of the Railway Act, 1903, applies only to property upon or along the route of the railway and did not apply to that of the plaintiffs, which was three miles distant:—Held, Martin, J., dissenting, that the question of how the fire reached the plaintiff's property and the position of the rocky bluff were properly left to the jury. (2) That the word "along" in s. 239 does not mean only "adjoining to" or "contiguous to," as does the word "alongside," but "in the neighbourhood of" or "near" or "close to" and receives additional force from the expression "upon or along" not simply "along." The jury found a general verdict for \$18,000. It was urged that under s. 239 the damages could not exceed \$5,000, but:—Held, that the finding that the defendants left inflammable material on the right of way disposed of that objection and the defendants were liable for the full amount as found by the jury. Blue v. Red Mountain Ry. Co., 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 219, 5 West L.R. 1, 12 B.C.R. 460.

[Reversed in 39 Can. S.C.R. 390, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 150; restored in [1909] A.C. 361, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 140.]

COMBUSTIBLES LEFT ON RIGHT OF WAY.

The question for the jury was, whether or not the place of origin of the fire which caused the damages was within the limits of the "right of way" which the defendants were, by the Railway Act of 1903., obliged to keep free from unnecessary combustible matter, and their finding was that it did, but the charge of the Judge was calculated to leave the impression that any space where trees had been cut, under the powers conferred by s. 118 (j) of that Act, might be treated as included within the "right of way" and, in effect, made a direction, on issues not raised by the pleadings or at the trial, as to negligent exercise of the privilege conferred by that section:—Held, that, in consequence of the want of more explicit directions to the jury on the question of

law and the misdirection as to the issues, the defendants were entitled to a new trial. The Court refused an application by the respondents, on the hearing of the appeal, for leave to supplement the appeal case by production of plans of the right of way which had not been produced at the trial, as being contrary to the established course of the Court. *Red Mountain Ry. Co. v. Blue*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 150, 39 Can. S.C.R. 390.

[Reversed in [1909] A.C. 361, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 140.]

DAMAGES BY FIRE; IGNITION OF COMBUSTIBLE MATTER ON RAILWAY.

By s. 239 of the Railway Act (3 Edw. VII. c. 58), it is provided that the respondent railway company shall at all times keep its right of way free from combustible matter, sub-s. 2 providing that when damage is caused by a fire started by a railway locomotive the company shall be liable whether guilty of negligence or not, in the latter case the liability being limited to a specified amount. Where ignition occurred from the respondents' engine sparks at a rocky bluff shewn by a map filed by them in the Department of Railways and Canals under s. 134 of the Railway Act of 1888, repeated by s. 128 of the later Act, to be within the delineated right of way, the respondents were held to be liable for the damages assessed by the jury. The Supreme Court of Canada, having on the objection of the respondents refused to admit the map in evidence on the ground that it had not been tendered at the trial, ordered a new trial:—Held, that whether or not the Supreme Court was right in refusing to admit the map their lordships would admit it, that it was conclusive in favour of the appellants, and that there had been no misdirection. *Blue v. Red Mountain Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 140, [1909] A.C. 361.

SPARKS FROM LOCOMOTIVE; JOINDER OF PLAINTIFFS.

If it appears from the evidence that there was no other possible cause for the starting of a prairie fire near a railway track than sparks from a passing locomotive, the proper conclusion to be drawn is that the railway company is liable, notwithstanding that the sparks must have carried the fire an unusual distance and that no evidence was given as to the condition of the smoke stack and netting at the time. A number of plaintiffs joined in the *Tait* case presenting separate claims for losses by the same fire which plainly appeared by the statement of claim, to which the defendants filed a statement of defence without having moved to strike out any of the claims:—Held, without deciding whether Rule 218 of the King's Bench

Act justified the joinder of plaintiffs in this case, that it was too late to take the objection of misjoinder at the trial. A deduction was ordered to be made from plaintiff's counsel fees for the trial, because considerable time was taken up in proving title to the property destroyed which the defendants had not been asked to admit, and which would be presumed from mere possession as against tortfeasors. *Tait v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*; *Bain v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*; *Kellest v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 417, 16 Man. L.R. 391.

[Referred to in *Clark v. Ward*, 2 A.L.R. 468.]

CONSOLIDATION OF ACTIONS.

The consolidation of four actions, each by a different plaintiff against the same defendants, cannot, upon the motion of the common defendants, be granted either in the strict sense of the word "consolidation," to stay absolutely the proceedings in three actions and to require the plaintiffs to unite all their claims in one action, or, in the looser and less accurate sense, to select one action as the test action and stay the trial of the others pending the determination of the test action, as the particular issues in each case would be distinct from the issue in the others, though each action was based upon an alleged injury to the premises of the plaintiff, caused by the spread of the same fire negligently set out by the defendants on their land and negligently allowed to spread to the plaintiff's land. 2 D.L.R. 900, 3 O.W.N. 1015, affirmed. *Kuula v. Moose Mountain Ltd.* (No. 2), 5 D.L.R. 814, 3 O.W.N. 1203, 22 O.W.R. 64, 26 O.L.R. 332.

[*Amos v. Chadwick* (1877), 4 Ch. D. 869, affirmed (1878), 9 Ch. D. 459; *Westbrooke v. Australian Royal Mail Steam Navigation Co.* (1853), 23 L.J.N.S. C.P. 42; *Lee v. Arthur* (1908), 100 L.T.R. 61; *Williams v. Township of Raleigh*, 13 P.R. (Ont.) 50, specially referred to.]

FIRE FROM LOCOMOTIVE; DAMAGE TO "STANDING BUSH"; "LANDS"; "PLANTATIONS."

In an action brought under s. 298 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, to recover the amount of damage caused to "standing bush" on the plaintiff's land by a fire, alleged to have been started by a locomotive of the defendants, there was a conflict of evidence as to whether the fire which actually did the damage spread to the plaintiff's land from a fire started by the defendants' locomotive, or from a fire started on the land of one H:—Held, that there was evidence to justify the written finding

of the jury that the damage to the plaintiff's property was caused by fire from the defendants' locomotive, and that an apparently inconsistent oral response made by the foreman to a question put by the trial Judge, was on the evidence, reconcilable with the written finding:—Held, also, that "standing bush" comes within the provisions of s. 298, being included in "lands," notwithstanding the occurrence of "plantations" in the words of the enactment, "crops, lands, fences, plantations, or buildings and their contents." In regard to legislation of this kind, the rule is to adopt the construction most beneficial to the public: see s. 15 of the Interpretation Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 1, s. 15. *Campbell v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 300, 18 O.L.R. 466.

SPARKS FROM LOCOMOTIVE; PROXIMATE CAUSE.

Plaintiff was the owner of a warehouse in close proximity to defendants' railway. Within six feet of the warehouse he piled a quantity of hay, which became ignited by a spark from a locomotive on the railway, and the fire spread to the warehouse, which was totally destroyed. The jury found that the fire originated from the defendant's engine, but that the plaintiff had been guilty of negligence in storing the hay in such close proximity to the railway:—Held, that as the jury had found the plaintiff negligent, and as such negligence was the proximate cause of the damage, he could not recover. *Cairns v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 306, 2 Sask. L.R. 71.

DESTRUCTION OF "CROPS"; SPARKS FROM LOCOMOTIVE; MARSH HAY CUT AND BALED.

The Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, s. 298, enacts that "whenever damage is caused to crops . . . plantations, or buildings and their contents, by a fire, started by a railway locomotive, the company making use of such locomotive, whether guilty of negligence or not, shall be liable for such damage":—Held, that the plaintiff was not entitled to recover under the above section in respect to marsh hay cut at some distance from the railway and baled and piled on the property of another person along a siding of the defendants, to which place it had been carried while awaiting shipment, and where it had been destroyed by fire caused by sparks from one of the defendants' locomotives. Judgments of Teetzel, J., and a Divisional Court reversed. *Fraser v. Pere Marquette Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 308, 18 O.L.R. 589.

[Referred to in *Ottawa Y.M.C.A. v. Ottawa*, 20 O.L.R. 567.]

FIRE SPREAD TO ADJOINING PROPERTY; CONDITION OF RIGHT OF WAY; ORIGIN OF FIRE.

Fire was seen smouldering in a dry stump on a high bank, about level with an engine smokestack, on defendant company's right of way. Evidence was given that one engine passed the place ten hours, and another six hours previously. Evidence also went to shew that the right of way contained inflammable material, and that there were other fires, whose origin was unknown, in the vicinity of the right of way. The fire in question was first seen by some of plaintiff's workmen, when it was insignificant in extent and the weather was calm, but the wind rising, the fire spread and burnt plaintiffs' mill property and a large extent of timber area:—Held, on appeal (affirming the finding of Irving J., at the trial, dismissing the action), that there was no evidence to connect the setting of the fire by sparks from the defendant company's engines. *Laidlaw & Laurie v. Crow's Nest Southern Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 27, 14 B.C.R. 169.

[Affirmed in 42 Can. S.C.R. 355, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 32.]

COMBUSTIBLE MATTER ON BERM; ORIGIN OF FIRE; DAMAGE TO ADJOINING PROPERTY.

In an action against a railway company subject to the British Columbia Railway Act, if there is no evidence that the company had knowledge or notice of the existence of a fire on their right-of-way, not caused by the operation of the railway, the fact that the condition of the right-of-way facilitated the spread of the fire to adjoining property which was destroyed by it does not amount to actionable negligence. 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 27, 14 B.C.R. 169, affirmed. *Laidlaw & Laurie v. Crow's Nest Southern Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 32, 42 Can. S.C.R. 355.

CAUSE OF FIRE; SPARKS FROM RAILWAY LOCOMOTIVE; CONJECTURE.

In an action to recover damages for the destruction of property of the plaintiff by fire alleged to have been started by sparks from a locomotive of the defendants, the trial Judge, MacMahon, J., found in favour of the plaintiffs:—Held, by a Divisional Court, reversing the finding, which was based upon a misapprehension of the evidence, that the plaintiffs had failed to meet the onus cast upon them by the law and to prove that the fire which caused the damage came from the defendants' engine. In every case there must be evidence from which it can fairly be inferred, not simply guessed, that the damage was caused by the defendant. *Connacher v. City of Toronto*, an

unreported decision of the Queen's Bench Division, 4th March, 1893, and Campbell v. Acton Tanning Co., an unreported decision of the Court of Appeal, 29th June, 1900, specially referred to. *Beal v. Michigan Central Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 37, 19 O.L.R. 502.

[Approved in *Gordon v. Goodwin*, 20 O.L.R. 327; *Ryan v. McIntosh*, 20 O.L.R. 31.]

PRAIRIE FIRE; STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR SETTING FIRE; WANT OF REASONABLE CARE; CONSENT OF ADJOINING LAND OWNERS.

Defendant in the month of September undertook to burn a fireguard along its track. No guards were ploughed before the fire was set. The defendants' foreman went ahead of the other employees and fired the prairie, and the others followed at some distance with appliances for extinguishing fire. The wind was blowing in gusts and away from the track, and the men were unable to stop the fire, which escaped and burned the plaintiff's crop. The defendants sought to explain their neglect to plough a guard on the ground that the guard must be 300 feet from the line, and to do so they must have trespassed on the property of others. It was not shewn, however, that the owners of such land had refused permission to plough a guard thereon. The defendants, after filing a defence, obtained leave to pay certain money into Court, and paid a certain sum in, but gave no notice of payment.—Held, that while the company had a right to burn its right-of-way and was required by the Railway Act to do so, yet in so burning it must exercise reasonable care to see that the fire does not escape. (2) That the degree of care required varies at different seasons, and when the grasses are dry and the conditions are conducive to the spread of fire especial care is required, and the starting of a fire when the conditions are favourable to its escape without proper guard and precautions is prima facie negligent. (3) That the company was not excused from complying with the statutory provisions as to ploughed guards by reason of the fact that such guards would have to be ploughed on the property of others, unless it was shewn that such adjoining land owners refused to permit such guards to be ploughed. (4) That no notice of payment in of the amount awarded as damages having been given by the defendant to the plaintiff, the defendant was not entitled to be relieved of costs by such payment in. *Kennermann v. Can. North. Ry. Co.*, (Sask.) 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 287.

LIABILITY FOR FIRES; FIRE STARTING ON RIGHT-OF-WAY; BREACH OF STATUTORY DUTY.

Under c. 91 of R.S.N.S. 1900, which requires a railway to clear from off the sides of its roadway, where it passes through woods, all combustible material, it is answerable for the value of property adjacent to its roadway that was destroyed by fire which was started on the roadway by sparks from engines, in an accumulation of dried grass, ferns, bushes, and turf. *Rainville v. The Grand Trunk*, 25 Ont. App. 242, affirmed, sub nom. *The Grand Trunk v. Rainville*, 29 Can. S.C.R. 201, specially referred to. *Schwartz v. Halifax & S.W. Ry. Co. (N.S.)*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 85, 4 D.L.R. 691.

[Affirmed in 11 D.L.R. 790, 47 Can. S.C.R. 590.]

LIABILITY FOR FIRES; BREACH OF STATUTORY DUTY; COMBUSTIBLES.

Since an absolute duty is imposed on a railway company by R.S.N.S. 1900, c. 91, to at all times keep its right-of-way where it passes through woods, clear from all combustible material, such as bushes, grass and fern, it is answerable for damages caused an adjoining land owner by fire started in an accumulation of combustible material on its right-of-way, by sparks from a locomotive. *Halifax and South-Western Ry. Co. v. Schwartz*, 11 D.L.R. 790, 47 Can. S.C.R. 590, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 186.

[*Schwartz v. Halifax and South-Western Ry. Co.*, 4 D.L.R. 691, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 85, 46 N.S.R. 20, affirmed.]

PROXIMATE CAUSE; SPREAD OF FIRE; SEVERAL CONCURRENT FIRES AS CAUSE.

Where it appears that the loss by fire was occasioned by the concurrence of several fires for only one of which the defendant was liable, a refusal to put to the jury the question of what other fires were burning at the time in that vicinity and which one or more of such fires occasioned or contributed to the burning of the plaintiff's property, will not justify a new trial, where the Judge in his instructions to the jury fully covers that point. *King Lumber Co. v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, (B.C.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 313, 7 D.L.R. 733.

[Appeal to Privy Council withdrawn by consent.]

SPARKS FROM LOCOMOTIVE.

Where, from the testimony, the inference is strong that sparks from a locomotive started a fire at a point off a railway company's right-of-way, where, to the knowledge of the company's servants, the fire

smouldered for nearly a month, and then, fanned by a high wind, it spread, jumped across a river and destroyed standing timber belonging to the plaintiff, the company is properly held liable therefor under s. 298 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37. *Farquharson v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 3 D.L.R. 258, 20 W.L.R. 914, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 190.

[Followed in *Kerr v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 12 D.L.R. 425, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 193.]

FIRES; LOCOMOTIVE; INFERENCE.

The fact that no fire was seen at or near a railway track until twenty minutes after the passage of a railway locomotive which had not been recently inspected, justified an inference that the fire originated from sparks from such locomotive. *Kerr v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, (B.C.) 12 D.L.R. 425, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 193.

[*Farquharson v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 3 D.L.R. 258, followed; see also *Railway Act*, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, s. 208 as amended.]

CROWN TIMBER LICENCEE; RIGHT OF LICENCEE TO SUE FOR DAMAGES.

An action for damage by fire to timber growing on lands held under licence from the Crown can be maintained by the plaintiff as licencee. *West v. Corbett*, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 195, 41 N.B.R. 420.

Note on liability of railway companies for fires. 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 208. Note on use of defective engines or appliances, and improper and negligent management of trains. 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 212.

Note on failure to remove combustible material from railway lands. 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 213.

Note on actions for damages done by fire. 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 516.

FLAG STATIONS.

See Stations.

FLAGMEN.

See Highway Crossings; Railway Crossings; Crossings, Injuries at.

FOREIGN COMPANIES.

For regulation of foreign companies, see Board of Railway Commissioners; Tolls and Tariffs; Telegraph and Telephones; Bridges; Cars.

FORESHORE.

See Title to Lands, Expropriation; Waters.

For interference with access to Harbour, see Injunction.

For expropriation of Foreshore, see Expropriation.

For Power of Dominion Parliament to regulate Provincial Foreshore and Harbour, see Constitutional Law.

FRANCHISES.

See Corporate Powers; Railway Subsidy; Street Railways.

FRAUD AND DECEIT.

FRAUD AND DECEIT; DUTY OF RAILWAY COMPANY TO QUOTE CORRECT RATES.

A railway company, as a common carrier, apart from any statutory obligation, is bound to give accurate information when requested by any prospective shipper as to the rate of freight on goods proposed to be shipped. The provisions of s. 339, subs. 3, of the Railway Act making it compulsory upon the agent to produce any particular tariff upon demand, do not affect the duty of the common carrier at common law to give correct information on request. If the station agent in the ordinary course of his duty, upon request of prospective shipper, misrepresents, even though innocently and without fraud, the rate of freight on the goods to be shipped, knowing the shipper intends to rely upon the rate quoted in making contract of sale of these goods, the railway company is liable in an action of deceit for the damage occasioned to the shipper by his reliance upon the agent's statement—and this even where the agent was supplied with full and accurate information by the company and the agent made such untrue representation without the knowledge of the company. *Semble*, if the improper quotation is made negligently, an action for damages based on negligence will probably also lie. *Semble*, if, however, any person requires and is satisfied with the production of the proper tariff in compliance with the statutory duty imposed on the railway company, and relies on his own efforts to ascertain the correct rate therefrom, the railway company will not be liable for any mistakes he may make in the absence of request for assistance from the company's agent. Where the shipper relies upon untrue representations of the freight rate and sells goods on the basis of the freight rate quoted which is a lesser rate than the correct rate, the measure of damages is not the difference between the rate quoted and the rate paid, but is the difference, if any, between the

net price realized for the goods, and the wholesale price at the point of shipment at the time of shipment, plus expenses of sale and shipment. Where the trial Judge adopted an improper measure of damages, the case was remitted to him for re-assessment. Judgment of District Court Judge affirmed as to defendant's liability, but case remitted to him for re-assessment of the damages. *Urquhart & Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 500, 2 Alta. L.R. 280.

[Disapproved in *Gillis Supply Co. v. Chicago, Milwaukee, & Puget Sound Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 35, 16 B.C.R. 254.]

INCORRECT RATE QUOTED BY AGENT.

Plaintiff company, a British Columbia concern, sought from the defendant company's agent at Seattle, Wash., U.S.A., information as to the rate on plaster from a point in Kansas and was given a certain figure per ton. There was some dispute as to whether the rate quoted was from Kansas to Seattle (according to defendant company's contention) or to Vancouver, B.C. (according to plaintiff company's contention), but a letter from an official of defendant company confirming the quotation of a rate to Vancouver was put in evidence. There was no evidence that there had been any carelessness or recklessness shewn in giving the information:—Held, on appeal, reversing the finding of the trial Judge, that an action of deceit did not lie in the circumstances:—Held, further, that there is no duty cast upon a common carrier to give correct verbal information as to rates:—Held, further, that to entitle plaintiff company to succeed, the wrong complained of, having been committed in the State of Washington, must be shewn to be actionable in British Columbia as well. *Urquhart Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 2 Alta. L.R. 280, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 500, disapproved of. *Gillis Supply Co. v. Chicago, Milwaukee, & Puget Sound Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 35, 16 B.C.R. 254.

Note on misrepresentations supporting action for deceit. 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 520.

FREE PASS.

For liability for injuries to employees travelling on free pass, see *Employees*.

FREIGHT.

See *Carriers of Goods*.

For regulation of tolls and service, see *Tolls and Tariffs; Train Service*.

FREIGHT AGENTS.

See *Agents*.

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GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

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Liability of Crown for construction and maintenance of railway bridges, see *Bridges*.

A. Contracts.

CONTRACT; CLAIM FOR EXTRA WORK; CERTIFICATE OF ENGINEER.

The suppliant engaged by contract under seal, dated 4th December, 1872, with the Minister of Public Works, to construct, finish and complete, for a lump sum of \$78,000, a deep sea wharf at the Richmond station at Halifax, N.S., agreeably to the plans in the engineer's office and specifications, and with such directions as would be given by the engineer in charge during the progress of the work. By the 7th clause of the contract no extra work could be performed, unless "ordered in writing by the engineer in charge before the execution of the work." By letter, dated 26th August, 1873, the Minister of Public Works authorized the suppliant to make an addition to the wharf, by the erection of a superstructure to be used as a coal floor, for the additional sum of \$18,400. Further extra work, which amounted to \$2,781, was performed under another letter from the Public Works Department. The work was completed, and on the final certificate of the Government's engineer in charge of the works, the sum of \$9,681, as the balance due, was paid

to the suppliant, who gave the following receipt, dated 30th April, 1875:—"Received from the Intercolonial Railway, in full, for all amounts against the Government for works under contract, as follows: "Richmond deep water wharf, works for storage of coals, works for bracing wharf, rebuilding two stone cribs the sum of \$9,681." The suppliant sued for extra work, which he alleged was not covered by the payment made on the 30th April, 1875, and also for damages caused to him by deficiency in and irregularity of payments. The petition was dismissed with costs; and a rule nisi for a new trial was subsequently moved for and discharged:—Held, affirming judgment of the Court below, that all work performed by the suppliant for the Government was either contract work within the plans or specifications, or extra work within the meaning of the 7th clause of the contract, and that he was paid in full the contract price, and also the price of all extra work for which he could produce written authority, and that the written authority of the engineer and the estimate of the value of the work are conditions precedent to the right of the suppliant to recover payment for any other extra work. Henry, J., dissenting. Per Ritchie, C.J., that neither the engineer, nor the clerk of the works, nor any subordinate officer in charge of any of the works of the Dominion of Canada, has any power or authority, express or implied, under the law to bind the Crown to any contract or expenditure not specially authorized by the express terms of the contract duly entered into between the Crown and the contractor according to law, and then only in the specific manner provided for by the express terms of the contract. *O'Brien v. The Queen*, 4 Can. S.C.R. 529.

PETITION OF RIGHT; INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY CONTRACT; CONDITION PRECEDENT TO RECOVERY OF MONEY FOR EXTRA WORK.

On the 25th of May, 1870, J. and S., contractors, entered into a contract with the Intercolonial Railway Commissioners, authorized by 31 Vict. c. 13, to construct and complete s. No. 7 of the said Intercolonial Railway for the Dominion of Canada, for a bulk sum of \$557,750. During the progress of the work, changes of various kinds were made. The works were sufficiently completed to admit of rails being laid, and the line opened for traffic on the 11th November, 1870. The total amount paid on the 10th February, 1873, was \$557,750, the amount of the contract. The contractors thereupon presented a claim to the commissioners amounting to \$116,463.83 for extra work, etc., beyond what was included in their contract. The commissioners,

after obtaining a report from the chief engineer, recommended that an additional sum of \$31,091.85 (less a sum of \$5,300 for timber bridging not executed, and \$10,354.24 for under drain taken off contractors' hands) be paid to the contractors upon receiving a full discharge of all claims of every kind or description under the contract. The balance was tendered to suppliants and refused. The contractors thereupon, by petition of right, claimed \$124,633.33 as due from the Crown to them for extra work done by them outside of and beyond the written contract, alleging that by orders of the chief engineer additional work and alterations were required, but these orders were carried out only on the understanding that such additional work and alterations should be paid for extra; and alleging further, that they were put to large expense and compelled to do much extra work which they were entitled to be paid for, in consequence of misrepresentations in plans and bills of works exhibited at the time of letting. On the profile plan it was stated that the best information in possession of the chief engineer respecting the probable quantities of the several kinds of work would be found in the schedules accompanying the plan. "But contractors must understand that these quantities are not guaranteed;" and in the bill of works, which purported to be an abstract of all information in possession of the commissioners and chief engineer with regard to the quantities, it was stated, "the quantities herein given as ascertained from the best data obtained are, as far as known, approximately accurate, but at the same time they are not warranted as accurate, and no claim of any kind will be allowed, though they may prove to be inaccurate."

The contract provided inter alia, that it should be distinctly understood, intended and agreed that the said price or consideration of \$557,750 should be the price of, and be held to be full compensation for all works embraced in, or contemplated by the said contract, or which might be required in virtue of any of its provisions, or by law, and that the contractors should not, upon any pretext whatever, be entitled, by reason of any change, alteration or addition made in or to such works, or in the said plans and specification, or by reason of the exercise of any of the powers vested in the Governor-in-council by the said Act, intitled, "An Act respecting the construction of the Intercolonial Railway," or in the Commissioners or engineer, by the said contract or by law, to claim or demand any further or additional sum for extra work, or as damages or otherwise, the contractors thereby expressly

waiving and abandoning all and any such claim or pretension, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, except as provided in the fourth section of the said contract, relating to alterations in the grade or line of location; and that the said contract and the said specification should be in all respects subject to the provisions of the Act first cited in the said contract, intitled, "An Act respecting the construction of the Intercolonial Railway," 31 Vict. c. 13, and also, in so far as they might be applicable, to the provisions of the Railway Act of 1868. The 19th section of 32 Vict. c. 13, enacts "that no money shall be paid to any contractor until the chief engineer shall have certified that the work, for or on account of which the same shall be claimed, has been duly executed, nor until such certificate shall have been approved of by the Commissioners. No certificate was given by the chief engineer of the execution of the work:—Held, by the Exchequer Court of Canada, Ritchie, J., that the contract requiring that any work done on the road must be certified to by the chief engineer, until he so certified and such certificate was approved of by the Commissioners, the contractors were not entitled to be paid anything. That if the work in question was extra work, the contractors had by the contract waived all claim for payment for any such work. If such extra work was of a character so peculiar and unexpected as to be considered dehors the contract, then there was no such contract with the Commissioners as would give the contractors any legal claim against the Crown; the Commissioners alone being able to bind the Crown, and they only as authorized by statute. That there was no guarantee, express or implied, as to the quantities, nor any misrepresentations respecting them. But even if there had been, a petition of right will not lie against the Crown for tort, or for a claim based on an alleged fraud, imputing to the Crown fraudulent misconduct of its servants. In the contract it was also provided that if the contractors failed to perform the works within the time agreed upon in and by the said contract, to wit, 1st July, 1871, the contractors would forfeit all money then due and owing to them under the terms of the contract, and also the further sum of \$2,000 per week for all the time during which said works remained incomplete after the said 1st July, 1871, by way of liquidated damages for such default. The contract was not completed till the end of August, 1872:—Held, that if the Crown insisted on requiring a decree for the penalties, time being declared the essence of the contract, the damages attached, and the Crown was en-

titled to a sum of \$2,000 per week from the 1st July, 1871, till the end of August, 1872, for liquidated damages. The Crown subsequently waiving the forfeiture, judgment was rendered in favour of the suppliers for the sum of \$2,436.11, being the amount tendered by the respondent, less the costs of the Crown in the case to be taxed and deducted from the said amount. Jones v. The Queen, 7 Can. S.C.R. 570.

[Adhered to in *Berlinquet v. The Queen*, 13 Can. S.C.R. 74; followed in *The Queen v. McGreevy*, 18 S.C.R. 384.]

TENDER FOR WORK ON INTERCOLONIAL RY.; LIABILITY OF CROWN; EXTRA WORK.

In January, 1872, the commissioners of the Intercolonial Ry. gave public notice that they were prepared to receive tenders for the erection inter alia of certain engine houses, according to plans and specification deposited at the office of the chief engineers at Ottawa. J. I. tendered for the erection of an engine house at Matapedia, and in October following he was instructed by the commissioners to proceed in the execution of the work, according to his accepted tender, the price being \$21,989. The work was completed and delivered to the Government in October, 1874. The specification provided as follows: "The commissioners will provide and lay railway iron, and will also provide and fix cast-iron columns, iron girders, and other iron work required for supporting roof." In September, 1873, J. I. was unable to proceed further with the execution of his work, in consequence of the neglect of the commissioners to supply the iron girders, etc., until March following, owing to which delay he suffered loss and damage. During the execution of the work, J. I. was instructed and directed by the commissioners, or their engineers, to perform, and did perform, certain extra work not included in his accepted tender, and not according to the plans, drawings and specifications. By his petition of right, J. I. claimed \$3,795.75 damages, in consequence of the delay on the part of the commissioners to provide the cast-iron columns, etc., and \$8,505.10 for extra works. The Crown demurred, and also traversed the allegation of negligence and delay, and admitted extra work to the amount of \$5,056.60, and set up the 18th s. of 31 Vict. c. 13, which required the certificate of the engineer-in-chief as a condition precedent to the payment of any sum of money for work done on the Intercolonial Ry. By 38 Vict. c. 15, on the 1st June, 1874, the Intercolonial Ry. was declared to be a public work vested in her Majesty, and under the control and management of the Minister of Public Works, and

all the powers and duties of the commissioners were transferred to the Minister of Public Works, and s. 3 of 31 Vict. c. 13, was repealed, with so much of any other part of the said Act as might be in any way inconsistent with 37 Vict. c. 15:—Held, by the Exchequer Court of Canada, Fournier, J.:—That the tender and its acceptance by the commissioners constituted a valid contract between the Crown and J. I., and that the delay and neglect on the part of the commissioners acting for the Crown to provide and fix the cast-iron columns, etc., which were, by the specifications, to be provided and fixed by them, was a breach of the said contract, and that the Crown was liable for the damages resulting from such breach. (2) That the extra work claimed for, being for a sum less than \$10,000, the commissioners had power to order the same under the statute 31 Vict. c. 13, s. 16, and J. I. could recover, by petition of right, for such part of the extra work claimed as he had been directed to perform. (3) That the 18th s. of 31 Vict. c. 13, not having been embodied in the agreement with J. I., as a condition precedent to the payment of any sum for work executed, the Crown could not now rely on that section of the statute for work done and accepted, and received by the Government. (4) That the effect of 37 Vict. c. 15 was to abolish the office of chief engineer of the Intercolonial Ry., and for work performed and received on or after the 1st June, 1874, to dispense with the necessity of obtaining, as a condition precedent to the payment for the same, the certificate of said chief engineer in accordance with s. 18 of 31 Vict. c. 13. *Isbester v. The Queen*, 7 Can. S.C.R. 696.

PETITION OF RIGHT; CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY.

The suppliants by their petition of right alleged that they were contractors for the building of section No. 4 of the Intercolonial Ry., and duly entered upon and completed their contract, which contract they alleged was, under the Act entitled "An Act respecting the construction of the Intercolonial Ry.," within the time, and according to the terms, covenants and conditions set forth in said contract. That in following the directions and instructions of the commissioners and the engineers employed and placed in charge of the said works, which directions and instructions were given from time to time as provided by the contract, and the said suppliants were bound to follow, and did follow, they performed a large amount of extra work not comprised in said contract, nor in the data furnished to them at the time the said contract was entered into, nor in the schedules and specifications

referred to in said contract and connected therewith, and not intended to be covered by the lump sum, which formed the consideration money of said contract. That they were put to great expense by delays in preparations by the commissioners and engineers, and to great loss and damage by reason of changes and alterations necessitated by the unskillful manner in which the works had been laid out by the engineers. That the suppliants were deceived and misled in making their estimates by insufficient and erroneous data in the schedule of works and quantities prepared and published by the chief engineer. That it had not been the usage, nor was it the intention of the parties, to be held to the strict letter of the contract when the schedule gave erroneous or insufficient information, entailing extra work which could be performed only with ruinous consequences, but they were entitled to be paid for such extra work. The suppliants set out at length the various kinds of extra work done and changes made, and prayed for a settlement of accounts, that they might be allowed their claim for the extra work done, for the materials provided by them, for damages resulting from defects of plans, specifications and surveys, from changes made in location, grade, etc., from the negligence and want of skill of the Government engineers, and for breach of the contract in being prevented from proceeding with the work, and that they might be reimbursed sums of money advanced during the progress of the work with interest. The Attorney-General demurred on the following grounds: That it did not appear by the petition that the chief engineer of the I.C. Ry. had certified that the work for or on account of which the suppliants claimed had been duly executed, or that the suppliants were entitled to be paid therefor or for any part thereof, nor that such certificate had been approved of by the commissioners of said railway as required by s. 18 of the Act of Parliament of Canada, entitled "An Act respecting the construction of the I.C. Ry.," passed in the 31st year of H.M. reign; that H.M. was not responsible in a petition of right for the damages and injuries mentioned; that it did not appear by the terms of the contract the commissioners or their engineers were under any obligation to lay out work or furnish specifications therefor; that it appeared by the petition that the extra work claimed for was done in pursuance of directions given by the engineers as provided by the contract, and it was not alleged any extra payment was to be made therefor; that it was immaterial that the schedules of works were defective or erroneous, because such schedules were not alleged to have been warranted as accurate.

but only of probable quantities, and the demurrer denied liability for any of the other matters mentioned in the petition on the ground that the contract provided for them, or that the work, if done, was not in any way warranted by H.M., or had been done under the directions of the engineers acting within the contract. In the Exchequer Court, Henry, J., overruled the demurrer with costs. On appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada by the Attorney-General:—Held, that the suppliants' petition was too indefinite in form, and was insufficient in not setting out the contract, and a compliance with the requirements of s. 18 of 31 Vict. c. 13 (C.), or satisfactory ground of compliance with the condition precedent required by that section. Appeal allowed. Judgment of the Exchequer Court reversed, with leave to the suppliant (the Crown assenting) to amend his petition, on payment of costs of appeal and demurrer, by setting out the contract and such averments as he might be advised. *The Queen v. Smith* (Nov. 20, 1879), Cass. Can. S.C.R. Dig. 1893, p. 634.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACT; ASSIGNMENT; EFFECT OF.

On the 2nd August, 1878, H. C. & F. entered into a contract with Her Majesty to do the excavation, etc., of the Georgian Bay branch of the Canadian Pacific Ry. Shortly after the date of the contract and after the commencement of the work, H. C. & F. associated with themselves several partners in the work, amongst others S. & R. (respondents), and on 30th June, 1879, the whole contract was assigned to S. & R. Subsequently, on the 25th July, 1879, the contract with H. C. & F. was cancelled by Order-in-Council, on the ground that satisfactory progress had not been made with the work as required by the contract. On the 5th August, 1879, S. & R. notified the Minister of Railways of the transfer made to them of the contract. On the 9th August, the Order-in-Council of July 25th was sent to H. C. & F. On the 14th August, 1879, an Order-in-Council was passed stating that as the Government had never assented to the transfer and assignment of the contract to S. & R., the contractors should be notified that the contract was taken out of their hands and annulled. In consequence of this notification S. & R., who were carrying on the works, ceased work, and with the consent of the Minister of Public Works, realized their plant and presented a claim for damages, and finally H. C. & F. and S. & R. filed a petition of right claiming \$250,000 damages for breach of contract. The statement in defence set up inter alia, the 17th clause of the contract which provided

against the contractors assigning the contract, and in case of assignment without Her Majesty's consent, enabled Her Majesty to take the works out of the contractors' hands, and employ such means as she might see fit to complete the same; and in such case the contractor should have no claim for any further payment in respect of the works performed, but remain liable for loss by reason of non-completion by the contractor. At the trial there was evidence that the Minister of Public Works knew that S. & R. were partners, and that he was satisfied that they were connected with the concern. There was also evidence that the department knew S. & R. were carrying on the works, and that S. & R. had been informed by the Deputy Minister of the department that all that was necessary to be officially recognized as contractors was to send a letter to the Government from H. C. & F. In the Exchequer, Henry, J., awarded the suppliants \$171,040.77 damages. On appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada it was:—Held, reversing the judgment of Henry, J., Fournier and Henry, JJ., dissenting, that there was no evidence of a binding assent on the part of the Crown to an assignment of the contract to S. & R., who, therefore, were not entitled to recover. (2) That H. C. & F., the original contractors, by assigning their contract put it in the power of the Government to rescind the contract absolutely, which was done by the Order-in-Council of the 14th August, 1871, and the contractors under the 17th clause could not recover either for the value of work actually done, the loss of prospective damages, or the reduced value of the plant. *Queen v. Smith*, 10 Can. S.C.R. 1.

BREACH OF CONTRACT; AGREEMENT WITH GOVERNMENT FOR CONTINUOUS POSSESSION OF RAILROAD; MISFEASANCE.

By an agreement entered into between the Windsor and Annapolis Ry. Co. and the Government, approved and ratified by the Governor-in-Council, 22nd September, 1871, the Windsor Branch Ry., N.S., together with certain running powers over the trunk line of the Intercolonial, was leased to the suppliants for the period of 21 years from 1st January, 1872. The suppliants under said agreement went into possession of said Windsor Branch and operated the same thereunder up to the 1st August, 1877, on which date C. J. B., being and acting as Superintendent of Railways, as authorized by the Government (who claimed to have authority under an Act of the Parliament of Canada, 37 Vict. c. 16, passed with reference to the Windsor Branch, to transfer the same to the Western Counties Ry. Co. otherwise than subject to the rights of the Windsor

and Annapolis Ry. Co.) ejected suppliants from and prevented them from using said Windsor Branch and from passing over the said trunk line; and four or five weeks afterwards said Government gave over the possession of said Windsor Branch to the Western Counties Ry. Co., who took and retained possession thereof. In a suit brought by the Windsor and Annapolis Ry. Co. against the Western Counties Ry. Co. for recovery of possession, etc., the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council held that 37 Viet. c. 16 did not extinguish the right and interest which the Windsor and Annapolis Ry. Co. had in the Windsor Branch under the agreement of 22nd September, 1872. On a petition of right being filed by suppliants, claiming indemnity for the damage sustained by the breach and failure on the part of the Crown to perform the said agreement of 22nd September, 1871, the Exchequer Court of Canada, Gwynne, J., presiding, held that the taking possession of the road by an officer of the Crown under the assumed authority of an Act of Parliament was a tortious act for which a petition of right did not lie. On appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada:—Held, Strong and Gwynne, JJ., dissenting, that the Crown by the answer of the Attorney-General did not set up any tortious act for which the Crown claimed not to be liable, but alleged that it had a right to put an end to the contract and did so, and that the action of the Crown and its officers being lawful and not tortious, they were justified. But, as the agreement was still a continuous, valid and binding agreement to which they had no right to put an end, this defence failed. Therefore, the Crown, by its officers, having acted on a misconception of or misinformation as to the rights of the Crown, and, wrongfully, because contrary to the express and implied stipulations of their agreement, but not tortiously in law, evicted the suppliants, and so, though unconscious of the wrong, by such breach become possessed of the suppliant's property, the petition of right would lie for the restitution of such property and for damages. Prior to the filing of the petition of right, the suppliants sued the Western Counties Ry. Co. for the recovery of the possession of the Windsor Branch, and also by way of damages for moneys received by the Western Counties Ry. Co. for the freight or passengers on said railway since the same came into their possession, and obtained judgment for the same, but were not paid. The judgment in question was not pleaded by the Crown, but was proved on the hearing by the record in the Supreme Court of Canada, to which Court an appeal in said cause had been taken, and which affirmed the judgment of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia:—Held, per

Ritchie, C.J., and Taschereau, J., that the suppliants could not recover against the Crown, as damages, for breach of contract, what they claimed and had judgment for as damages for a tort committed by the Western Counties Ry. Co., and in this case there was no necessity to plead the judgment. Per Fournier and Henry, JJ., that the suppliants were entitled to damages for the time they were by the action of the Government deprived of the possession and use of the road to the date of the filing of their petition of right. Windsor and Annapolis Ry. Co. v. The Queen and the Western Counties Ry. Co., 10 Can. S.C.R. 335.

[In this case on appeal to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council the judgment of the Supreme Court was reversed in part. See 55 L.J.P.C.C. 41.]

[Applied in *McLean v. The King*, 38 Can. S.C.R. 546; discussed in *Re Massey Manufacturing Co.*, 11 O.R. 444; distinguished in *Brigham v. The Queen*, 6 Ex. C.R. 418; *McLean v. The King*, 38 Can. S.C.R. 549; followed in *Reg. v. Town Council of Dartmouth*, 17 N.S.R. 317; referred to in *Johnson v. The King*, 8 Ex. C.R. 369; relied on in *Hall v. The Queen*, 7 B.C.R. 92; *Reg. v. Mowatt*, 1 N.W. Terr. (Pt. 1) 87.]

PETITION OF RIGHT; INTERCOLONIAL RY. CONTRACT; CERTIFICATE OF ENGINEER A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO RECOVER MONEY FOR EXTRA WORK.

The suppliants agreed, by contracts under seal, dated 25th May, 1870, with the Intercolonial Ry. Commissioners (authorized by 31 Viet. c. 13), to build, construct and complete sections three and six of the railway for a lump sum for section three of \$462,444, and for section six of \$456,946.43. The contract provided, inter alia, that it should be distinctly understood, intended, and agreed that the said lump sum should be the price of, and be held to be full compensation for, all works embraced in or contemplated by the said contract, or which might be required in virtue of any of its provisions or by-laws, and the contractors should not, upon any pretext whatever, be entitled, by reason of any change, alteration or addition made in or to such works, or in said plans or specifications, or by reason of the exercise of any of the powers vested in the Governor-in-council by the said Act intituled, "An Act respecting the Construction of the Intercolonial Ry.," or in the commissioners or engineers by the said contract or by law, to claim or demand any further sum for extra work, or as damages or otherwise, the contractors thereby expressly waiving and abandoning all and every such claim or preten-

sion, to all intents and purposes whatsoever, except as provided in the fourth section of the contract relating to alteration in the grade or line of location; and that the said contract and the said specification should be in all respects subject to the provisions of 31 Vict. c. 13, that the works embraced in the contracts should be fully and entirely complete in every particular and given up under final certificates and to the satisfaction of the engineers, on the 1st of July, 1871 (time being declared to be material and of the essence of the contract), and in default of such completion contractors should forfeit all right, claim, etc., to money due or percentage agreed to be retained, and to pay as liquidated damages \$2,000 for each and every week for the time the work might remain uncompleted; that the commissioners upon giving seven clear days' notice, if the works were not progressing so as to ensure their completion within the time stipulated or in accordance with the contract, had power to take the works out of the hands of the contractors and complete the works at their expense; in such case the contractors were to forfeit all right to money due on the works and to the percentage returned. The work was taken out of the hands of the contractors for not having been satisfactorily proceeded with:—Held, affirming the judgment of the Exchequer Court on a petition of right filed by contractors, Fournier and Henry, JJ., dissenting, (1) that by their contracts the suppliants had waived all claim for payment of extra work. (2) That the contractors not having previously obtained, or been entitled to, a certificate from the chief engineer, as provided by 31 Vict. c. 13, s. 18, for or on account of the money which they claimed, the petition of the suppliants was properly dismissed. (3) Under the terms of the contract, the work not having been completed within the time stipulated, or in accordance with the contract, the commissioners had the power to take the contract out of the hands of the contractors and charge them with the extra cost of completing the same, but that in making up that amount the Court below should have deducted the amount awarded for the value of the plant and materials taken over from the contractors by the commissioners. *Berlinquet v. The Queen*, 13 Can. S.C.R. 26.

[Commented on in *The King v. Stewart*, 32 Can. S.C.R. 499.]

**CONTRACT TO BUILD GOVERNMENT RAILWAY;
CONDITIONS PRECEDENT.**

Held, that the compulsory powers given to the Government of Canada to expropriate lands required for any public work can only be exercised after compliance with

the statute requiring the land to be set out by metes and bounds and a plan or description filed; if these provisions are not complied with, and there is no order-in-council authorizing land to be taken when an order-in-council is necessary, a contractor with the Crown who enters upon the land to construct such public work thereon is liable to the owner in trespass for such entry. *20 N.S.R. 30 reversed. Kearney v. Oakes*, 18 Can. S.C.R. 148.

**CLAIM FOR EXTRA AND ADDITIONAL WORK
DONE ON INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY; CERTIFICATE BY CHIEF ENGINEER; APPROVAL BY COMMISSIONER OR MINISTER.**

In 1879 the respondent filed a petition of right for the sum of \$608,000 for extra work and damages arising out of his contract for the construction of s. 18 of the Intercolonial Ry. without having obtained a final certificate from F., who held at the time the position of Chief Engineer. In 1880, F. having resigned, F.S. was appointed Chief Engineer of the Intercolonial Ry. and investigated, amongst others, the respondent's claim, and reported a balance in his favor of \$120,371. Thereupon the respondent amended his petition and made a special claim for the \$120,371, alleging that F. S.'s report or certificate was a final closing certificate within the meaning of the contract, which question was submitted for the opinion of the Court by special case. This report was never approved of by the Intercolonial Ry. Commissioners or by the Minister of Railways and Canals under 31 Vict. c. 13, s. 18. The Exchequer Court, Fournier, J., presiding, held that the suppliant was entitled to recover on the certificate of F.S. On appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada:—Held, reversing the judgment of the Exchequer Court, 1st, per Ritchie, C.J. and Gwynne, J., that the report of F.S., assuming him to have been the Chief Engineer to give the final certificate under the contract, cannot be construed to be a certificate of the Chief Engineer, which does or can entitle the contractor to recover any sum as remaining due and payable to him under the terms of his contract, nor can any legal claim whatever against the Government be founded thereon. (2) Per Ritchie, C.J.:—That the contractor was not entitled to be paid anything until the final certificate of the Chief Engineer was approved of by the Commissioners or Minister of Railways and Canals, 31 Vict. c. 13, s. 18, and 37 Vict. c. 15; Jones v. The Queen, 7 Can. S.C.R. 570. (3) Per Patterson, J.:—That although F. S. was duly appointed chief engineer of the Intercolonial Ry., and his report may be held to be the final and closing certificate to which the

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suppliant was entitled under the eleventh clause of the contract, yet as it is provided by the fourth clause of the contract that any allowance for increased work is to be decided by the Commissioners and not by the engineer, the suppliant is not entitled to recover on F. S.'s certificate. Per Strong and Taschereau, J.J. (dissenting):—That F. S. was the Chief Engineer and as such had power under the eleventh clause of the contract to deal with the suppliant's claim and that his report was "a final closing certificate" entitling the respondent to the amount found by the Exchequer Court on the case submitted. Per Strong, Taschereau and Patterson, J.J.:—That the office of Commissioners having been abolished by 37 Vict. c. 15, and their duties and powers transferred generally to the Minister of Railways and Canals, the approval of the certificate was not a condition precedent to entitle the suppliant to claim the amount awarded to him by the final certificate of the Chief Engineer. 1 Ex. C.R. 321 reversed. The Queen v. McGreevy, 18 Can. S.C.R. 371.

[Applied in *Burroughes v. The Queen*, 20 Can. S.C.R. 429; followed in *Ross v. The Queen*, 4 Ex. C.R. 397; *Ross v. The Queen*, 25 Can. S.C.R. 564; referred to in *Goodwin v. The Queen*, 5 Ex. C.R. 324.]

PETITION OF RIGHT; SUBMISSION; MEDIATORS;
AWARD.

T. McG. who claimed a large sum of money from the Government of the Province of Quebec under a contract he had for the construction of a portion of the North Shore Ry., agreed to submit to three mediators or amiables compositeurs all controversies and difficulties existing between the Government and himself, and the submission stated that these mediators should inquire into, inter alia, the extent of the obligation of the contract passed between the government of Quebec and the said T. McG.; the alterations and modifications made in the plans, particulars and specifications mentioned in the said contract; what influence the said alterations and modifications may have had on the obligations of the said T. McG. and on those of the government; the delays caused by reasons irrelevant to the action of the contractor; the pecuniary value, whether for more or for less, of the alterations or any increase in the works; and finally, all things connected with the matter and the execution of the said contract, and with regard to the charges and obligations of both the government and the said contractor, according to the terms of the said contract. The submission also provided that the award was to be executed as a final and conclusive

judgment of the highest court of justice. The mediators by their award, after reciting the matters in controversy between the parties, found that the government of the Province of Quebec was indebted to T. McG. in the sum of \$147,473, and annexed thereto an affidavit stating they had inquired into all matters and difficulties submitted to them as appeared in the deed of submission. This amount being much less than the amount claimed by T. McG. he filed a petition of right, asking that the award be set aside on the ground that it did not cover the matters referred to the arbitrators in the submission. The Superior Court for the district of Quebec set aside the award, and on appeal to the Court of Queen's Bench for Lower Canada (appeal side) that Court reversed the judgment of the Superior Court and dismissed the petition of right. On appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada:—Held, affirming the judgment of the Court of Queen's Bench for Lower Canada (appeal side) that the object of the submission was to ascertain what amount the contractor T. McG. was to receive from the government, and the specification of the several matters referred to in the submission was merely to secure that in determining the amount the mediators should fully consider all these matters, and that all matters having been so considered the award was valid. Strong and Taschereau, J.J., dissenting. Per Fournier, J.—Mediators (amiables compositeurs) are not subject to the provisions of Art. 1346, C.P.C. and their award can only be set aside by reason of fraud or collusion if given on the matters referred to them. *McGreevy v. The Queen*, 19 Can. S.C.R. 180.

[Referred to in *Quebec Bridge & Ry. Co. v. Quebec Improvement Co.*, Q.R. 16 K.B. 112.]

DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS; CLAIMS FOR SUPPLIES.

The provisions of the twenty-third section of the Act respecting the Department of Railways and Canals, R.S.C., c. 37, which require all contracts affecting that department to be signed by the Minister, the Deputy Minister or some person specially authorized, and countersigned by the secretary, have reference only to contracts in writing made by that department (Gwynne, J., contra). Where goods have been bought by and delivered to officers of the Crown for public works, under orders verbally given by them in the performance of their duties, payment for the same may be recovered from the Crown, there being no statute requiring that all contracts by the Crown should be in writing. (Gwynne and King, J.J., contra.) 6 Ex. C.R. 39 affirmed.

The Queen v. Henderson et al., 28 Can. S.C.R. 425.

[Commented on The King v. British American Bank Note Co., 7 Ex. C.R. 135; distinguished Ross v. The King, 7 Ex. C.R. 287.]

B. Expropriation; Compensation.

EXPROPRIATION OF LAND FOR RAILWAY PURPOSES; VALUE OF LAND FOR BUILDING PURPOSES; DAMAGES RESULTING FROM WANT OF CROSSING.

The Crown had expropriated a certain portion of land which the claimant contended was held for sale as building lots. It was established in evidence that such land had not been laid off into lots prior to the expropriation, and that none of it had, therefore, been sold for building purposes. There was evidence, however, to show that there was a remote probability that the land would become available for such purposes upon the extension of the limits of an adjoining town. By the absence of a crossing over the railway, claimant was deprived of access to the shore, and thereby suffered loss in the use and occupation of the property remaining to her.—Held, per Burbridge, J., in the Exchequer Court of Canada, see 2 Ex. C. Rep. 21, that, while such remote probability added something to the value which the property would otherwise have had, compensation should not be based on any supposed value of the land for building purposes at the time of the expropriation:—Held, also, that claimant was entitled to compensation in respect of the damage resulting from the want of a crossing. On appeal by the claimant to the Supreme Court of Canada:—Held, that the amount of compensation awarded should be increased, on the ground that it did not appear that such compensation was assessed in view of the future damage that might result from the want of a crossing. 2 Ex. C.R. 21 varied. *Kearney v. The Queen* (1889), Cass. Can. S.C.R. Dig. 1893, p. 313.

[Followed in *Re Gilbert and St. John Horticultural Assn.*, 1 N.B. Eq. 448.]

EXPROPRIATION; SUFFICIENCY OF AWARD.

On the 3rd of February, 1882, Her Majesty, represented by the Minister of Railways and Canals, requiring a portion of a lot belonging to the respondents, for the construction of the St. Charles Branch of the Intercolonial Railway, deposited in the proper registry office, in accordance with s. 10 of the Government Railway Act, 1881, a plan of the land so required, and gave notice under s. 15 of said Act, tendering the sum of \$2,662.42 as compensation

for the land expropriated. The lot in question had been used as a cove, and, although the cove was not a large one, a profitable lumber business had been conducted thereon. To enable such a business to be carried on advantageously, a valuable wharf was erected, running into deep water, at which vessels of large size could load. The dimensions of this wharf were 6,336 cubic yards. The portion of the said lot so taken was a width of 25 feet through almost the middle of it and across the wharf by 211 feet, or in all 5,156 square feet of beach; the portion of the wharf thereon expropriated constituted 1,000 square feet. Upon the said respondents refusing to accept the sum tendered, the question of the value to be paid by Her Majesty for the land so expropriated, was submitted by the said the Minister of Railways and Canals, under the provisions of the Government Railways Act, 1881, to the Board of Official Arbitrators of Canada for their investigation and award. The said Board of Arbitrators, after hearing evidence upon the part of the claimants and the Crown, awarded the claimants the amount which had been tendered and refused as full compensation for the land expropriated, and all damage to the balance of the property, and imposed the costs of the arbitration upon the claimants. The respondents thereupon appealed to the Exchequer Court, and Mr. Justice Fournier, who heard the said appeal, and before whom one witness on either side was examined, set aside the award of the arbitrators, and allowed the claimants \$11,073 (being \$8,500 as damages suffered by the property through the construction of the road through it, and \$2,573 as the value of the land expropriated) as the amount which the arbitrators should have awarded them. He also allowed the claimants the costs of the appeal (save of their witnesses examined in the Exchequer Court) and before the arbitrators. From this judgment Her Majesty appealed to the Supreme Court, and the respondents gave notice to Her Majesty's Attorney-General of their intention upon the hearing of the appeal to contend that the decision of the Court below should be varied, and that the respondents were entitled to a larger sum as compensation and damages. The questions before the Court were entirely those of fact, and it was—Held, that the judgment of the Court below should be affirmed and the appeal dismissed with costs. *The Queen v. Murphy* (9th April, 1886), Cass. Can. S.C.R. Dig. 1893, p. 314.

INTERCOLONIAL RY. EXTENSION; DAMAGES; SUBMISSION; PETITION OF RIGHT.

The plaintiffs proceeded against the Gov-

emrment by petition of right for damages caused by the I. C. Ry. extension destroying their road and compelling them to sell their plant, etc., at a loss. The Crown demurred to the petition, and, the demurrer being argued before Sir W. B. Richards, C.J., judgment was given allowing the demurrer on the ground that the only remedy for the company was by reference to the official arbitrators. See 2 Excheq. C.R. Can., p. 433. It was then agreed that the reference to the official arbitrators should be had, and the following special terms were agreed to: "Whereas, The Halifax Street Ry. Co. have made a claim upon the Government of Canada for compensation for damages alleged to have been sustained by that company by reason of the construction of the Intercolonial Ry., and as the Government and the company have failed to agree as to such compensation, the company has requested that such claim should be referred to the official arbitrators under the statutes in that behalf; and whereas the Government is willing to refer the claim to such arbitrators on the following conditions, to which the company has agreed, namely: (1) That the company shall, before the matter is entered upon before the arbitrators furnish to the Government a statement of the various claims which they make in the premises, classifying separately each kind of claim. (2) That the Government admit their liability to make compensation to the extent only to which they are by law bound to make such compensation. (3) That the arbitrators shall deal with each separate kind of claim separately, reporting their findings with respect to the facts connected therewith, and as to the amount of compensation (if any) which should be made therefor to the company. (4) That either party shall be at liberty to make this submission a rule of the Exchequer Court pursuant to c. 8 of the Act 42nd Viet. (1879), Canada, and to proceed under the provisions of the said Act before that Court with respect to the award, or any part thereof, as may be thought best. (5) That any judgment, order, rule or decision of the Exchequer Court in the premises may be appealed from to the Supreme Court pursuant to the 9th section of the Act last mentioned. Therefore the Government of Canada and the said company hereby refer the said claims to the full board of arbitrators upon the terms and conditions above mentioned. And whereas, The Halifax City Railroad Co., in pursuance of the terms of the above cited order-in-council, has lodged with the Government of Canada a claim, of which the following is a copy, viz.: In compliance with s. 1 of the reference in this matter the

Halifax City Railroad Co. hereby furnish the following statement of their respective claims for compensation: (1) The total loss of the railroad as a chartered property possessing exclusive privileges within the city, with all its plant and real and personal properties, the estimated value of which was at the date of the Government taking possession of the track the sum of \$260,000. (2) The company claims also damage for the dividing of their road into two portions rendering each valueless, and thus, in other words, destroying the whole value \$260,000. (3) The company claims also for damages actually done to the crossing for loss in having to sacrifice horses, plant and properties which were sacrificed in consequence of the act of the Government, and for general depreciation in value of their real property, and for loss of their charter and the privileges and rights guaranteed under it by the Provincial Legislature, \$260,000. (4) The company claims interest at six per cent. per annum on the amount to be allowed for damages from the time of breaking up the track, say 17th May, 1876, up to the time of payment in full to the company. Therefore, the Government of Canada and the said company hereby refer the said claims to the full board of arbitrators upon the terms and conditions above mentioned." The matter was heard on the above submission before the official arbitrators, and on the 27th August, 1880, the following award was made. After reciting the submission and the facts:—(1) We find, with regard to the first item of the claim, that the company are not entitled to recover for the loss of their railroad and its plant and real and personal properties, because that railroad was neither totally nor partially lost by any actual interference of the Government with the company's property. (2) We find, with regard to the second item of the claim, that the company are not entitled to be paid any compensation, because the Government have not "divided their (the company's) railroad into two portions, rendering each valueless," or destroyed the value of the railroad. (3) We find, with regard to the third item of the claim, that the company is not entitled to any compensation, because the Government did no actual damage to the crossing, and because the company were not obliged to sacrifice horses, plant, or properties, in consequence of any act of the Government, and did not suffer any depreciation in the value of their real estate within the meaning of the Public Works Act, 31 Viet. c. 12, and did not lose their charter and the privileges and rights guaranteed under it by any act of the Government. (4) We find, with regard

to the fourth item of the claim, that nothing is due to the company for interest. The plaintiffs appealed from this award, and Mr. Justice Henry, in the Exchequer Court, gave judgment in their favour for \$8,000. See 2 Excheq. C.R. Can., p. 449. From this judgment both parties appealed:—Held, Henry, J., dissenting, that the appeal of the Halifax Street Ry. Co. should be dismissed with costs, and the appeal of the Crown allowed with costs. Halifax City Ry. Co. v. The Queen (1885), Cass. Can. S.C.R. Dig. 1893, p. 37.

DAMAGES TO PROPERTY FROM WORKS EXECUTED ON GOVERNMENT RAILWAY.

Held, affirming the judgment of the Exchequer Court, that where by certain work done by the Government Railway authorities in the city of St. John the pipes for the water supply of the city were interfered with claimants were entitled to recover for the cost reasonably and properly incurred by their engineer in good faith, to restore their property to its former safe and serviceable condition, under an arrangement made with the Chief Engineer of the Government railway, and upon his undertaking to indemnify the claimants for the cost of the said work. Strong and Gwynne, JJ., dissenting on the ground that the Chief Engineer had no authority to bind the Crown to pay damages beyond any injury done. 2 Ex. C.R. 78, affirmed. The Queen v. St. John Water Commissioners, 19 Can. S.C.R. 125.

EXPROPRIATION; AWARD OF OFFICIAL ARBITRATORS; COMPENSATION FOR LAND TAKEN.

On an appeal to the Supreme Court from a judgment of the Exchequer Court increasing the amount awarded by the official arbitrators to the claimant for expropriation of land for the Intercolonial Ry.:—Held, reversing the judgment of the Exchequer Court and restoring the award of the official arbitrators, that to warrant an interference with an award of value necessarily largely speculative an appellate Court must be satisfied beyond all reasonable doubt that some wrong principle has been acted on or something overlooked which ought to have been considered by the official arbitrators, and upon the evidence in this case this Court refused to interfere with the amount of compensation awarded by the official arbitrators. The Queen v. Paradis, The Queen v. Beaulieu, [1889] 16 Can. S.C.R. 716. The decision of the Exchequer Court and the judgments of the Supreme Court in these cases will be found in vol. I., Excheq. C.R. Can., 191.

[Applied in Bertrand v. The Queen, 2 Ex. C.R. 292; Macarthur v. The King, 8 Ex. C.R. 257; referred to in Re Gilbert & St. John Horticultural Assn., 1 N.B. Eq. 442; relied on in The Queen, v. Carrier, 2 Ex. C.R. 44.]

EXPROPRIATION; AWARD OF ARBITRATORS INCREASED BY THE EXCHEQUER COURT.

In a matter of expropriation of land for the Intercolonial Ry., the award of the arbitrators was increased by the judge of the Exchequer Court from \$4,155 to \$10,824.25, after additional witnesses had been examined by the Judge. On an appeal to the Supreme Court it was:—Held, affirming the judgment of the Exchequer Court, that as the judgment appealed from was supported by evidence, and there was no matter of principle on which such judgment was fairly open to blame, nor any oversight of material consideration, the judgment should be affirmed. Gwynne, J., dissenting. 1 Ex. C.R. 291 affirmed. The Queen v. Charland [1889], 16 Can. S.C.R. 721.

[Referred to in Re Gilbert & St. John Horticultural Assn., 1 N.B. Eq. 442.]

EXPROPRIATION FOR GOVERNMENT RAILWAY PURPOSES; SEVERANCE OF LAND; FARM CROSSINGS; COMPENSATION.

When land expropriated for government railway purposes severed a farm the owner, although not at the time entitled to a farm crossing apart from contract, was entitled to full compensation covering the future as well as the past for the depreciation of his land by want of such a crossing. Gwynne, J., dissenting on the ground that the owner was entitled to a crossing as a matter of law. Guay v. The Queen, 17 Can. S.C.R. 30.

[Applied in Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Perreault, 36 Can. S.C.R. 677; discussed in Ontario Lands & Oil Co. v. Canadian Southern Ry. Co., 1 O.L.R. 215.]

EXPROPRIATION OF LAND; DAMAGES; FARM CROSSINGS.

Where land is taken by a railway company for the purpose of using the gravel thereon as ballast, the owner is only entitled to compensation for the land so taken as farm land, where there is no market for the gravel. The compensation to be paid for any damages sustained by reason of anything done under and by authority of R.S.C. c. 39, s. 3, sub-s. (c), or any other Act respecting public works or government railways, includes damages resulting to the land from the operation as well as from the construction of the railway. The right to have a farm crossing over one of the govern-

ment railways is not a statutory right, and in awarding damages full compensation for the future as well as for the past for the want of a farm crossing should be granted. Gwynne, J., dissenting, was of opinion that the owner had the option of demanding, and the government had a like option of giving, a crossing in lieu of compensation, and that on the whole case full compensation had been awarded by the Court below. 2 Ex. R. 11 reversed. *Vezina v. The Queen*, 17 Can. S.C.R. 1.

[Adhered to in *Guay v. The Queen*, 17 Can. S.C.R. 32; applied in *Re Armstrong & James Bay Ry. Co.*, 12 O.L.R. 137, 7 O.W.R. 713; *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Perault*, 36 Can. S.C.R. 677; *Ontario Lands & Oil Co. v. Canada Southern Ry. Co.*, 1 O.L.R. 215; distinguished in *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Huard*, Q.R. 1 Q.B. 510; followed in *Canadian Nor. Que. Ry. Co. v. Frenette*, 10 Q.P.R. 321; referred to in *Neilson v. Quebec Bridge Co.*, Q.R. 21 S.C. 334.]

VALUE OF LAND TAKEN; AWARD BY EXCHEQUER COURT JUDGE.

Appeal from a decision of the Exchequer Court of Canada assessing the compensation to be paid to appellants for lands taken at Levis for use of Intercolonial Ry.:—Held, that the Court will not interfere with the award of the Judge of the Exchequer Court as to the value of land expropriated for railway purposes where there is evidence to support his finding and such finding is not clearly erroneous. *Town of Levis v. The Queen*, 21 Can. S.C.R. 31.

[Referred to in *Re Gilbert & St. John Horticultural Assn.*, 1 N.B. Eq. 442.]

PETITION OF RIGHT; INJURY TO PROPERTY; OBSTRUCTION OF CANAL.

The appellant, claiming to be owner of the Shubenacadie Canal in Nova Scotia, brought suit by petition of right to recover damages from the Crown for expropriating part of his property in construction of public works and for obstructing the use of the canal. The Exchequer Court (4 Ex. C.R. 130), without deciding as to the title of appellant, which was disputed:—Held that expropriation had not been proved, and refused damages for obstruction on the ground that the canal was not open for traffic. The judgment included a declaration that appellant was entitled, whenever it should be so opened and the traffic obstructed by the public work, to have the obstruction removed. *Fairbanks v. The Queen*, 6th May, 1895, 24 Can. S.C.R. 711.

[The Supreme Court of Canada affirmed the judgment of the Exchequer Court, and

dismissed the appeal with costs. 4 Ex. C.R. 130 affirmed.]

EXPROPRIATION.

Under the provisions of s. 18 of the Government Railways Act, 1881 [see now R.S. c. 143, s. 22], lands taken for the purposes of a Government railway became absolutely vested in the Crown at and from the time of possession being taken on its behalf, and compensation must be assessed in respect of the value of the lands at that period. The Queen v. Clarke (5 Ex. C.R. 64) explained. The King v. The Royal Trust Company, 12 Can. Exch. R. 212.

SIDING; UNDERTAKING IN MITIGATION OF DAMAGES IN PRIOR SUIT.

In certain expropriation proceedings between the Crown and the suppliant's predecessor in title, the Crown, in mitigation of damages to lands not taken, filed an undertaking to lay down and maintain a railway track or siding in front of, or adjoining, said lands, and to permit the then owner, "his heirs, executors, administrators assigns (and the owner or owners for the time being of the said land and premises or any part thereof and each of them) to use the same for the purposes of any lawful business to be carried on or done on the said lands or premises." By order of Court the suppliant's predecessor in title was declared to be entitled to the execution of such undertaking. The undertaking was given in 1907, and at that time the lands in question were not being used for any particular purpose. The Crown in execution of its undertaking subsequently laid down a siding in front of or adjoining the said lands. There was, however, a retaining wall between the siding and such lands, and the Crown informed the solicitor of the suppliant on the 5th October, 1909, that "at any time you may desire, we are prepared to open a way through this retaining wall so as to give access to the siding in order that you may conduct your business in the manner contemplated in the order of the Court"; but, although the suppliant presented his claim for damages on the basis that the Crown had not given him a siding suitable for carrying on a corn-meal milling business, at the time of the institution of the present proceedings nothing had been done to utilize the property for any particular business:—Held, that upon the facts the Crown had fully complied with the terms of the undertaking mentioned, and that the suppliant had not made out a claim for damages. Quære, whether the suppliant had any right to

take proceedings to compel the execution of the undertaking by the Crown until the property was occupied for the purposes of some particular business? (2) Whether the suppliant would have any right to enforce a claim for damages in view of the fact that he had no assignment of any such claim from his predecessor in title? *Hart v. The King*, 13 Can. Exch. R. 133.

TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY COMMISSION; EXPROPRIATION.

The Transcontinental Railway Act, 3 Edw. VII. c. 71, does not expressly empower the commissioners to deal with compensation for land taken for the railway, and s. 15, giving them "the rights, powers, remedies and immunities conferred upon a company under the Railway Act," does not confer such power. The Transcontinental Railway is a public work within the meaning of s. 2, sub-s. (d), of the Exchequer Court Act, and proceedings respecting compensation of land taken for the railway may be taken by or against the Crown in the Exchequer Court. Judgment of the Exchequer Court in *The King v. Jones*, 13 Ex. C.R. 171, reversed. *The King v. Jones*, 44 Can. S.C.R. 495.

C. Negligence; In General.

LIABILITY OF CROWN FOR NEGLIGENCE.

The Crown, in its operation of the Intercolonial Railway, is not a common carrier, and, apart from its statutory duties, is not subject to the duties imposed by the common law upon common carriers. *Williams v. Government Railway Management Board*, 11 East. L.R. 10.

[*The Queen v. McLeod*, 8 Can. S.C.R. 1; *The Queen v. McFarland*, 7 Can. S.C.R. 216, referred to.]

DAMAGE TO FARM FROM OVERFLOW OF WATER; BOUNDARY DITCHES; MAINTENANCE OF.

Held, affirming the judgment of the Exchequer Court, that under 43 Vict. c. 8, confirming the agreement of sale by the Grand Trunk Ry. Co. to the Crown of the purchase of the Rivière du Loup branch of their railway, the Crown cannot be held liable for damages caused from the accumulation of surface water to land crossed by the railway since 1879 unless it is caused by acts or omissions of the Crown's servants, and as the damages in the present case appear, by the evidence relied on, to have been caused through the non-maintenance of the boundary ditches of claimant's farm, which the Crown is under no obligation to repair or keep open, the appellant's

claim for damages must be dismissed. 2 Ex. C.R. 396 affirmed. *Morin v. The Queen*, 20 Can. S.C.R. 515.

DEATH ARISING FROM NEGLIGENCE; DEFECTIVE ENGINE; DANGEROUS CROSSING; UNDUPE SPEED; "TRAIN OF CARS."

The husband of the suppliant was killed by being struck by the tender of an engine while he was on a level crossing over the Intercolonial Ry. tracks in the City of Halifax. The evidence shewed that the crossing was a dangerous one, and that no special provision had been made for the protection of the public. Immediately before the deceased attempted to cross the tracks, a train of cars had been backed, or shunted, over this crossing in a direction opposite to that from which the engine and tender by which he was killed was coming. The engine used in shunting this train was leaking steam. The atmosphere was at the time heavy, and the steam and smoke from the engine did not lift quickly but remained for some time near the ground. The result was that the shunting engine left a cloud of steam and smoke that was carried over towards the track on which the engine and tender were running, and obscured them from the view of anyone who approached the crossing from the direction in which the deceased approached it. The train that was being shunted and the engine and tender by which the accident was caused passed each other a little to the south of the crossing. The train and shunting engine being clear of the crossing the deceased attempted to cross, and when he had reached the track on which the engine and tender were being backed, the latter emerged from the cloud of steam and smoke and were upon him before he had time to get out of the way. At the time of the accident the engine and tender were being backed at the rate of six miles an hour.—Held, that the accident was attributable to the negligence of officers and servants of the Crown employed on the railway both in using a defective engine, as above described, and in maintaining too high a rate of speed under the circumstances. (2) An engine and tender do not constitute a "train of cars" within the meaning of s. 29 of the Government Railways Act (R.S.C. c. 38). *Hollinger v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 21 Ont. R. 705, not followed. (3) Where the Minister of Railways, or the Crown's officer under him whose duty it is to decide as to the matter, comes, in his discretion, to the conclusion not to employ a watchman or to set up gates at any level crossing over the Intercolonial Ry., it is not for the Court to say that the minister or the officer was guilty of negli-

gence because the facts shew that the crossing in question was a very dangerous one. *Harris v. The King*, 9 Can. Exch. R. 206.

INJURY TO THE PERSON; CROSSING; RECKLESS CONDUCT OF DRIVER OF VEHICLE.

Held, that as the point where the accident in question occurred was not a "thickly peopled portion of a . . . village," within the meaning of s. 34 of R.S. 1906, c. 36, the officials in charge of the engine and train were not guilty of negligence in running at a rate of speed greater than six miles an hour. *Andreas v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 37 S.C.R. 1, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 440, 450, applied. (2) Under the law of Quebec where the direct and immediate cause of an injury is the reckless conduct of the person injured the doctrine of *faute commune* does not apply, and he cannot recover anything against the other party. (3) Where a person of full age is injured in crossing a railway track by the reckless conduct of the driver of a vehicle in which he is being carried, as between the person injured and the railway authorities, the former is identified with the driver in respect of such recklessness and must bear the responsibility for the accident. *Parent v. The King*, 13 Can. Exch. R. 93.

[*Mills v. Armstrong (The Bernina)*, L.R. 13 A.C. 1, referred to and distinguished.]

ACCIDENT TO THE PERSON; NEGLIGENCE OF CROWN'S SERVANTS; ACTION BY PARENT OF DECEASED; PECUNIARY BENEFIT.

In the case of death resulting from negligence, and an action 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 expenses of medical treatment of the deceased, or for his burial expenses, or for family mourning. *McDonald v. The King*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 1, 7 Ex. 216.

[*Osborne v. Gillett*, L.R. 8 Ex. 88, distinguished.]

LIABILITY FOR NEGLIGENCE; EXCHEQUER ACT.

To render the Crown liable upon a petition of right for acts of negligence of servants of the Crown in the operation of a government railway within the provisions of the Exchequer Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 140, s. 20 (f) (amendment of 1910), such negli-

gent acts must be the proximate, determining and decisive cause of the injury. *Charlton v. The King*, 8 D.L.R. 911, 14 Can. Ex. 41.

D. Fences and Cattle Guards.

(1) Where the Crown is not required by the adjoining proprietors to fence its line of railway, there is no duty, in favour of a trespasser, cast upon the Crown by the provisions of ss. 22 and 23 of the Government Railways Act to fence as aforesaid. (2) The suppliant, while working on a property adjoining the Intercolonial Ry. within the city of Levis, P.Q., was injured while innocently trespassing on the right of way, there being no fence erected, or other means taken, by the Crown to mark the boundary between the adjoining property and the railway. It was not alleged that the adjoining owner had requested the Crown to fence.—Held, that the suppliant had made no case of negligence against the Crown under sub-s. (c) of s. 20 of R.S.C., c. 140. *Viger v. The King*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 201, 11 Ex. C.R. 328.

E. Fires.

FIRE OCCASIONED BY CINDERS FROM ENGINE; GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS ACT.

The suppliant's property was destroyed by fire caused by cinders carried in smoke emitted by an engine on the Intercolonial Ry. There was no negligence proved against the employees of the Dominion Government in charge of the train, and it was established that the engine in question was of a most approved type, and was equipped with all modern and efficient appliances for the prevention of the escape of sparks, etc.—Held, that the case fell within the provisions of sub-s. 2 of s. 61 of the Government Railways Act as amended by 9-10 Edw. VII. c. 24, and that the damages must be limited to the sum of \$5,000, to be divided amongst the suppliant and others who had suffered loss by the fire. *Duclos v. The King*, 10 E.L.R. 138 (Exch. Court).

FIRE FROM ENGINE; NEGLIGENCE.

By 7 and 8 Edw. IV. c. 31, s. 2, the Government of Canada is liable for damage to property caused by a fire started by a locomotive working on a Government railway, whether its officers or servants are or are not negligent, and by a proviso the amount of damages is limited if modern and efficient appliances have been used and the officers or servants "have not otherwise been guilty of any negligence".—Held, Dav-

ies, J., dissenting, that the expression "have not otherwise been guilty of any negligence" means negligence in any respect and not merely in the use of a locomotive equipped with modern and efficient appliances. Sparks from a locomotive set fire to the roof of a Government building near the railway track and the fire was carried to and destroyed private property. The roof of this building had on several previous occasions caught fire in a similar way and the Government officials, though notified on many of such occasions, had only patched it up without repairing it properly:—Held, reversing the judgment of the Exchequer Court (12 Ex. C.R. 389), that the Government officials were guilty of negligence in having a building with a roof in such condition so near to the track, and the owner of the property destroyed was entitled to recover the total amount of his loss. 12 Ex. C.R. 389 reversed. *Leger v. The King*, 43 Can. S.C.R. 164.

F. Injuries to Employees.

NEGLECT OF SECTION FOREMAN.

Suppliant's husband, while engaged in coupling cars as a brakeman on the Intercolonial Ry., at Sayabec Station, P.Q., caught his heel between the rail and the guard rail and being unable to get clear was run over by the cars and killed. It was shewn to be the duty of the section foreman to see that the space between the rail and guard rail was properly filled or packed, and that he had been guilty of negligence in respect of such duty:—Held, that the Crown was liable for such negligence. *Desrosiers v. The King*, 11 Can. Ex. R. 128.

[Affirmed in 41 Can. S.C.R. 71, 6 E.L.R. 119.]

INJURY TO EMPLOYEES; LIABILITY OF THE CROWN; COMMON EMPLOYMENT.

Under sub-s. (c) of s. 16 of the Exchequer Court Act, 50 and 51 Vict. c. 16, an action in tort will lie against the Crown, represented by the Government of Canada. Under the Civil Code of Lower Canada, in case of death by negligence of servants of the Crown, an action for damages may be maintained by the widow of the deceased on behalf of herself and her children. The action of the widow is not barred by her acceptance of the amount of a policy of insurance on the life of deceased from the Intercolonial Railway Employees' Relief and Insurance Association, under the constitution, rules and regulations of which the Crown is declared to be released from liability to make compensation for injuries to or death of any member of the associa-

tion. *Miller v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* (1906), A.C. 187, followed. The doctrine of common employment does not prevail in the Province of Quebec. The right of action for compensation for injury or death by negligence of Government employees does not abate on demise of the Crown. *The King v. Desrosiers*, 41 Can. S.C.R. 71.

[*Viscount Canterbury v. The Queen*, 12 L.J. Ch. 281, referred to; 11 Ex. R. 128 affirmed.]

RUNNING RIGHTS AND POWERS OVER ANOTHER RAILWAY.

The suppliant's husband was mortally injured while employed as a locomotive fireman on an intercolonial Ry. train, running between Levis and Chaudiere, at a point on the Grand Trunk Ry. enclosed between two sections of the Intercolonial Ry., over which the Government of Canada had acquired running rights and powers in perpetuity and free of charge under 43 Vict. c. 8. Over this section of railway the Government operated its trains and locomotives as on a part of the Intercolonial Ry. system:—Held, that the place where the accident happened might properly be taken as an extension of the Intercolonial Ry., and therefore was to be regarded as a public work within the meaning of s. 20 (c) of R.S. 1906, c. 140. *Lefrançois v. The King*, 11 Can. Ex. R. 252.

NEGLECT OF FELLOW SERVANT; OPERATION OF RAILWAY; DEFECTIVE SWITCH; PUBLIC WORK.

In consequence of a broken switch, at a siding on the Intercolonial Railway (a public work of Canada), failing to work properly although the moving of the crank by the pointsman had the effect of changing the signal so as to indicate that the line was properly set for an approaching train, an accident occurred by which the locomotive engine was wrecked and the engine driver killed. In an action to recover damages from the Crown, under Art. 1056 of the Civil Code of Lower Canada:—Held, affirming the judgment appealed from. *Arnstrong v. The King*, 11 Can. Ex. R. 119, that there was such negligence on the part of the officers and servants of the Crown as rendered it liable in an action in tort; that the Exchequer Court Act, 50 & 51 Vict. c. 16, s. 16 (c), imposed liability upon the Crown, in such a case, and gave jurisdiction to the Exchequer Court of Canada to entertain the claim for damages; and that the defence that deceased, having obtained satisfaction or indemnity within the meaning of Art. 1056 of the Civil Code, by reason of the annual contribution made by the Railway Department towards the Intercolonial Rail-

way Employees' Relief and Insurance Association, of which deceased was a member, was not an answer to the action. *Miller v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, [1906] A.C. 187, followed. *The King v. Armstrong*, 40 Can. S.C.R. 229.

[Followed in *The King v. Desrosiers*, 41 Can. S.C.R. 71.]

INJURY TO EMPLOYEE; LORD CAMPBELL'S ACT; EXONERATION FOR LIABILITY.

In s. 50 of the Government Railways Act, R.S.C., c. 38, providing that "Her Majesty shall not be relieved from liability by any notice, condition or declaration in the event of any damage arising from any negligence, omission or default of any officer, employee or servant of the Minister," the words, "notice, condition or declaration," do not include a contract or agreement by which an employee has renounced his right to claim damages from the Crown for injury from negligence of his fellow servants. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Vogel*, 11 Can. S.C.R. 612, disapproved. An employee on the Intercolonial Railway became a member of the Intercolonial Railway Relief and Assurance Association, to the funds of which the Government contributed annually \$6,000. In consequence of such contribution a rule of the Association provided that the members renounced all claims against the Crown arising from injury or death in the course of their employment. The employee having been killed in discharge of his duty by negligence of a fellow servant:—Held, reversing the judgment of the Exchequer Court, 6 Can. Ex. C.R. 276, that the rule of the Association was an answer to an action by his widow under Art. 1056 C.C. to recover compensation for his death. The doctrine of common employment does not prevail in the province of Quebec. *The Queen v. Union*, 24 Can. S.C.R. 482, followed. *The Queen v. Dame Emily Grenier*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 409, 30 Can. S.C.R. 42.

[Commented on in *Armstrong v. The King*, 11 Ex. C.R. 126; *Miller v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 21 S.C. 361, 371; followed in *Miller v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 34 Can. S.C.R. 45, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 147.]

G. Injuries to Passengers.

NEGLECT OF CONDUCTOR; ACCIDENT TO PASSENGER.

Plaintiff, having a first-class ticket from Sussex to Penobscuis by the Intercolonial Ry., intended going to Penobscuis (her home) by the mixed freight and passenger train, which was due to leave Sussex at 1.47 p.m. The train on that day was an unusually long one, and when the passenger

cars were brought to the platform, the engine was across the public highway. When the train came in it was brought up so that the forward part of the first-class car was opposite the platform. It was then about ten minutes after the advertised time of departure. Plaintiff was standing on the platform when the train came in, but did not then get aboard. The conductor of the train (the defendant) got off the train and went to a hotel for dinner. While he was absent the train was, without his knowledge, backed down, so that only the second-class car remained opposite the platform. The jury found that the first-class car did not remain at the platform long enough to enable plaintiff to get on board. The defendant, after finishing his dinner, came over hastily (being behind time and, therefore, in somewhat of a hurry), called "all aboard," glanced down the platform, saw no person attempting to get on board, crossed the train between two box cars to signal the driver to start (it being necessary to cross the train in order to be seen by the driver, owing to a curve in the track), and almost immediately the train started. The 124th regulation for government of the Intercolonial Ry. prescribes that conductors must not start the train while passengers are getting on board, and that they should stand at the front end of the first passenger car when giving the signal to the driver to start, which was not done in this instance. Plaintiff and a lady friend, F., who was going by the same train, were standing on the platform, and when they heard the call, "all aboard," they went towards the cars as quickly as they could. F. got on all right, but plaintiff, who had a paper box in her hands, in attempting to get on board, caught the hand-rail of the car, when she slipped, owing to the motion of the train, and was seriously injured. The jury found that the call, "all aboard," was a notice to passengers to get on board. The Supreme Court of New Brunswick held, that, although the plaintiff's contract was with the Crown, the defendant owed to her as a passenger a duty to exercise reasonable care, and that there was ample evidence of negligence for the jury. The facts will be found fully reported in 19 New Bruns. R., 3 Pugs. & Bur. 340, and 21 New Bruns. R. 586. On appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada:—Held, that the judgment of the Court below should be affirmed. *Taschereau* and *Gwynne*, JJ., dissenting. *Per Ritchie, C.J.*:—There was no obligation on the part of the passengers to go on board the train until it was ready to start, or until invited to do so by the intimation from the conductor, "all aboard." It was the duty of the conductor to have had his first-class

car up in front of the platform. Should circumstances have prevented this, it was his duty to be careful before starting his train to see that sufficient time and opportunity were afforded passengers to board the car in the inconvenient position in which it was placed, and the evidence shewed the defendant exercised no care in this respect. Per Henry, J.—There was no satisfactory proof of contributory negligence on the part of the plaintiff. The package she carried was a light one, and such as is often carried by passengers with the knowledge and sanction of railway conductors and managers, and a tacit license is, therefore, given to passengers to carry such with them in the cars. The plaintiff violated one of the regulations in attempting to get on the car while in motion. But the defendant could not shelter himself under those regulations, for, when he gave the order "all aboard," he knew, or ought to have known, that the first-class car was away from the platform, and he ought to have advanced the train and stopped it, so that the plaintiff could have entered such car. The conductor was estopped from complaining that the plaintiff did what, by calling "all aboard," he invited her to do. After the notification, "all aboard," is given by a conductor, it is his duty to wait a reasonable time for passengers to get to their places. Per Taschereau and Gwynne, JJ., dissenting:—Whether the omission to stop the first-class car at the platform, or the not waiting a reasonable time after calling "all aboard," were or were not breaches of the defendant's duty, such breaches could not be said to have caused the accident if the plaintiff had not voluntarily attempted to get on the train while in motion, which she was not justified in doing. Appeal dismissed with costs. Hall v. McFadden (1st May, 1883), Cass. Can. S.C.R. Dig. 1893, p. 723.

LIABILITY OF CROWN FOR NON-FEASANCE OR MISFEASANCE OF ITS SERVANTS.

McL., the suppliant, purchased, in 1880, a first-class railway passenger ticket to travel from Charlottetown to Souris, on the Prince Edward Island Railway, owned by the Dominion of Canada, and operated under the management of the Minister of Railways and Canals, and, while on said journey, sustained serious injuries, the result of an accident to the train. By petition of right the suppliant alleged that the railway was negligently and unskilfully conducted, managed and maintained by Her Majesty; that Her Majesty, disregarding her duty in that behalf and her promise, did not carry safely and securely suppliant on said railway, and that he was greatly and permanently injured in body and health, and

claimed \$50,000. The Attorney-General pleaded that Her Majesty was not bound to carry safely and securely, and was not answerable by petition of right for the negligence of her servants. The learned Judge at the trial found that the road was in a most unsafe state from the rottenness of the ties, and that the safety of life had been recklessly jeopardized by running trains over it with passengers, and that there had been a breach of contract to carry the suppliant safely and securely, and awarded \$36,000.—On appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada:—Held, Fournier and Henry, JJ., dissenting, that the establishment of Government railways in Canada, of which the Minister of Railways and Canals has the management, direction and control, under statutory provisions, for the benefit and advantage of the public, is a branch of the public police created by statute for the purposes of public convenience, and not entered upon or to be treated as a private and mercantile speculation, and that a petition of right does not lie against the Crown for injuries resulting from the non-feasance or misfeasance, wrongs, negligences, or omissions of duty of the subordinate officers or agents employed on the public service on said railways. That the Crown is not liable as a common carrier for the safety and security of passengers using said railways. The Queen v. McLeod, 8 Can. S.C.R. 1.

INJURY TO PASSENGER WAITING FOR TRAIN; NEGLIGENCE OF CROWN'S SERVANT.

The suppliant, while waiting on the platform of the Intercolonial Railway station at Stellarton, N.S., to board a train, was knocked down by a baggage truck and injured. The truck was being moved by the baggage-master. The evidence shewed that the accident could have been prevented by the exercise of ordinary care on the part of the baggage-master:—Held, that as the injuries of which the suppliant complained were received on a public work, and resulted from the negligence of a servant of the Crown while acting within the scope of his duties and employment, the Crown was liable therefor. Sedgewick v. The King, 11 Can. Exch. R. 84.

INJURY TO PASSENGER ALIGHTING FROM TRAIN.

The suppliant was injured while alighting from an Intercolonial Ry. train on which she was being carried as a passenger. Owing to the negligence of a brakeman in failing to open the vestibule door of the car next to the station platform, and leaving the opposite door open, the suppliant was compelled to use the latter. While in the act of alighting and before she had reached the

ground, the conductor started the train, with the result that the suppliant was thrown down and sustained bodily injury:—Held, that both the conductor and brakeman of the train were guilty of negligence upon the facts shewn, and that the Crown was liable in damages. *Ryan v. The King*, 11 Can. Exch. R. 267, affirmed by Supreme Court.

INJURY TO PASSENGER; LIABILITY OF CROWN.

Where an engine driver of a train on a Government railway, in the manner of moving his train at a station, transgressed the regulations of the railway, and a passenger was injured in alighting from the train by reason of the wrongful conduct of the engine driver, a case of negligence was established for which the Crown was liable under the provisions of s. 20 of the Exchequer Court Act, R.S. 1906, c. 140. (2) The rule as to the preponderance of affirmative evidence over evidence of a merely negative character as laid down in *Lefeuenteu v. Beaudoin*, 28 Can. S.C.R. 89, applied. *Della Hamilton v. The King*, 14 Can. Ex. R. 1.

H. Carriage of Goods; Loss; Damage.

CARRIAGE OF GOODS; BREACH OF CONTRACT; DAMAGES; NEGLIGENCE.

The suppliant sought to recover a sum of \$886.38 alleged to have been lost by him on a shipment of sheep undertaken to be carried by the Crown from Charlottetown, P.E.I., to Boston, U.S.A. The loss was occasioned by the sheep not arriving in Boston before the sailing of a steamship thence for England on which space had been engaged for them; and the cause of such failure was lack of room to forward them on a steamboat by which connections are made between the Summerside terminus of the P.E.I. Ry. and Pointe du Chêne, N.B., a point on the Intercolonial Ry. The suppliant alleged that before the shipment was made the freight agent of the P.E.I. Ry., at Charlottetown, represented to him that if the sheep were shipped at Charlottetown on a certain date, which was done, they would arrive in Boston on time:—Held, that even if the suppliant had proved, which he failed to do, that this representation had been made, it would have been inconsistent with the terms of the way-bill and contrary to the regulations of the Prince Edward Island Ry., and therefore in excess of the freight agent's authority. (2) That the evidence did not disclose negligence on the part of any officer or servant of the Crown within the meaning of s. 16 (c) of the Exchequer Court Act. *Wheatley v. The King*, 9 Can. Exch. R. 222.

LIABILITY OF CROWN AS COMMON CARRIER; LOSS OF ACID IN TANK-CAR DURING TRANSPORTATION; CONTRACT.

The Crown is not, in regard to liability for loss of goods carried, in every respect in the position of an ordinary common carrier. The latter is in the position of an insurer of goods, and any special contract made is in general in mitigation of its common law obligation and liability. The Crown, on the other hand, is not liable at common law, and a petition will not lie against it for the loss of goods carried on its railway except under a contract or where the case falls within the statute, under which it is in certain cases liable for the negligence of its servants (50-51 Vict. c. 16, s. 16), and in either case the burden is on the suppliant to make out his case. (2) By an arrangement between the consignee of the acid in question and the Intercolonial Ry. freight charges on goods carried by the latter were paid at stated times each month, and in case anything was found wrong a refund was made to the consignee. In the present case the consignee paid the freight on the acid amounting to \$135.00, no refund being made by the Crown. This amount was paid to the consignee by the suppliant, and it claimed recovery of the same from the Crown in its petition of right. The evidence shewed that by the arrangement above mentioned the freight was not payable on the transportation of the tank-car, but of the acid contained in the car, at the rate of 27 cents per 100 pounds of acid:—Held, that the Crown was only entitled to the freight on the number of pounds delivered to the consignee at Sydney, and that the balance of the amount paid by the consignee should be repaid to the suppliant with interest. (3) That as the suppliant, while succeeding as to part of the amount claimed, had failed on the main issue in controversy, each party should bear its own costs. *Nicholls Chemical Co. v. The King*, 9 Can. Exch. R. 272.

LOSS OF GOODS.

A claim for the loss of goods through the negligence of a servant of the Crown in the operation of the Intercolonial Ry. alleging damages caused by negligence of an officer and servant of the Crown, is within the purview of the Government Railway Small Claim Act, 9-10 Edw. VII. (Can.) c. 28, and is within the jurisdiction of a Provincial County Court. *Williams v. Government Ry. Managing Board*, 11 E.L.R. 10.

NEGLECT OF STATION MASTER; WRONGFUL DELIVERY OF GOODS.

A station master, employed by the Crown in the operation of the Intercolonial Ry., who, in the course of his employment, de-

livers goods to a stranger upon the mere assertion of ownership by the latter, without requiring any bill of lading or other satisfactory evidence of ownership, is guilty of negligence, damages for the loss of which is recoverable by the owner from the Crown in an action on the case, independent of any contract on which the cause of action is based, in any provincial Court having jurisdiction to the said amount by virtue of the Government Railway Small Claim Act, 9-10 Edw. VII. (Can.) c. 26, s. 2. *Williams v. Govt. Ry. Managing Board*, 11 E.L.R. 10.

HARBOURS.

See Waters.

HEALTH PROTECTION.

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HIGHWAY CROSSINGS.

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Ry. Cas. 36, 27 O.R. 559; *Toronto v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 37 Can. S.C.R. 232, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 138.

A. Leave to cross Highways.

DEDICATION OF HIGHWAY.

A dedication of land to public purposes must be made with the intention to dedicate, and the mere acting so as to lead persons into the supposition that a way was dedicated to the public does not of itself amount to dedication. *Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Billings*, 5 D.L.R. 455, 3 O.W.N. 1504, 22 O.W.R. 659.

[*Simpson v. Attorney-General*, [1904] A.C. 476, at p. 493, followed.]

RIGHT OF RAILWAY TO CROSS PUBLIC HIGHWAY; DEDICATION.

Where it appeared that a testator had for years used as a private road a strip of his lands and in his will reserved the same as a public road by words insufficient to amount to a dedication of such strip for such purpose the reservation apparently being made for the purpose of widening a public road which was established many years after he had made his private road on a strip of land adjoining his by the owner thereof, and where an order of the Dominion Board of Railway Commissioners granted the application of a railway company for permission to cross the public road which was described in the plan accompanying the application somewhat inaccurately as the road between the testator's land and the adjoining land above mentioned which order was made after a contest which was confined to the terms upon which the railway company should be permitted to cross the public road, nothing being said about the private road and no question being raised as to whether it was or was not part of the public road, such order did not give the railway company any permission to cross the private road. *Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Billings*, 5 D.L.R. 455, 3 O.W.N. 1504, 22 O.W.R. 659.

CONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAY ACROSS RAILWAY.

In an action to restrain the defendants from acting upon an order of the Railway Committee of the Privy Council, made under s. 14 of the Railway Act of Canada, giving them the option to open a new street, by means of a subway, across the property and under the tracks of a Dominion railway company, but without compensation, and requiring the company to pay a portion of the cost of construction, and meanwhile allowing a temporary crossing for foot passengers only, and making certain other

provisions, upon the subject:—Held, that the Provincial Legislature alone had power to confer upon the defendants legal capacity to acquire and make the street in question. (2) It has conferred such capacity. (3) In virtue of its power over property and civil rights in the Province, the Provincial Legislature has power to authorize a municipality to acquire and make such a street, and to provide how and upon what terms it may be acquired and made. (4) But that power is subject to the supervision of federal legislation respecting works and undertakings such as the railway in question. (5) The manner and terms of acquiring and making such street, and also the prevention of the making or acquiring of such a street, are proper subjects of such supervening legislation. (6) Such legislation may rightly confer upon any person or body the power to determine in what circumstances, and how and upon what terms, such a street may be acquired and made, or to prevent the acquiring and making of it altogether, and therefore s. 14 of the Railway Acts is not ultra vires. (7) Such legislation, in virtue of its power over such railway corporations, as well as such works and undertakings, may confer power to impose such terms as have in this case been imposed upon the plaintiffs, and to deprive such corporations of any right to compensation for lands so taken or injuriously affected; and has conferred such power on the Railway Committee, under s. 14, in such a case as this. (8) Such legislation has not conferred upon the Committee power to give the temporary foot-way in question. (9) Nor any authority to delegate its powers. (10) The work it directs must be constructed under the supervision of an official appointed for that purpose by the Committee. (11) The Railway Company may, if they choose, construct the works directed, under such supervision, instead of permitting the municipality to do so. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. City of Toronto*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 82, 32 O.R. 120.

[Approved in *Re McAlpine & Lake Erie Ry. Co.*, 3 O.L.R. 230; considered in *Atty.-Genl. v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 11 B.C.R. 303.]

RIGHT TO CROSS STREETS; EXPROPRIATION PROCEEDINGS; NECESSITY FOR; EXTENSION OF CITY LIMITS.

Railways incorporated by the Dominion Parliament, where in the construction of their lines of railways, they have complied with the requirements of the Railway Act, 51 Vict. c. 29 (D.), and obtained the consent of the Railway Committee, have the right to cross the highways of a city without taking expropriation proceedings under

the Railway Act, or without making any compensation to the city therefor. Where under the powers conferred by 51 Vict. c. 53, s. 9 (O.), for extending the limits of the city of Ottawa, the city acquired at an agreed price, part of the road of a toll road company within such extended limits, such part thereupon ceased to have its previous character of a toll road, and became a highway like the other public streets of the city. *Canada Atlantic Ry. Co. v. Ottawa, and Montreal and Ottawa Ry. Co. v. Ottawa*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 298, 2 O.L.R. 336.

COMPENSATION TO MUNICIPALITY; PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF HIGHWAY; "AT OR NEAR" CITY; POWER TO TAKE THROUGH COUNTY.

The plaintiffs were authorized by 47 Vict. c. 84 (D.) to lay out, construct and finish a railway, from a point on the Grand Trunk Ry. in the parish of Vaudeuil, in the Province of Quebec, to a point at or near the city of Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario, passing through the counties of Vaudeuil, Prescott and Russell, and also to connect their railway with any other railway having a terminus at or near the city of Ottawa:—Held, that "at or near the city of Ottawa" should be read as "in or near the city of Ottawa," and the plaintiffs were authorized to carry their line to a point in the city and to connect it with the line of the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. in the city. (2) That the plaintiffs had power, by implication, to take their line into the county of Carleton. (3) That the portion of the Richmond road (or Wellington street) within the limits of the city of Ottawa which the plaintiffs' line crossed, was a public highway and not the private property of the defendants. (4) That the plaintiffs, having taken the proper proceedings under the Railway Act of Canada and being duly authorized to cross the highway, were not bound to make compensation to the defendants for crossing it. Judgment of *Boyd, C.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 298, 2 O.L.R. 336, affirmed. *Montreal and Ottawa Ry. Co. v. City of Ottawa*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 305, 4 O.L.R. 56.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; OPERATION OF RAILWAY; USE OF STREETS; REGULATIONS.

By the Nova Scotia statute, 63 Vict. c. 176, the L. & M. Ry. Co. was granted powers as to the use and crossing of certain streets in the town, subject to such regulations as the town council might from time to time see fit to make to secure the safety of persons and property:—Held, reversing the judgment appealed from, *Davies, J.*, dissenting, that such regulations could only be made by by-law and that the by-law making such regulations would be

subject to the provisions of s. 264 of "The Towns Incorporation Act." (R.S.N.S. (1900) c. 71.) Liverpool and Milton Ry. Co. v. Town of Liverpool, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 80, 33 Can. S.C.R. 180.

[Distinguished in Black v. Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co., 17 Man. L.R. 83; Toronto v. Toronto Ry. Co., 12 O.L.R. 534; followed in Quebec Ry. L. & P. Co. v. Recorder's Court, Que. R. 17 K.B. 261; referred to in Dickie et al. v. Gordon, 39 N.S.R. 331; Leslie v. Malahide, 15 O.L.R. 4; Shawinigan Water & Power Co. v. Shawinigan Falls, Que. R. 19 K.B. 551.]

OPERATION ALONG HIGHWAY; STREET RAILWAY; LEAVE OF MUNICIPALITY.

The Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Ry. Co. applied to the Board for leave to cross certain streets in the town of Thorold by a branch line already authorized by the Board. The municipality contended that the applicants' railway is a street railway or tramway, or operated as such, and that, under the Railway Act, 1903, s. 184, the leave of the municipality must be obtained by by-law before a street railway or tramway can cross its streets.—Held, upon the evidence, that the proposed branch line is not a street railway or tramway, and that s. 184 only applies to operation along highways and not to crossings thereof. Re Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Ry. Co., Thorold Street Crossings, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 145.

CROSSING AND DIVERTING HIGHWAYS; TAKING GRAVEL.

For the purpose of taking gravel from lands on both sides of a highway, a railway company applied to the Board for authority to construct and operate tracks over such highway for a term of years, to close to public traffic a portion of such highway, and to open a new road in lieu thereof.—Held, that it is not necessary to comply with s. 141 where the company can acquire the lands containing the gravel and has a right-of-way thereto, that for such purposes the company may exercise the same powers for crossing and diverting highways as for the construction and operation of its main line, and that a diversion of the highway may be authorized for the time necessary to exhaust the gravel pit upon proper terms for safeguarding the interests of the municipality and of the public. Railway Act, 1903, s. 2 (s) and (bb), ss. 118 (l) and (q), 119, 141 and 186, referred to. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Township of North Dumfries, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 147.

HIGHWAYS ACROSS RAILWAY; RIGHT OF PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS; PUBLIC INTEREST.

Upon applications by certain towns and villages in Alberta in respect of street crossings over the Canadian Pacific Ry.—Held, that while the Board has no general jurisdiction to determine whether a public right of crossing over a railway exists, yet in cases where it is called upon to exercise the powers specifically conferred upon it, or its jurisdiction to enforce the performance of the duties of railway companies with respect to highways, it has incidentally to inquire and determine whether in fact a right of crossing does or does not exist at any particular point, ss. 186 and 187, Railway Act, 1903. Section 187 enables the Board to give leave for the construction of a highway across a railway, but does not provide means by which private individuals or bodies not otherwise possessed of power to open highways, can do so. The Board is not authorized to direct or compel railway companies to construct or make highways across their lands, where a public right of crossing does not already exist by law, although it may give leave to a company or some other body to do so. The question as to the power of a railway company to dedicate a portion of its right-of-way for use as a public highway without the authority of the Railway Committee or the Board under the Railway Acts reserved for further argument. High River et al. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 344.

RAILWAY CROSSED BY HIGHWAY; PROTECTION.

Application for leave to carry Inkerman street across the lands of the respondent. Inkerman street was not opened up to the right-of-way of the respondent on the south side and there was a block of land owned by the respondent between its terminus and the said right-of-way.—Held, (1) That under s. 237 of the Railway Act, the Board had jurisdiction to give leave to construct a highway across "any railway." (2) That under s. 2 (21) of the Railway Act, the word "railway" included real property such as the said block of land. (3) That the application should be refused as not being in the public interest because the crossing would be dangerous and would almost at once require protection. Mr. Commissioner McLean questioned whether "railway," as used in s. 237, would include more than the full width of the right-of-way and not "property, real or personal and works connected therewith." City of St. Thomas v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 134.

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B. Protection; Crossings.**SIGNALS AND WARNINGS; SHUNTING TRAINS.**

Section 256 of the Railway Act, 1888, providing that "the bell with which the engine is furnished shall be rung, or the whistle sounded, at the distance of at least eighty rods from every place at which the railway crosses any highway, and be kept ringing or be sounded at short intervals until the engine has crossed such highway" applies to shunting and other temporary movements in connection with the running of trains as well as to the general traffic. 25 A.R. (Ont.) 437 affirmed. *Canada Atlantic Ry. Co. v. Henderson*, 29 Can. S.C.R. 632.

[Applied in *McMullin v. Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co.*, 39 Can. S.C.R. 606; followed in *Wallman v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 16 Man. L.R. 91; *Geiger v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 10 O.L.R. 511; distinguished in *Geiger v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 5 O.W.R. 434.]

SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE; VAGUENESS AND UNCERTAINTY OF ORDER OF RAILWAY BOARD.

An order of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada requiring a railway company to put a highway "in satisfactory shape for public travel" should not be made a rule of this Court under s. 46 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, on the application of the municipality interested, because the wording of it is too vague and uncertain to permit of its enforcement afterwards if made such a rule. A Court of equity would not decree specific performance of an agreement couched in such vague terms, and the cases are analogous. *Strathclair v. Can. North Ry. Co.*, 21 Man. L.R. 555.

[*Taylor v. Portington* (1855), 7 DeG. M. & G. 323, referred to.]

MUNICIPAL REGULATION REQUIRING ERECTION OF GATES.

By the Act amending the Act of Incorporation of the defendant company, the company was given the right to lay its tracks across the streets of the plaintiff town, provided that before doing so the consent of the town council should first have been obtained. On application by defendant to the town council for permission to cross one of the streets of the town, a resolution was passed granting the application, "subject to such regulations as the town council may, from time to time, make to secure the safety either of persons or property." Subsequently, the town council passed a resolution requiring the company to forthwith erect and maintain two gates, of the latest approved pattern of railway gates, on and across the

streets on either side of the track. Defendant failed to comply with the resolution so made:—Held, that the regulation was one that it was within the powers of the town council to make:—Held, that, the town council having a special interest in the subject matter, the action could be brought in the name of the town, without joining the Attorney-General:—Held, that the regulation in question being made by virtue of a power given by a special Act, was not, in the absence of express words to that effect, a by-law of the town which required the assent of the Governor-in-council before going into operation:—Held, that such assent was required only in connection with the cases specially mentioned in the Act. *Town of Liverpool v. Liverpool Ry. Co.*, 35 N.S.R. 233.

[*Towns' Incorporation Act, R.S. (1900), c. 71, ss. 263, 264. Ritchie, J., dissented.*]

OBLIGATION TO ERECT GATES AT STREET CROSSINGS.

A railway company in running its trains through the streets of a town should not only refrain from exceeding the rate of speed prescribed by the Railway Act in passing through crowded places, but should in addition thereto, in order to avoid liability for accidents, place gates or other protection at the crossings. *Gerard v. Quebec and Lake St. John Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 25 S.C. 245 (Ct. Rev.).

RIGHT-OF-WAY; OBSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAY.

An action for an injunction to restrain the defendants from obstructing a highway in the township, by fences on both sides of defendants' tracks where they crossed the highway, and for a mandatory order compelling the removal of the fences:—Held, that the allowance for the road in question, having been made by a Crown surveyor, was a highway within the meaning of s. 599 of the Municipal Act, and although not an open, public road, used and travelled upon by the public, it was a highway within the meaning of the Railway Act of Canada, 51 Vict. c. 29. (2) That, although the road allowance had not been cleared and opened up for public travel and had not been used as a public road, it was not necessary for the municipality to pass a by-law opening it before exercising jurisdiction over it; the council might direct their officers to open the road, and such direction would be sufficient. (3) That the right of the railway company under s. 90 (g) of the Railway Act to construct their tracks and build their fences across the highway, was subject to s. 183, which provides against any obstruction to the highway, and s. 194, which provides for fences and cattle-guards being erected and main-

tained; and, therefore, the defendants had no right to maintain fences which obstructed the highway or interfered with the public user or with the control over it claimed by the municipality. (4) That the Railway Committee of the Privy Council had no jurisdiction to determine the questions in dispute; s. 11 (h) and (g) of the Railway Act not applying. (5) That the Court had jurisdiction to grant the relief sought. (6) That the highway being vested in the township corporation, who desired to open it and make it fit for public travel, the plaintiffs were entitled to have the defendants enjoined from obstructing it and ordered to remove the fences. *Fenelon Falls v. Victoria Ry. Co.* (1881), 29 Gr. 4, and *City of Toronto v. Lorsch* (1893), 24 O.R. 227, followed. *Township of Gloucester v. Canada Atlantic Ry. Co.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 327, 3 O.L.R. 85.

[Affirmed in 4 O.L.R. 262, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 334.]

RIGHT-OF-WAY; OBSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAY; FENCES.

An appeal by the defendants from the judgment of Lount, J., reported 3 O.L.R. 85, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 327, was argued before Osler, Maclellan, Moss, and Garrow, J.J.A., on the 6th of May, 1902, and on the 28th of June, 1902, was dismissed, the Court agreeing with the reasons for judgment reported below. *Township of Gloucester v. Canada Atlantic Ry. Co.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 334, 4 O.L.R. 262.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; LIABILITY TO REPAIR.

By s. 611 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 223, first introduced into the Municipal Act in 1896, no liability is now imposed on a municipal corporation for want of repair of a railway crossing by reason of its being too high a grade and the omission to fence, the obligation therefor being under s. 186 of the Railway Act, 51 Vict. c. 29 (D.), solely on the railway company. *Holden v. Township of Farnmouth et al.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 74, 5 O.L.R. 579.

HIGHWAYS ACROSS RAILWAY; RIGHT OF PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS TO MAKE; POWERS OF BOARD AS TO SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE.

A private individual applied under s. 186, Railway Act, to compel a railway company to make and maintain highway crossings across its railway adjoining the lands of the applicant which had been laid out into town lots with intersecting streets. The municipality had passed a by-law purporting to establish as public highways such streets without complying with s. 632 of the Muni-

cipal Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 223:—Held, (1) Under s. 186 either a railway company or other parties may apply to construct such highway crossings. (2) The by-law of the municipality was inoperative to establish a highway across the railway against the will of the company. (3) The Surveys Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 181, s. 39, cannot create highways across the land of a railway company or give any right to the applicant to have his streets extended across the railway. (4) A railway company may, with the leave of the Board, lay out and dedicate portions of its right-of-way for use as highways which the municipality could accept without passing a by-law for that purpose. (5) The applicant is only entitled to an order from the Board authorizing the railway company to lay out and construct such highways. The by-law of the municipality may be considered an acceptance of such highways. (6) The Board does not enforce specific performance of such agreements. It is not empowered to compel the railway company to construct the highway at the instance of the applicant. (7) As no other Court of authority than the Board can legally allow the railway company or any other person to construct the highway, the application should proceed for the purpose of enabling the Board to determine whether it will give this permission. *Re Reid and Canada Atlantic Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 272.

[Inapplicable in *Bird v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 1 S.L.R. 279.]

CATTLE GUARDS; TOWNSHIP ROADS.

The provisions of 55 and 56 Vict. c. 27, s. 6, amending s. 197 of the Railway Act, 1888, and requiring, at every public road crossing at road level of the railway the fences on both sides of the crossing and of the track to be turned into the cattle guards applies to all public road crossings and not to those in townships only as in the case of the fencing prescribed by a 194 of the Railway Act, 1888. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. McKay*, 34 Can. S.C.R. 81, followed. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Hainer*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 59, 36 Can. S.C.R. 180.

[Applied in *Jolicoeur v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, Que. R. 34 S.C. 460; distinguished in *Buck v. Can. Nor. Ry. Co.*, 2 A.L.R. 558; *Tinsley v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 17 O.L.R. 74; referred to in *Eisenhauer v. Halifax and S.W. Ry. Co.*, 42 N.S.R. 434.]

STREET RAILWAY INTERSECTION; MUNICIPALITY; COSTS.

By agreement made in 1888 between the town of Chatham and the Ontario and Quebec Ry. Co., the company agreed to main-

tain on two streets gates and watchmen where the railway crossed the highway, and to permit crossings to be made over four streets by the Chatham Street Ry. Co. and "such other companies or corporations as the town might from time to time authorize to construct and run street railways in Chatham." By by-law of the city of Chatham passed 1905, the Chatham W. & L.E. Ry. Co. (incorporated by 4 Edw. VII. c. 105, Dom.) was authorized to lay down and construct a street railway in Chatham and was given extensive privileges of running passenger and freight cars by electric power on certain streets, including those crossed by the Ontario & Quebec Ry. Co. The Chatham W. & L.E. Ry. Co. applied to build and operate its tracks along two streets across the tracks of the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., the lessees of the Ontario & Quebec Ry. Co.:—Held, that the applicants, although possessing greater powers than an ordinary street railway, came within the terms of the agreement of 1888 as being a company authorized to construct and run a street railway in Chatham:—Held, also, that the consent of the railway company in the agreement of 1888 to permit crossings for street railway purposes did not amount to a consent to permit crossings for all purposes nor require it to bear the cost of any extra protection necessary in consequence of a street railway or other railway building across its line, and that the extra expense incurred ought to be borne by the applicants. Chatham, Wallaceburg & Lake Erie Ry. Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 175.

PROTECTION; OMISSION.

Per Wetmore, J.:—Where the railway committee in view of a dangerous crossing at any point has not been invoked under s. 187 of the Railway Act, 1888, to make the necessary regulations to minimize or do away with the danger, a railway company cannot be held to have committed an act of negligence by reason of such omission. Andreas v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 440, 2 W.L.R. 249.

[Affirmed in 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 450, 37 Can. S.C.R. 1.]

HIGHWAY NOT SANCTIONED BY BOARD; DUTY OF PROTECTION.

A crossing built by a railway company and designated by a sign as a "railway crossing," which the public is permitted to use, but the opening of which has not been sanctioned by the Board of Railway Commissioners, is not a highway under the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, ss. 242, 243, so as to impose a duty on the railway com-

pany as to construction and maintenance of fences and the protection of highways, and, therefore, cannot be charged with negligence for any omission to fence or for defective approaches, particularly where the crossing had been previously used safely by the same person and others. Bird v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 195, 6 W.L.R. 393.

[Reversed in 1 S.L.R. 266, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 314.]

DEFECTIVE CONSTRUCTION; CROSSING NOT ON HIGHWAY; DUTY OF COMPANY TO FENCE.

Held, reversing 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 195, 6 W.L.R. 393 (Wetmore, C.J., *hesitante*), that when a railway company establishes a crossing, not authorized by the Board of Railway Commissioners, over its railway, at a point other than on a highway and invites the public to use such crossing, it is the duty of the company to take every precaution for the safety of the public using such crossing and in view of the statutory provision requiring the company to fence the approaches to a railway crossing over a highway properly authorized, the failure of the company to so fence an unauthorized crossing constitutes such negligence as will render the company liable for injury to any person sustained on such crossing when the proximate cause of such injury is the failure of the company to fence. Bird v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 314, 1 Sask. L.R. 266.

RE-OPENING HIGHWAY; CONDITIONS AS TO SAFETY; CONTRIBUTION.

On an application to review, rescind or vary a former order of the Board approving the closing of a public highway across the right-of-way of a railway company and the substitution of a stile therefor:—Held, (1) that conditions have greatly changed since the date of the former order, the reasonable convenience of the public requires the highway to be open, which had never been legally closed:—Held, (2) that the application for the re-opening of the highway should be granted on condition that the railway company construct crossing, the city maintain the same and make such changes in the locality as will render the crossing as safe as may be under the circumstances. City of Victoria v. Esquimalt & Nanaimo Ry. Co., 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 470.

HIGHWAY CROSSED BY RAILWAY; DIVERSION OF HIGHWAY; PLAN AND PROFILE.

Instead of carrying the Saskatchewan Trail beneath their track by means of a subway, the respondents, by Order No. 8462, dated October 29, 1909, were given the alternative of closing the said Trail by the diversion of it to Norton street, provided

that releases from the land owners who might be injured were secured and filed. An order was given to the respondents to expropriate the properties of such land owners as would not give releases. Without conforming with the Railway Act by filing a plan and profile of the highway diversion, the respondents by faulty construction of the works made the Trail dangerous and Norton street impassable.—Held, (1) that the respondents were and are still trespassers by contravening the Act and the Board's permission. (2) That the respondents must provide subways at both streets as apparently was their original intention, and not to close and divert the Trail. (2) That the order of October 29th, 1909, should be rescinded entirely. (4) That a new order might go requiring the respondents to construct an overhead crossing for the Saskatchewan Trail, fifty feet in width, abutments parallel with the highway, or if they chose sixty-six feet in width, abutments at right angles with railway. (5) That detail plans must be filed within thirty days for approval of the Board's engineer, and work completed within ninety days after said approval. (6) That a penalty of \$100.00 a day for every day's default in observing the above conditions would be imposed and enforced. *City of Edmonton v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 444.

DIAMOND CROSSING; STREET RAILWAY; PROTECTION AT CROSSING.

Upon an application to direct the removal of the respondent's track from a public highway, and by the respondent to legalize its maintenance under ss. 59A, 222, and 237 of the Railway Act, the Board granted the respondent's application upon condition that upon the construction of a street railway upon the highway, diamond crossings should be installed and sufficient protection given at the crossing at the respondents' expense and that the movement of the steam railway upon the highway should be restricted. *City of Ottawa v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 185.

STREET RAILWAY; TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT CROSSING.

Upon an application to have a temporary right of crossing the tracks of a steam railway with the tracks of a municipal electric railway made permanent, where the highway crossing was permanent, and the respondent steam railway company had originally consented to the temporary crossing, and thereupon permanent works had been constructed by the municipality, the Board made no order but directed that unless there was an elimination of grade or change in the street car location a system

of details should be installed against the electric car line on account of the dangerous character of the crossing. *City of Lethbridge v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 345.

DIVERSION OF HIGHWAY; NEW GRADE CROSSING.

The jurisdiction of the Board of Railway Commissioners as to the closing of a highway is limited to the extinguishment of the public right to cross the railway; and this power is ordinarily exercised by first granting permission to divert the highway and afterwards making the order to close the road allowance within the limits of the company's right-of-way after the construction of the new grade crossing on the diverted highway. *Re Highways and Railway Crossings*, 12 D.L.R. 389.

WIDTH OF HIGHWAY; RESTRICTING TO PORTION DEVOTED TO HIGHWAY TRAFFIC.

The right of the public in a street over a railway right-of-way is not limited to the portion planked and gravelled for traffic by reason of the fact that no town by-law was adopted for opening the street, under s. 705 (b) of c. 57 of 8 & 9 Edw. VII. after the crossing was ordered by the Board of Railway Commissioners, where, prior to application to the Board a by-law was passed authorizing the extension of such street across the right-of-way of the railway company; and the latter acquiesced in the opening of the road for its full width, and subsequently recognized its existence. 9 D.L.R. 777, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 31, reversed. *Campbell v. Can. North. Ry. Co.* (No. 2), 12 D.L.R. 272, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 357, 23 Man. L.R. 385.

ABOLITION OF GRADE CROSSINGS; COST; LIABILITY OF RAILWAY.

Where the main track of a railway was laid across a street prior to the passage of s. 238a of the Canada Railway Act, 8 and 9 Edw. VII. c. 32, imposing on railways thereafter to be constructed the cost of providing for the protection, safety and convenience of the public at highway crossings, such provision is not rendered applicable to such railway by reason of the fact that its side tracks were also laid across the street after the adoption of such section. *British Columbia El. Ry. Co. v. Vancouver*, 48 Can. S.C.R. 98, 13 D.L.R. 308.

C. Construction and Maintenance; Costs.

APPORTIONMENT OF COST OF PROTECTION; ELECTRIC STREET RAILWAY; MUNICIPALITY.

A municipal corporation in New Bruns-

wick applied for an order under s. 187 of The Railway Act, 1903, for protection of two of its highways where crossed by the railway:—Held, that the Board had jurisdiction under s. 47 of the Railway Act, 1903, to order the municipality liable under the Provincial Act, 63 Vict. c. 46 (N.B.), for the support and maintenance of its highways, to contribute to the expense of protecting such crossings as in other provinces. *City of Toronto v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 37 Can. S.C.R. 232, referred to. An order was made by the Board that the municipality should pay one-half the wages of watchmen employed to operate gates to be installed, operated and maintained by the railway company at the crossing to be protected. *City and County of Saint John v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 161.

“MUNICIPALITY OR PERSON INTERESTED”;
PROTECTION BY GATES; CONTRIBUTION
TO COST OF.

The Board by its order of December 19th, 1906, made on the application of the village of Cedar Dale directed that the G.T. Ry. Co. should bear the expense, over and above that to which the Oshawa Electric Company was subject, of protecting by gates the crossing of the G.T. Ry. by the electric railway on Simcoe street in the village of Cedar Dale at a point about four hundred feet south of the limits of Oshawa. Counsel for the town of Oshawa supported the application for the order stating that the corporation was interested in the protection being granted but should not contribute to the expense. The G. T. Ry. Co. then applied to the Board to vary its order and apportion the cost of such protection equally between the town of Oshawa, the village of Cedar Dale and the applicant on the ground that the town was interested in the matter and the weak financial position of the village should not exempt it:—Held, (1) That the Board in this case is a Court of original jurisdiction and must decide for itself not merely the question of law, but also the question of fact as regards “interest” and also whether, in the exercise of its discretion, the town should contribute to the cost of protecting the crossing. (2) That while as a matter of law there was some evidence of interest on the part of the town, yet as a matter of fact there was no such interest in the circumstances of this particular case and the application should be dismissed, the costs of the village but not of the town to be borne by the G. T. Ry. Co. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Village of Cedar Dale et al.*, (*Cedar Dale Crossing Case*), 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 73.

[*Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. City of King-*

ston, 8 Ex. C. R., 349, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 102; *Re Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. and County and Township of York*, 27 O.R. 539, 25 A.R. 65, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 36, 47, referred to.]

HIGHWAY ACROSS RAILWAY; MUNICIPALITY;
COST OF CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE.

At the end of a village street a private level crossing over two lines of railway was allowed to be used for many years by the public for access to a stove foundry across the tracks, without any active steps being taken by the railway companies owning them to prevent this practice. The land on the village side had been subdivided into lots and built upon across the tracks. This street had been laid out in continuation through farm lands to a public highway. The railway companies put up warning notices and occasionally closed the gates at each side of their lines thereby preventing any inference of any intention to dedicate this portion of their lines to public use as a highway crossing. Upon application by such adjoining village municipality for an order directing the railway companies to construct a public highway across their lines at the place in question:—Held, (1) That the applicant should be granted leave at its own expense to construct and maintain a highway across the railways and the lands of both companies. (2) The multiplication of level crossings is entirely undesirable, but not so undesirable as illegal level crossings and railway companies should either fence off their lines and take steps to prevent the unlawful crossing of their tracks or allow public highways to be placed across them where the public interest demands such a course. *Village of Weston v. Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk Ry. Cos.* (*Denison Avenue Crossing Case*), 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 79.

CONSTRUCTION ON HIGHWAY; LEAVE OF THE
BOARD AND MUNICIPALITY; PRIORITY;
PROTECTIVE APPLIANCES; APPOINTMENT
OF COST.

Where in a railway company's original Act of incorporation the construction of its railway along a highway, except under a by-law of the proper municipal council is expressly prohibited and the prohibition is repeated in the Act declaring the company's railway to be a work for the general advantage of Canada, the Board has power under the Railway Act, R.S.C., c. 37, s. 26, to prohibit the company from maintaining or using its railway upon the public highway, if constructed thereon without due authority; but semble, the general jurisdiction conferred upon the Board by s. 26 apart from special circumstances does not

extend to the prohibition of placing rails upon or along public highways merely because the leave of the Board has not been given. Such unauthorized acts are not usually done in contravention of the Railway Act, and being breaches of the general law forbidding the obstruction of highways are not within the jurisdiction of the Board. An order of the Board approving location plans of a railway does not give authority to construct or operate the railway upon or across a public highway. The railway of the Windsor Company was constructed along a public highway without the necessary authority of the municipality and the Board. The consent of the municipality or municipalities was afterwards obtained, but not the requisite leave of the Board. The Board, however, granted leave to the Windsor Company to cross the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.'s line upon the highway, and afterwards the Essex Company, with its location plan properly sanctioned by the Board, and having the leave of the Board to cross the highway on the line of that location, applied to have the railway of the Windsor Company removed from the highway or to be allowed to cross it at the expense of the former, and to have the orders sanctioning the location plans of the Windsor Company and giving that company leave to cross the line of the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. set aside, the Essex Company claiming a right of seniority because the construction of the Windsor Company's railway on the highway was unauthorized:—Held, (1) that, while the Board had jurisdiction to require the removal of the Windsor Company's rails from the highway at the point where the Essex Company obtained leave to cross, no absolute right of priority was acquired by priority of sanction of location plans, or of leave to cross the highway, as the two railways were constructed almost simultaneously, and the application was refused by the Board in the fair exercise of its discretion, the maintenance and operation of the Windsor Company's line along the highway was authorized, and leave was given to the Essex Company to cross the lines of the Windsor Company and the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., the cost of maintenance and operation of protective appliances at the crossings being divided equally between the two companies. (2) That the Essex Company had no status for the purpose of its application to cross the line of the Windsor Company to question the legality of the location of the latter's line upon the highway. *Essex Terminal Ry. Co. v. Windsor, Essex and Lake Shore Rapid Ry. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 109.

[Affirmed in 40 Can. S.C.R. 620, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 1.]

LOCATION OF RAILWAY; CONSENT OF MUNICIPALITY; CROSSING; LEAVE OF BOARD.

On August 12, 1905, the Township of Sandwich West passed a by-law authorizing the W. E. Ry. Co. to construct its line along a named highway in the municipality, but the powers and privileges conferred were not to take effect unless a formal acceptance thereof should be filed within thirty days from the passing of the by-law. Such acceptance was filed on September 12, 1905. This was too late, and on July 20, 1907, the council of Sandwich West and of Sandwich East respectively passed by-laws containing the necessary authority. In April, 1906, the location of the line of the E. T. Ry. Co. was approved by the Board. In June, 1906, the Board made an order allowing the W. E., etc., Ry. Co. to cross the line of the C.P.R. In March, 1907, another order respecting said crossing was made and also an order approving the location of the W. E. Ry. Co., the municipal consent being obtained three months later. The E. T. Ry. Co. applied to the Board to have the orders of June, 1906, and March, 1907, rescinded and for an order requiring the W. E. Ry. Co. to remove its track from the highway at the point where the applicant proposed to cross it to discontinue its construction at such point or, in the alternative, for an order allowing it to cross the line of the W. E. Ry. Co. on said highway. The applicants claimed to be the senior road, and that the W. E. Ry. Co. had never obtained the requisite authority for locating its line. On a case stated to the Supreme Court by the Board:—Held, that the Board had power to refuse to set aside the said orders; that the by-laws passed in July, 1907, were sufficient to legalize the construction of the W. E. Ry. Co.'s line on said highway; and that the Board can now lawfully authorize the latter company to maintain and operate its railway thereon:—Held, further, that leave of the Board is necessary to enable the E. T. Ry. Co. to lay its tracks across the railway of the W. E. Ry. Co. on said highway:—Held, also, that the Board, in exercise of its discretion, has power by order to authorize the maintenance and operation of the W. E. Ry. Co. along said highway and to give leave to the E. T. Ry. Co. to cross it and the line of the C.P.R. near the present crossing and to apportion the cost of maintaining such crossing equally between the two companies instead of imposing two-thirds thereof upon the E. T. Ry. Co., as was done by a former order not acted upon; and to order that if the E. T. Ry. Co. finds it necessary in its own interest to have the points of crossing differently placed, it should bear the expense of removing the

line of the W. E. Ry. Co. to the new point of crossing. *Essex Terminal Ry. Co. v. Windsor, Essex and Lake Shore Rapid Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 1, 40 Can. S.C.R. 620.

PROTECTION BY MEANS OF GATES AND WATCHMEN; CONTRIBUTION TO COST OF; MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

Until 31st December, 1901, the defendants paid their share of the cost of protecting certain level crossings in and about the city of Toronto pursuant to the order of the Railway Committee of the Privy Council, dated 8th January, 1891, and then ceased from making further payments:—Held, (1) in an action brought to enforce payment, that the defendants were concluded by the authority of decided cases. In re *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. and County and Township of York*, 27 O.R. 559, 25 A.R. 65, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 36, 47. *City of Toronto v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 37 Can. S.C.R. 232, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 138. (2) That the order of the Railway Committee was valid and binding until rescinded by the Board of Railway Commissioners. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. City of Toronto*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 274, 8 O.W.R. 348, 9 O.W.R. 785.

[Affirmed in [1908] A.C. 54, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 282.]

PROTECTION OF HIGHWAY CROSSINGS; CONTRIBUTION OF COSTS; MUNICIPALITIES; BRITISH NORTH AMERICA ACT, s. 91, sub-s. 29; s. 92, sub-s. 10 (a); RAILWAY ACT.

The Railway Committee of the Privy Council of Canada, by order made under ss. 187 and 188 of the Dominion Railway Act, (51 Vict. c. 29), directed certain measures to be taken to safeguarding the respondents' railway, which is a through railway, and for the protection of the public in traversing it at certain level crossings where it passes across public streets at points within or immediately adjoining the boundary of the appellant city, and directed the cost thereof to be borne in equal proportions by the railway and the city. In a suit by the railway after the execution of works as directed to recover the apportioned amount from the corporation:—Held, that ss. 187 and 188 were *intra vires* of the Dominion Legislature by force of the British North America Act, 1867, s. 91, sub-s. 29, and s. 92, sub-s. 10 (a):—Held, also, that, having regard to s. 7, sub-s. 2, of the Interpretation Act (R.S.C., 1885, c. 1), "person" in s. 188 includes a municipality. *City of Toronto v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 282, [1908] A.C. 54.

[Followed in *Re Narain Singh*, 13 B.C.R. 479; relied on in *Carleton County v. Ottawa*,

41 Can. S.C.R. 552, 557; *Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Montreal*, 43 Can. S.C.R. 204.]

CONTRIBUTION TO COST; PARTY INTERESTED; MUNICIPALITY.

A municipality may be a "party interested" in works for the protection of a railway crossing over a highway though such works are neither within or immediately adjoining its bounds and the Board of Railway Commissioners has jurisdiction to order it to pay a portion of the cost of such work. *County of Carleton v. City of Ottawa*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 154, 41 Can. S.C.R. 552.

HIGHWAYS ACROSS RAILWAY; RAILWAY TO OPEN AND BEAR EXPENSE.

On application by a municipality for a highway crossing over the line of the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. at the expense of the railway company on the town line between two townships where no road allowances had been reserved in the original survey, but under this system of survey, when patents issue, a reservation of five per cent. is made for roads, with the right in the Crown to lay out same, where necessary or expedient:—Held, in view of such reservation by the Crown, that the railway company should be prepared to bear the expense of opening the highway across its right-of-way. *Township of Caldwell v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 497.

GATES; GRADE CROSSING FUND; CONTRIBUTION BY MUNICIPALITY.

Application by the municipality for an order requiring the company to place gates at a highway crossing already protected by an electric bell. It was shewn that this crossing was particularly dangerous owing to obstructions to the view, the heavy traffic both on highway and railway, and the bell being constantly out of repair:—Held, that the company should install and maintain gates at this crossing:—Held, that twenty per cent. of the cost of installation should be payable from "The Railway Grade Crossing Fund":—Held, that ten per cent. of the cost of operation be borne by the municipality. *Township of Walpole v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 499.

HIGHWAY ACROSS RAILWAY; MUNICIPALITY; COST OF CONSTRUCTION.

A complaint by the town of St. Pierre that the respondent intended to close Simplex street where it crossed its tracks and asking that the respondent should bear part of the cost of protecting the crossing. Simplex street had been originally a farm crossing but was now used as a general public highway crossing. The Board's officers reported that the crossing should be made a

regular highway crossing and be fully protected by gates and watchmen:—Held, that the applicant must reimburse the respondent for the cost of construction, maintenance and protection of the crossing, receiving from the Railway Grade Crossing Fund, 20 per cent. of the cost of the protection works. *Town of St. Pierre v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 1.

[*Vide Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. City of Toronto*, 32 O.R. 120, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 82, 92; *Village of Weston v. Grand Trunk and Can. Pac. Ry. Cos.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 79.]

BRANCH LINE; SPUR CROSSING; EXPENSE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Application under s. 176 of the Railway Act for leave to expropriate a portion of a triangular piece of land for the purpose of constructing a spur across it from the applicant's branch line on Lauriston street, in the city of Saskatoon. The said land had been acquired by the respondent from the former owner, one A. Bowerman, the respondent had been authorized by order of Board to construct certain spurs across the land in question when the applicant's spur was constructed with the exception of the section crossing the portion of the land aforesaid. The order authorizing construction of the branch line and the said spur of the applicant was made before the respondent had acquired the said land:—Held, (1) That the applicant should be authorized to take so much of the said land as would be necessary for the construction of its spur. (2) That if a dispute should arise as to the area necessary to be so taken, the matter should be determined by an engineer of the Board. (3) The expense of making the necessary railway crossings on the land should be borne jointly by the applicant and respondent. *Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.* (Kaiser Crossing Case), 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 297; *Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co. v. C.P.R.* (Nokomis Crossing Case), 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 299, distinguished. *Qu'Appelle, L.L. & Sask. Ry., etc., Cos. v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 131.

HIGHWAY CROSSED BY RAILWAY; PROTECTION; COST; APPORTIONMENT.

Application to determine the character of the protection at a crossing of a highway by a railway and to apportion the cost thereof. The railway of the first respondent crosses a public highway leading to an amusement park, known as Grimsby Beach, with a double track and the other respondent operates an electric railway on the east side of the highway ending a short distance south of the tracks of the first respondent:—Held, (1) That one watchman should be employed from May 1 to October 1, for the

first year to see if that would afford sufficient protection. (2) That the township should bear 15 per cent. and the first respondent the remaining 85 per cent. of the cost and that the second respondent should bear no portion of the cost of protection. *Mr. Commissioner McLean*:—That the second respondent contributed to the danger and should pay half of 85 per cent. of the cost of protection. *Grimsby Beach Amusement Co. v. Grand Trunk and Hamilton, etc., Ry. Cos.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 138.

GATES; CONSTRUCTION; MAINTENANCE; COST; APPORTIONMENT.

Application directing the respondent to construct, maintain and operate gates at two highway crossings within 150 feet of one another:—Held, (1) That the respondent should erect, maintain and operate the gates and be reimbursed to the extent of 20 per cent. out of the Railway Grade Crossing Fund for the cost of construction of each pair of gates, the applicant to contribute 30 per cent. towards the cost of their operation and maintenance. (2) That the rule is that the smaller rural municipalities should contribute on a basis of 15 per cent., but in this case the highways being so close and the municipality being unwilling to close either on account of land damages and inconvenience it should pay a larger proportion. *Municipality of Tavistock v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 442.

SEPARATION OF GRADES; STEAM RAILWAY AND ELECTRIC STREET RAILWAY; APPORTIONMENT OF COST; RAILWAY GRADE CROSSING FUND.

Upon an application by a municipality for an order to carry four streets over the intersecting tracks of a steam railway company, two of these streets being occupied by the tracks of an electric street railway, the Board decided that the cost be apportioned as follows:—For the streets not occupied by the electric railway, the steam railway to contribute 75 per cent., and the municipality 25 per cent. of the cost; for the streets occupied by the electric railway, the steam railway to contribute 60 per cent., the electric railway 20 per cent., and the municipality 20 per cent. of the cost, with contributions in three cases from the Railway Grade Crossing Fund of 20 per cent. up to \$5,000, such cost to include the cost of depressing the tracks of the steam railway, and damages to its lands exclusive of the right-of-way. *City of Vancouver v. Great Northern and British Columbia Electric Ry. Cos.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 333.

STREET RAILWAY; PROTECTION; APPORTIONMENT OF COST.

The Board granted an application by a municipality for a crossing on the highway of a steam railway by its electric street railway to save a detour of three thousand feet on condition that the applicant pay for its own construction, its own rails, and other work and the diamonds, but the cost of protection, that is, the installation of the interlocking plant, its maintenance and operation, to be borne equally by the applicant and respondent. The municipality was not estopped, and had the right to make the application under the changed conditions, irrespective of any action previously taken by the Board. The rights of municipalities to apply to the Board to open level crossings, in the public interest, are higher and should more readily be given effect to than applications of railway companies to cross highways on the level. *City of St. Thomas v. Michigan Central Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 339.

D. Bridges and Viaducts.

FOOTBRIDGE OVER RAILWAY.

The city of Vancouver applied for an order permitting it to construct at its own expense a wooden footbridge across the tracks of the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. at the north end of Carrell street, where a street ends at the south boundary of the railway right-of-way; the footbridge being in continuation northerly of the street and leading to wharves, the property of the railway company, on the water front of Vancouver Harbour. The nearest highway crossing of the railway was several hundred feet distant from the site of the proposed footbridge. The company contended that the Board had no jurisdiction to grant the application, its power being limited to order the erection of a footbridge at an existing highway crossing under s. 239.—Held, that under s. 237 (s. 4 of 8-9 Edw. VII. c. 32) the Board had jurisdiction to grant the application.—Held, that the footbridge so erected shall be a highway across the railway. *City of Vancouver v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 478.

SEPARATION OF GRADES; BRIDGE; NUMBER AND SPEED OF TRAINS; VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC.

Application for the construction of a highway bridge to be substituted for a level crossing over the main line of the respondent.—Held, (1) That the three main factors to be considered as creating the necessity for protection at a highway crossing are, the number of trains, and especially the rate of speed at which trains run over the

crossing, the amount of vehicular and pedestrian traffic over the crossing, and the view which those using the highway have of trains approaching in both directions. (2) That the rate of speed at which trains run is a matter of greater importance than the number of trains passing over the crossing. (3) That only limited weight should be given to arguments based on the amount of vehicular or pedestrian traffic passing over the crossing. (4) That the rate of speed at which trains pass over the crossing is a very important factor. (5) That the extent of the view at such crossing is a matter of the greatest consequence. (6) That the application should be granted and a highway bridge substituted for the level crossing over the double track main line of the respondent notwithstanding the fact that the traffic on the highway at the point in question is comparatively light. *Township of Front of Escott v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 315.

RAILWAYS CROSSED BY HIGHWAY; COST OF OVERHEAD BRIDGE; MUNICIPALITY.

Leave was granted by the Board to a municipality to carry a highway over the right-of-way and tracks of two railways by means of a bridge where no highway existed and the development of a village had been retarded for want of a crossing upon condition that the municipality bear the whole cost of construction. An easement was granted over the right-of-way, with right of support by piers without payment of compensation to the railway companies. *Village of Bridgeburg v. Grand Trunk and Michigan Central Ry. Cos.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 10, 8 D.L.R. 951.

RAILWAY CROSSED BY HIGHWAY; BRIDGE; COST; MUNICIPALITY.

In dealing with an application by a municipality to direct a railway company to carry a new highway across its tracks by an overhead crossing, the Board's jurisdiction is confined to giving directions as to the structure when railway property is interfered with and upon the municipality passing a by-law providing a proper and suitable structure for the purpose an order will go approving of same, and in such case the whole cost of the new highway will be upon the applicant. *Mission District Board of Trade v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 331.

BRIDGE; RAILWAY YARD; APPORTIONMENT OF COST; RAILWAY GRADE CROSSING FUND.

Where an application was made by a local improvement district for a bridge carrying the highway over railway tracks, and the limits of an adjoining city were

afterwards extended so that the highway became wholly within the city limits, the Board decided that the district should not bear any portion of the cost of such bridge, that the city should contribute \$5,000 of the cost for that portion of the bridge which crosses the through tracks of the railway company, who must bear the whole cost of extending the bridge across their yard, 20 per cent. of the cost of the whole bridge to be paid out of the Railway Grade Crossing Fund and the balance by the railway company. *Saskatchewan Local Improvement, etc., v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 337.

RAILWAY AND TRAFFIC BRIDGE; REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE; USUAL RULE.

The usual rule in cases of repairing and maintaining highway bridges, apart from special circumstances, is that the railway company is responsible for railway structures, and the municipality for structures handed over to it for municipal and highway purposes. *Municipality of Assiniboia v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 365.

OBSTRUCTION BY IRRIGATION WORKS.

Where in the exercise of a right conferred by statute upon a public service corporation, a public highway is interrupted by the work which the public service corporation is authorized to construct, there is an implied obligation that the public service corporation shall maintain an adequate substitute for the highway by a bridge or other means. *Rex v. Alberta Railway and Irrigation Co.*, 7 D.L.R. 513, [1912] A.C. 827.

[The *King v. Alberta R. and Irrigation Co.*, 3 Alta. L.R. 70, affirmed on appeal; *Alberta R. and Irrigation Co. v. The King*, 44 Can. S.C.R. 505, reversed on appeal. See also *The Queen v. Inhabitants of the Isle of Ely*, 117 Eng. Reports 671, 15 Q.B. 827, 19 L.J.M.C. 223, 14 Jur. 956; *R. v. Southampton*, 17 Q.B.D. 435; *Hertfordshire County Council v. New River Co.*, [1904] 2 Ch. 520.]

CROSSING OVER HIGHWAY; ORDER OF BOARD OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS; FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH CONDITIONS IMPOSED, WHERE HIGHWAY DIVERTED; RESCISSION OF ORDER; NEW ORDER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF OVERHEAD BRIDGE.

Re Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co. and Fort Saskatchewan Trail, 7 D.L.R. 891, 21 W.L.R. 364.

E. Subways.

CONSTRUCTION OF SUBWAY; LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS.

An agreement was entered into by the

Corporation of Toronto with a railway company and other property owners for the construction of a subway under the tracks of the company ordered by the Railway Committee of the Privy Council, the cost to be apportioned between the parties to the agreement. In connection with the work a roadway had to be made, running east of King street to the limit of the subway, the street being lowered in front of the company's lands, which were to some extent cut off from abutting as before on certain streets; a retaining wall was also found necessary. By the agreement the company abandoned all claims to damages for injury to its lands by construction of the works. The city passed a by-law assessing on the company its portion of the cost of the roadway as a local improvement, the greater part of the property so assessed being on the approach to the subway:—Held, that to the extent to which the lands of the company were cut off from abutting on the street as before the work was an injury, and not a benefit to such lands, and, therefore, not within the clauses of the Municipal Act as to local improvements; that as to the length of the retaining wall the work was necessary for the construction of the subway and not assessable; and that the greater part of the work, whether or not absolutely necessary for the construction of the subway, was done by the corporation under the advice of its engineer as the best mode of constructing a public work in the interest of the public, and not as a local improvement:—Held, further, that as the by-law had to be quashed as to three-fourths of the work affected, it could not be maintained as to the residue which might have been assessable as a local improvement if it had not been coupled with work not so assessable. Notice to a property owner of assessment for local improvements under s. 622 of the Municipal Act cannot be proved by an affidavit that a notice in the usual form was mailed to the owner; the Court must, upon view of the notice itself, decide whether or not it complied with the requirements of the Act. In the result the judgment of the Court of Appeal, 23 Ont. App. R. 250, was affirmed. *City of Toronto v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 26 Can. S.C.R. 682.

[Referred to in *The King v. Chappelle*, 32 Can. S.C.R. 624.]

SUBWAY; APPORTIONMENT OF COST; RAILWAY COMPANIES AND MUNICIPALITIES.

An order of the Railway Committee of the Privy Council authorized an electric street railway to cross the tracks of a steam railway beyond the limits of the city, the expense of protecting the crossing by gates

and watchmen was by agreement divided equally between the two companies. Subsequently the limits of the city were extended beyond the crossing, and the growth of population having rendered additional protection necessary, application was made by the city corporation to the Board for the construction of a subway on the highway, and the apportionment of the cost thereof between the two railway companies:—Held, that the city corporation should contribute equally with the steam railway company to the cost of the work:—Held, also, that the electric street railway company should likewise contribute to the cost of the work. Ordered that the cost of construction of the subway, including compensation for land damages, be borne by the parties in the following proportions: Three-eighths by the city corporation, three-eighths by the steam railway company, one-quarter by the electric street railway company. *City of Ottawa v. Canada Atlantic Ry. Co. and Ottawa Electric Ry. Co. (Bank Street Subway Case)*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 126.

[Affirmed in 37 Can. S.C.R. 354, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 131.]

CONSTRUCTION OF SUBWAY; APPORTIONMENT OF COST; PERSON INTERESTED; STREET RAILWAY.

The Board, on application by the city of Ottawa, ordered a subway to be made under the track of the Canada Atlantic Ry. Co. where it crosses Bank street, the cost to be apportioned among the city, the C.A. Ry. Co. and the Ottawa Electric Ry. Co. By an agreement between the Electric Co. and the city the company was given the right to run its cars along Bank street and over the railway crossing, paying therefor a specified sum per mile. The company appealed from that portion of the order making them contribute to the cost of the subway, contending that the city was obliged to furnish them with a street over which to run their cars and they could not be subjected to greater burdens than those imposed by the agreement:—Held, that the Electric Co. was a company "interested or affected" in or by the said work within the meaning of s. 47 of the said Railway Act, and could properly be ordered to contribute to the cost thereof:—Held, further, that there was nothing in the agreement between said company and the city to prevent the Board making said order or to alter the liability of the company so to contribute. *Ottawa Electric Ry. Co. v. City of Ottawa and Canada Atlantic Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 131, 37 Can. S.C.R. 354.

[Vide *Toronto v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 37 Can. S.C.R. 232, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 138.]

SUBWAY UNDER RAILWAY; PRIVILEGE TO RAISE GRADE OF HIGHWAY.

For many years the defendants, by agreement with the city of Winnipeg, had occupied a portion of the width of Point Douglas avenue in said city with the tracks of its main line. In 1904 a further agreement was made between the city and the company, and ratified by the Legislature, whereby the company obtained the right to raise the grade of Point Douglas avenue or of any part thereof to a height not exceeding ten feet above the then existing grade, upon certain conditions:—Held, that the words "or any part thereof" related to a part of the breadth as well as of the length of the avenue, and that the defendants had a right to raise the grade of the southerly forty-five feet in width of the avenue leaving twenty-one feet at its original height, although the result of that was to diminish the value of the plaintiff's lots on account of the construction of a subway alongside of them:—Held, also, that an order of the Board of Railway Commissioners granting leave to the defendants to construct such subway was valid and binding, although it had been made ex parte and in ignorance of the fact that the plaintiff had previously obtained an interim injunction against such construction, the plaintiff having made no application to rescind or vary the order as he might have done. The interim injunction granted in 1905 had been affirmed on appeal before the hearing of the cause:—Held, that that decision was not binding on the trial judge and did not divest him of the responsibility of deciding the case upon the merits at the hearing. *Fraser v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 205, 17 Man. L.R. 667.

[C.P.R. v. G.T.R. (1906), 12 O.L.R. 320, followed.]

SUBWAY; LEVEL CROSSING; AGREEMENT; TRAFFIC LIGHT.

Application by the municipality to rescind an order of August 9, 1910, approving of a level crossing where the track of the railway crossed Choate road, and to restore the order of February 15, 1910, requiring the railway company to construct a subway thereat. In July, 1910, a petition was received from residents of the township stating that they would prefer a level crossing to a subway; the railway company then applied to rescind the order for a subway and for authority to construct a level crossing. Upon a report and recommendation of the engineer of the Board (treating the petition as expressing the views of the municipality) an order was issued on 9th August, 1910, cancelling the order for the subway

and approving of a level crossing. At the hearing, the municipality stated that in consideration of getting a subway at Choate road they had consented to level crossings at other places in the township, where, if such consent had not been given, a different character of crossing might have been ordered. This statement was not denied by the railway company. The railway company contended for a level crossing because a subway would be difficult and expensive to construct on account of the nature of the soil. The Board's engineer agreed with the statement of the railway company that the subway would be difficult and expensive and pointed out that traffic on the highway was light:—Held, (1) That the order for a level crossing should be rescinded and the order for a subway restored. (2) That the approval given by the municipal council to level crossings at other highways in the township upon the understanding that they were to have a subway at Choate road was an agreement from which the railway company should not be relieved. Application for diversion of a highway into another highway where there was a subway under the railway:—Held, (1) upon the evidence that the diversion would be unreasonable and the railway company should construct a subway carrying the highway under the railway. (2) That the use of public highways should be disturbed as little as possible in the construction of railways, except where some change is necessary in the interests of public safety. Township of Clarke v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co., 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 161.

**HIGHWAY ACROSS RAILWAY; SUBWAY; AP-
PORTIONMENT OF COST; SENIOR AND
JUNIOR ROAD.**

The city of Regina applied to extend Broad street by building a subway under the yards of the railway company, and consented to close Hamilton street crossing the railway yards at grade. A crossing of necessity had been established at Hamilton street and acquiesced in by the railway company for many years. The railway company contended that Hamilton street was a mere trespass crossing, and the public could be prevented from using it at any time; that if the application was granted, the crossing would be junior to the railway, and the whole expense should be borne by the city:—Held, (1) that the application should be granted, and the railway company should contribute to the cost of the work because it had brought about an intolerable situation by laying out the town, and not providing proper access from one part to the other. (2) That the city should bare the cost of constructing the subway

and sub-structures, and the railway company should bear the cost of the super-structures. (3) That the company should provide the approaches and the city should bear the abutment damages, both at the subway and the closed level crossing at Hamilton street. (4) That the sum of \$5,000 be paid out of the railway grade crossing fund, and be divided between the parties in the proportion that the cost borne by each bears to the cost of the work. (5) That the rule of the senior and junior road has been relaxed by the Board in favour of the railway company at points where a separation of grades is made and the highway is senior to the railway. City of Regina v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 165.

SUBWAY; AGREEMENT; COMPENSATION.

Application by certain residents of the town to amend, alter or rescind an order dated June 29th, 1910, confirming an agreement entered into between the town and the railway company in regard to the protection and closing of certain streets and approving the works covered thereby. Under the agreement the railway company agreed to construct a subway at Cornelia street, an overhead footbridge at George street, and convey two strips of land on each side of its right-of-way to connect other four streets, and to bear all damages in connection with those works and alterations in the streets of the town; the municipality, on its part, agreed to pass by-laws closing five streets, including Cornelia, except that portion occupied by the subway, and sell the portions within the right-of-way to the railway company. The landowners objected to the provision of the agreement dealing with damages on the ground that they would not be able to recover full compensation under the provisions of the Municipal Act, for injury done to their holdings:—Held, (1) that the agreement, on the whole, was not one that should be interfered with. (2) That the landowners should be left to their legal rights to have the amount of their various claims settled by the proper tribunal. In re Town of Smith's Falls and Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 180.

**SUBWAYS; SENIORITY; DATES OF REGISTRA-
TION; APPOINTMENT OF COST.**

Application that the municipally owned electric railway of the applicant upon a highway be granted leave to cross the line of the respondent by a subway instead of a level crossing:—Held, (1) that it was shewn that a plan shewing the location of the street was registered prior to the location plan of the respondent. (2) That the street now being within the boundaries of the

applicant municipality carried with it the attribute of seniority acquired by the prior registration of the plan according to the provisions of Ordinance, North-West Territories, c. 4, s. 75, (1901), Public Works Act. (3) That the respondent should shew cause why an order should not be made for a sub-way, the cost to be apportioned equally between the applicant and the respondent subject to a contribution of 20 per cent. up to \$5,000 to the cost of the work from the Railway Grade Crossing Fund. City of Edmonton v. Edmonton, Yukon and Pacific Ry. Co., 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 128.

HIGHWAY CROSSINGS; APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SUBWAY; EXCESSIVE EXPENDITURE; PROPOSED DIVERSION OF HIGHWAY; SUBMISSION OF PLANS.

Re Savoy and Canadian Northern Ry. Co., 7 D.L.R. 886, 21 W.L.R. 377.

Note on protection of highway crossings, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 59.

Note on highways and right of control and possession of, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 92.

Note on right of railway to cross highway, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 335, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 163.

Note on jurisdiction of Railway Board as to apportionment of costs of highway crossings, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 163.

Note on highway across railway, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 355, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 89.

Note on jurisdiction of Board to order highway across railway, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 136.

IMMIGRANTS.

For transportation of immigrants, see Carriers of Passengers.

CHINESE IMMIGRATION ACT, 63-64 VICT. (CAN.) c. 32; HABEAS CORPUS.

Chinese immigrants who are refused admission in the United States, and do not appeal from the decision so rendered against them, are not entitled to a writ of habeas corpus, while being transported from the United States to China, in conformity with the agreement between the United States and the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. Chew and C.P.R. Co., 6 Que. P.R. 14.

Note on transportation of immigrants, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 416.

INJUNCTION.

For mandatory injunction enforcing contract regulating train service, see Train Service.

For mandatory injunction compelling street railway to specifically perform contract with municipality respecting street car service, see Street Railways.

For injunction restraining interference with expropriation, see Expropriation.

For jurisdiction of Railway Board to grant relief by injunction, see Board of Railway Commissioners.

For prevention from interference with highways, see Highway Crossings.

DAMAGE CAUSED BY INJUNCTION; WANT OF PROBABLE CAUSE.

Where a registered shareholder of a company, finding the annual reports of the company misleading, applies after notice for a writ of injunction to restrain the company from paying a dividend, and upon such application the company do not deny even generally the statements and charges contained in the plaintiff's affidavit and petition, there is sufficient probable cause for the issue of such writ; and, consequently, the defendant, who upon the merits has succeeded in getting the injunction dissolved, has no right of action for damages resulting from the issue of the injunction. '8 Rev. Leg. 12, Mont. L.R. 3 S.C. 232, 17 Rev. Leg. 550, affirmed. Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Ritchie, 16 Can. S.C.R. 622.

[Followed in Lavoie v. Duret, Q.R. 7 S.C. 155.]

RESTRAINING USE OF FORESHORE OF HARBOUR.

The Dominion Statute, 44 Vict. c. 1, s. 18, gave the C.P.R. Co. the right to take and use the land below high water mark in any stream, lake, etc., so far as required for the purposes of the railway:—Held, that the right of the public to have access to a harbour, the foreshore of which had been taken by the company under this Act, was subordinate to the rights given to the company thereby, and the latter could prevent by injunction an interference with the use of the foreshore so taken. 2 B.C.R. 306 affirmed. City of Vancouver v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 23 Can. S.C.R. 1.

[Leave to appeal to Privy Council refused, 23 Can. Gaz. 360; considered in Attorney-General v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 11 B.C.R. 299; followed in Can. Pac. Ry. Co. v. Parke, 6 B.C.R. 15; referred to in Can. Pac. Ry. Co. v. McBryan, 5 B.C.R. 198.]

EXPROPRIATION FOR STATED PURPOSE; VIOLATION OF CONTRACT.

(1) Where a petitioner for injunction shews that his rights under the terms of a contract made by him with the respondent and under a servitude granted by it over the property acquired are violated by t

and another railway under agreement with it, an interlocutory order of injunction will be granted to restrain both respondents from the performance of any acts in violation of the contract and servitude. (2) Where a railway company, by expropriation proceedings, obtains land for one object and makes use of it for another, causing additional damage to the expropriated party, particularly when the railway company has declared that it is so expropriated for the former object in order to save the greater danger resulting from the other object, the expropriated party is entitled to an interlocutory order of injunction, irrespective of his right to recover damages, the object of the law being that all damages must be paid before expropriation. *Hampson v. Chateauguay and Northern Ry. Co.*, 6 Que. P.R. 283.

[Applied in *United Shoe Machinery Co. v. Brunet*, Q.R. 27 S.C. 213.]

MALICE; IRREPARABLE DAMAGE.

The plaintiff had obtained the right to operate a line of electric railway in certain streets within the limits of the municipality defendant, under a by-law of the town council and under a contract passed between plaintiff and defendant. The defendant, by the contract, reserved the right to take possession of the streets used by the plaintiff, for the purpose of changing the level and the performance of other necessary work. It was acting under these powers when the work was stopped by a temporary injunction order:—Held (affirming the judgment of the Superior Court, Archibald, J.): (1) Where one of two parties to a contract is doing a thing which, by the terms of the contract, he has specially reserved the right to do, the other party to the contract is not entitled to an injunction to restrain the doing of the thing, on the ground that the work is proceeding in a way which inflicts more damage than would be caused if another method, more expensive, had been adopted. So, in the present case, the municipality defendant, which had granted certain powers to the plaintiff, but had reserved the right to take possession of the streets when necessary for road operations, was not bound to adopt a more lengthy and expensive though less injurious method of performing the work. (2) In order to obtain an injunction in such circumstances, where there has been no invasion of a legal or equitable right, it must be established that irreparable injury will be caused if an injunction is not granted. (3) A temporary interruption of traffic and injurious method of removing the rails, causing a damage in the nature of a pecuniary loss, do not constitute an irreparable injury. (4) Although

difficulties had existed between the parties, and defendant may have derived satisfaction from the thought that the exercise of its rights would cause the plaintiff damage, yet malice alone does not open any right of action, where, as here, there was a real intention to accomplish the work, and defendant was acting within its right. *Montreal Park and Island Ry. Co. v. Town of St. Louis*, 17 Que. S.C. 545.

HIGHWAY CROSSINGS; INTERFERENCE WITH ACCESS TO BRIDGE.

The permission granted by the Railway Committee of the Privy Council for the crossing of a public highway by a railway at a place where there are approaches to a bridge belonging to a private individual does not deprive such person of his recourse for indemnity and, in default of previous tender of such indemnity, he may, by injunction, prevent the railway company constructing the crossing over the approaches to his bridge. *Jones v. Atlantic and North-West Ry. Co.*, 12 Que. P.R. 392.

RESTRAINING THE RUNNING OF CARS; ENFORCEMENT OF AGREEMENT.

By an agreement made between the plaintiffs, the municipality of Toronto, and defendants, a street railway company, the defendants agreed that, upon receiving at any time twenty-four hours' notice from the plaintiffs' engineer, they would cease running their cars by electricity on the portion of Yonge Street within the city limits:—Held, that, nothing having occurred to operate as a waiver by the plaintiffs of this term of the agreement, and the notice having been duly given, the plaintiffs were entitled to an injunction restraining the defendants from propelling their cars by electricity within the limits of the city. *City of Toronto v. Metropolitan Ry. Co.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 63, 31 O.R. 367.

RAILWAY COMMITTEE; LOCATION OF LINE; CONFLICTING SURVEYS; JURISDICTION.

An injunction will not be granted to restrain one railway company making its surveys and locating its line so as to cross and re-cross the line of another. The Railway Committee of the Privy Council is the tribunal specially constituted, having powers and jurisdiction respecting the crossing, intersection and junction of railways, the alignment, arrangement, disposition and location of tracks, the use by one company of the tracks of another and every matter, act or thing which by the Railway Act, 51 Vict. c. 29 (D.), or the special Act of any railway company is sanctioned, required to be done or prohibited. The Court in a case of this nature, in which the Railway

Committee has jurisdiction, will not make a declaration of the rights or priorities of the contending parties. *Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound Ry. Co. v. Atlantic and North West Ry. Co.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 101.

[Referred to in *Perrault v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 14 K.B. 249.]

INTERLOCUTORY INJUNCTION; EXPROPRIATION; COMMENCEMENT OF WORK; OMISSION TO FILE PLANS.

The defendant company was originally incorporated in 1897 by an Act of the Legislature of British Columbia, and on 28th June, 1898, by an Act of the Parliament of Canada, its objects were declared to be works for the general advantage of Canada, and thereafter to be subject to the legislative authority of the Parliament of Canada and the provisions of the Railway Act, except s. 89 thereof. S. 4 of the Dominion Act of 1898 required the railway to be commenced within two years. In 1901, the defendant company commenced expropriation proceedings in respect of the plaintiff hotel company's lands, and by consent took possession and proceeded with construction, negotiations to determine the amount of compensation by arbitration being carried on in the meantime. The defendant company had purchased for its line of railway land on either side of the plaintiff railway company's right of way, and had applied to the Railway Committee of the Privy Council for leave to make a crossing. On application of plaintiffs, who alleged *inter alia* that the defendants' railway was not commenced within the two years, that no map or plan and profile of the whole line of railway had been prepared and deposited in the Department of the Minister of Railways, and that the work being done by the defendant company was not authorized and was not being prosecuted in good faith by the company under its charter, but was really for the benefit of the Great Northern Railway Company, so that it might extend its railway system, which lies south of the International Boundary, into British Columbia, injunctions were granted restraining until the trial of the action defendant company from continuing in possession and proceeding with the expropriation of the land of the plaintiff Hotel Company, and also from taking any proceedings toward effecting the proposed crossing of the right of way of the plaintiff Railway Company. Motions to dissolve the injunctions were refused. The Full Court (Irving, J., dissenting), dismissed an appeal on the ground that there were several points of importance which should be decided at the trial. Per Irving and Martin, JJ. (Drake, J., dissenting):—Special

sittings of the Full Court may be held either at Victoria or Vancouver to hear appeals in actions irrespectively of where the writs of summons were issued. *Yale Hotel Company, v. Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Ry. Co.*; *Grand Forks and Kettle River Ry. Co. v. Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 108, 9 B.C.R. 66.

[Referred to in *Fry v. Botsford*, 9 B.C.R. 243.]

RESTRAINING CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY; FRANCHISE.

Per Sedgewick and Killam, JJ.:—A company having power to construct a railway within the limits of the municipality has not such an interest in the municipal highways as would entitle it to an injunction prohibiting another railway company from constructing a tramway upon such highways with the permission of the municipality under the provisions of Art. 479 of the Quebec Municipal Code. The municipality has power, under the provisions of the Municipal Code, to authorize the construction of a tramway by an existing corporation notwithstanding that such corporation has allowed its powers as to the construction of new lines to lapse by non-user within the time limited in its charter. Per Girouard and Davies, JJ.:—A railway company which has allowed its powers as to construction to lapse by non-user within the time limited in its charter and which does not own a railway line within the limits of a municipality where such powers were granted has no interest sufficient to maintain an injunction prohibiting the construction therein of another railway or tramway. *Montreal Park and Island Ry. Co. v. Chateauguay and Northern Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 83, 35 Can. S.C.R. 48.

CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY; INJURY TO MINES; COMPENSATION.

The defendants claimed the right to construct their railway under the authority of certain orders-in-council, having obtained the approval of the Board and Minister of the Interior of a route map referred to in sub-s. 1 of s. 122 of the Railway Act, 1903, but not that referred to in sub-s. 5 of s. 122.—Held, (1) before the defendants could expropriate land without the consent of the owners, they must comply with the provisions of the Railway Act, 1903. (2) Placer miners are owners within the meaning of the Railway Act, 1903, and entitled to compensation. (3) A placer mine is an open mine within s. 132 of the Railway Act, 1903. (4) The plaintiffs were entitled to an injunction restraining the defendants from constructing their works and injuriously

affecting the working of the plaintiff's placer mining claims held by them under licenses issued under the placer mining regulations, ss. 132 and 133, Railway Act, 1903. *Yale Hotel Co. v. Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Ry. and Navigation Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 108, followed. *Day v. Klondike Mines Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 203, 2 W.L.R. 205.

EXPROPRIATION; OPPRESSIVENESS; COMPENSATION; UNNECESSARY DELAY.

In the absence of evidence that the company has been oppressive or high-handed, an injunction will not be granted to restrain the railway company from proceeding with the railway, even if there has not been substantial compliance with the Act, provided the railway company will enter into an undertaking to comply forthwith with the requirements of the Act and to facilitate the proceedings for determining the amount of compensation to be paid—following *Corporation of Parkdale v. West, L.R. 12 A.C. 602*, 56 L.J.P.C. 66, 57 L.T. 602, and *Henrie v. Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Ry. Co.*, 26 O.R. 607, affirmed 27 O.R. 46. But the Court will reserve to the plaintiff the right to apply to a single Judge for an injunction to prevent any unnecessary delay in proceeding to comply with the Act and pay compensation. *Marsan v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 341, 2 A.L.R. 43.

[Distinguished in *Girouard v. Grand Trunk Pac. Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 354, 2 A.L.R. 54.]

EXPROPRIATION; INVALID WARRANT OF POSSESSION.

The defendant applied for warrant of possession under the Railway Act regarding expropriation of lands, and the Judge, sitting in Court, granted the warrant of possession on facts which the Court en banc, in *Marsan v. Grand Trunk Pacific*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 341, 2 A.L.R. 43, held were not sufficient to give the Judge jurisdiction, and the order was therefore invalid. The plaintiff, instead of taking an appeal from the order, brought an action against the railway company, claiming injunction and damages:—Held, that the plaintiff could maintain the action, for the reason that, even if an appeal would lie from the order, the plaintiff was entitled to additional relief by way of an injunction and damages which could not be given on appeal:—Held, also, the principle of *res judicata* would not apply, as the order granting the warrant of possession was made without jurisdiction. *Attorney-General for Trinidad v. Enriehe*, 63 L.J.P.C. 6, [1893] A.C. 518, 1 R. 440, 69 L.T. 505, referred to:—Held, also, that the railway company hav-

ing acted under the invalid warrant of possession had committed a technical trespass and was liable for nominal damages, which carried costs. *Marsan v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 341, 2 A.L.R. 43, distinguished. *Girouard v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 354, 2 A.L.R. 54.

DAMAGES IN LIEU OF INJUNCTION.

The ordinary rule is to grant damages in lieu of an injunction in cases where (a) the injury to plaintiff's legal rights is small, and (b) is capable of being estimated in damages, and (c) can be adequately compensated by a small money payment, and (d) where it would be oppressive to defendant to grant an injunction. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 7 D.L.R. 120, 22 W.L.R. 289.

[*Shelfer v. City of London Electric Light Co. (No. 1)*, [1895] 1 Ch. 287, at 322, approved.]

DAMAGES IN LIEU OF INJUNCTION.

Where an injury has not been actually committed, but is threatened, it is still a matter of doubt, whether the Court which might grant an injunction to restrain the threatened injury has any jurisdiction to award damages in lieu of an injunction which would have been preventive only and not mandatory. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 7 D.L.R. 120, 22 W.L.R. 289.

[*Martin v. Price*, [1894] 1 Ch. 276, considered.]

INJURY OR INCONVENIENCE TO PROPERTY; IRRIGATION WORKS.

Where a railway company had agreed in building its road to erect permanent bridges over plaintiff's irrigation ditches and it appeared that, without first erecting temporary bridges, and maintaining them for some months, the agreement could only be performed with great difficulty and considerable delay and consequent loss to the company and there was no proof that plaintiff would sustain more than nominal damages, the Court has a discretion to refuse an interim injunction to restrain the railway company from erecting the temporary structures, leaving it open for the Court at the trial to make a mandatory order for their removal or to award damages or to do both, and this particularly in view of an express statutory power to award damages in lieu of, or in addition to, an injunction for breach of contract. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 7 D.L.R. 120, 22 W.L.R. 289.

STREET RAILWAYS; VIOLATION OF FRANCHISE.

An injunction will be denied a city to enjoin the operation of an electric railway on the ground that the company has no power to do so by reason of an irregularity in the proceedings of the municipality purporting to confer the franchise on the company, where it does not appear that the railway is a nuisance, or that the city suffered special damages from its operation, although it crossed some public streets under an order made by the Dominion Railway Board. *Burnaby v. B.C. Electric Ry. Co.*, (B.C.) 12 D.L.R. 320.

RESTRAINING APPLICATION TO GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL FOR LEAVE TO EXPROPRIATE LAND.

The Court will not enjoin a proposed application by a company to the Governor-in-council for permission to expropriate land or an easement for the purposes of its business, as permitted by its charter, c. 113 of N.S. Acts, 1911, on the ground that the property sought was not such as could be acquired by expropriation, because affected with public rights, or rights already acquired by others under statutory grants; since the Court cannot assume in advance that the Governor-in-council will exceed his jurisdiction or act illegally and grant permission to take land not subject to expropriation. (Per Townshend, C.J., and Longley, J.) *Miller v. Halifax Power Co.*, (N.S.) 13 D.L.R. 844.

Whether mandamus, injunction, specific performance or damages is the proper remedy for the enforcement of covenants by railway companies. *Ed. Note*, 1 *Can. Ry. Cas.* 294.

INSOLVENCY.

See Sale and Foreclosure; Receivers.

UNSECURED CREDITOR NOT ASSENTING TO SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT.

(1) An unsecured creditor who does not assent to a scheme of arrangement filed under s. 285 of the Railway Act, 1903, is not bound thereby. (2) It is, however, a good objection to such scheme that it purports in terms to discharge the claim of such creditor. (3) By a scheme of arrangement, between an insolvent railway company and its creditors, it was proposed to cancel certain outstanding bonds and to issue new debentures in lieu thereof against property that was at the time in the possession of the trustees for the bondholders of another railway company. Part of such new debentures were to be issued upon the insolvent company acquiring the control of certain claims, bonds and liens against

the railway; and part upon a good title to the railway being secured and vested in the trustees for the new debenture holders. The railway company, the trustees for whom bondholders were in possession of the railway, objected to the scheme of arrangement. Its rights therein had not been determined or foreclosed.—Held, that the railway company was entitled to be heard in opposition to the scheme, and that the latter was open to objection in so far as it purported to give authority to issue a part of the new debentures upon acquiring the control of such claims, bonds and liens, and without any proceedings to foreclose or acquire the rights of such railway company in the railway. (4) No scheme of arrangement under the Railway Act, 1903, ought to be confirmed if it appears or is shown that all creditors of the same class are not to receive equal treatment. *Re the Baie des Chaleurs Ry.*, 9 *Can. Exch. R.* 386.

RAILWAY; INSOLVENCY; SALE; PRIOR ENQUIRY INTO CLAIMS OF CREDITORS; PLEDGE OF BONDS; TRUSTEE FOR BONDHOLDERS.

An enquiry before a referee into the validity and priority of the claims of creditors of an insolvent railway may be ordered before an order for the sale of the railway is made under the provisions of s. 26 of the Exchequer Court Act (R.S. 1906), c. 140. (2) A pledgee of railway bonds has a sufficient interest (in the nature of that of a mortgagee) in such bonds to institute an action for the sale of the railway under the provisions of s. 26 of the Exchequer Court Act. (3) A trustee for the bondholders of an insolvent railway may become a purchaser, as such trustee, at the sale of the railway. (4) Under the terms of s. 26 of the Exchequer Court Act part of a railway may be sold when the railway is in default in paying interest on its bonds. (5) A director, being a creditor of a railway company, present at a meeting where authority is given to pledge the bonds of the company, is estopped from setting up the invalidity of such bonds in an action by the pledgee. (6) The Court in exercising its jurisdiction in respect of railway debts under the said section, will not review the judgment of another Court of competent jurisdiction affecting the railway, but will leave the rights of any person entitled to attack the judgment to the determination of the Court which pronounced the same. *Royal Trust Co. v. Baie des Chaleurs Ry. Co.*, 13 *Can. Exch. R.* 1.

RAILWAY; INSOLVENCY; STATUS OF CREDITOR AS MORTGAGEE OF BONDS AND TRUSTEE.

In this case, certain of the defendants,

who were creditors of the railway company defendant, asked leave during the progress of the trial to amend their defence by setting up non-compliance by the railway company with certain statutory requirements as to the issue of bonds:—Held, that the amendment asked would result in raising a new issue between the parties, and the application should be refused as having been made too late. (2) By its statement of claim the plaintiff company asked among other things, that certain mortgage bonds of the defendant company held by them together with a mortgage deed in favour of the plaintiff, as trustee, made by the defendant company to secure certain bonds or debentures, be declared a "first claim and privileged debt" ranking on the property of defendant company's railway:—Held, that judgment should be entered declaring that said mortgage bonds and trust deed constituted "a claim and privileged debt," but that their rank, amount and priority should be determined by the registrar of the Court, to whom a general reference was directed to take accounts and ascertain what was due to the several creditors and what the priorities were as between them, and whether there were any prior claims, and, if any, for what amounts respectively. *Royal Trust Co. v. Atlantic and Lake Superior Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Exch. R. 38.

SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT; ENROLLMENT WHERE NO OBJECTIONS.

Motion to confirm a scheme of arrangement, between the Great Northern Ry. Co. of Canada and its creditors, filed in the Exchequer Court under the provisions of s. 285 of the Railway Act, 1903. *Per Curiam*:—The motion will be granted. The scheme of arrangement will be confirmed, and, as there is no objection, the same will be enrolled by the Registrar forthwith. *Re Great Northern Ry. Co. of Canada*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 416, 9 Ex. C.R. 337.

SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT; MOTION TO RESTRAIN PENDING ACTION.

In proceedings taken to confirm a scheme of arrangement, filed by a railway company under the provisions of s. 285 of the Railway Act, 1903, an application was made, on behalf of the railway company, for an order to restrain further proceedings in an action against such company begun in the Superior Court for the District of Montreal, by certain creditors, before the filing of the scheme of arrangement but which had not proceeded to judgment:—Held, that as there were real and substantial issues to be tried out between the parties in the action pending in the Superior Court, the same ought to be allowed to proceed pending

the maturing of the scheme of arrangement. *In re Cambrian Ry. Co.'s Scheme*, L.R. 3 Ch. App. 280, n. 1, referred to. *In re Atlantic and Lake Superior Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 418, 9 Ex. C.R. 283.

INSURANCE.

For insurance of employees, see *Employees*.

Condition in bill of lading requiring insurance of goods, see *Carriers of Goods; Limitation of Liability*.

As affecting amount of damages, see *Damages*.

INTERCHANGE OF TRAFFIC.

As affecting rates, see *Tolls and Tariffs*.

JUNCTION OF TWO RAILWAYS; AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD.

The object of the Railway Act (ss. 177, 253 and 271) is to ensure that all reasonable and proper facilities for the handling, forwarding and interchange of traffic shall be afforded to the shipping public. For this purpose the Board may, without the sanction and against the will of a railway company, permit a junction to be made with its line by another railway where, in the opinion of the Board, such junction is reasonably necessary in the public interest and in the interest of traffic in the district through which the railway passes. The parties to a lease of a railway cannot by stipulation between themselves restrict the powers or discretion of the Board to authorize such a junction. *Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Ry. Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* (*The Stamford Junction Case*), 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 256.

CONNECTION OF RAILWAYS; INTERCHANGE OF TRAFFIC.

A physical connection was made and used some years before 1st February, 1903, between the lines of a provincial and Dominion railway, but no order was obtained authorizing such connection under s. 173, 51 Vict. c. 29, Railway Act, 1888, or s. 177, Railway Act, 1903, although a crossing had been duly authorized by the Railway Committee of the Privy Council in 1897. Upon an application being made under ss. 253 and 271 of the Railway Act, 1903, to compel an interchange of traffic between the two railways:—Held, that Parliament has the incidental power to determine the terms upon which a railway, not otherwise subject to its legislative authority, may connect with or cross one that is so subject, and the obligations

between the companies concerned. B.N.A. Act, s. 91 (10) (a) and (c), and s. 92 (29); ss. 306 and 307, 51 Vict. c. 29, Railway Act 1888, and s. 7, Railway Act, 1903, referred to:—Held, that such connection being illegal, no order should be made. An application to authorize the connection, under s. 177, Railway Act, 1903, must first be made. *Patriarhe v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* et al., 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 200.

DOMINION RAILWAY; PROVINCIAALLY INCORPORATED RAILWAY; CONNECTION.

The Board has no jurisdiction to order a connection to be made or traffic to be interchanged between a Dominion railway and a provincially incorporated railway which it crosses, such provincial railway not having been declared a work for the general advantage of Canada. Under s. 8 of the Railway Act the jurisdiction of the Board is confined to the point of crossing, and does not extend to the whole line of the provincial railway. Where a railway company incorporated by the Parliament of Canada was authorized to acquire two provincially incorporated railways, but no work had been done in connection with such railway, and the validating Act provided that the acquisition should not make such railways subject to the Railway Act, 1903, or works for the general advantage of Canada, but that they should remain subject to the legislative control of the province:—Held, (1) that under s. 3, the special provincial Act overrides the Railway Act. (2) That there is no jurisdiction to authorize making connections with or affording facilities to a Dominion railway which does not exist, and an order requiring such connection to be made would be in effect ordering a provincial railway to connect with a Dominion railway, as to which the Board has no jurisdiction. *Boards of Trade of Galt, etc., v. Grand Trunk, Canadian Pacific, etc., Ry. Cos.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 195.

COMPULSORY CONNECTION AND INTERCHANGE OF TRAFFIC.

Sub-section 4 of s. 57 of the Ontario Railway Act, 1906, 6 Edw. VII. c. 30, applies only to railways actually in existence and operation at the time of the application to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board thereby provided for, and there is no difference in this respect when the railways in question, or any of them, are street railways. Where, under sub-s. 6 of s. 57 of the Ontario Railway Act, 1906, 6 Edw. VII. c. 30, the Railway and Municipal Board makes an order declaring that s. 57 shall apply to two railways, as to one of which it has jurisdiction to make such an order, but not as to the other, the intention being to

bring about an interchange of traffic between them, the Court of Appeal will not strike out that part of the order which is beyond the Board's jurisdiction and let the remainder stand, when the effect of so doing would be to name a different order from that which the Board intended to make, and, in fact, made. Upon the proper construction of sub-s. 6 of s. 57 of the Ontario Railway Act, 1906, 6 Edw. VII. c. 30, the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board has power only to declare that that section shall apply to a particular railway, without any limitation as to the railways with which such railway may thereby become liable to interchange traffic, but such a declaration does not restrict the power of the Board to refuse subsequently to order an interchange of traffic between such railway and any other railway, or to impose such terms of interchange as it may see fit. Section 57 of the Ontario Railway Act, 1906, 6 Edw. VII. c. 30, does not apply to a railway owned by a municipal corporation. In re *City of Toronto and Toronto Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 422, 3 D.L.R. 561, 26 O.L.R. 225.

INTERLOCKING APPARATUS.

See Crossings, Injuries at; Railway Crossings; Employees; Negligence.

IRRIGATION.

See Drainage.

JOINT TARIFF.

See Tolls and Tariffs.

JUDGMENT.

See Pleading and Practice; Appeal.
Note on assignment of judgment. 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 479.

JUNCTIONS.

See Railway Crossings; Interchange of Traffic; Branch Lines and Sidings.

JUNCTIONS; CROSSINGS.

The "joining" of two different lines of railway for which the leave of the Board of Railway Commissioners is required under the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, s. 227, means joining on the same level so as to enable cars to be transferred from one road to the other. The "crossing" of two different lines of railway for which the leave of the Board of Railway Commissioners is required under the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906,

c. 37, s. 227, means the passing of the tracks of one railway on, over, or under, the tracks of another by meeting at any angle, continuing at the same angle to the opposite side of the track crossed and immediately leaving the track crossed. Canadian North-West Ry. Co. v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., (Alta.) 13 D.L.R. 624.

JURISDICTION.

For jurisdiction of Railway Board or Committee, see Board of Railway Commissioners.

For jurisdiction of Recorder's Court to collect street railway fines, see Street Railways.

CONTRACT FOR GRANT OF PART OF PUBLIC DOMAIN; BREACH OF; REMEDY; JURISDICTION; DECLARATION OF REMEDY.

The Exchequer Court of Canada had jurisdiction in respect of a claim arising out of a contract to grant a portion of the public domain made under the authority of an Act of Parliament. (2) Such a claim may be prosecuted by a Petition of Right. (3) Where the Court has jurisdiction in respect of the subject-matter of a Petition of Right, the petition is not open to objection on the ground that a merely declaratory judgment or order is sought thereby. If, on the other hand, there is no jurisdiction, no such declaration should be made. Clark v. The Queen, 1 Can. Exch. R. 182, considered. Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railroad and Steamboat Company v. The King, 7 Can. Exch. R. 105.

[Relied on in Re Calgary and Edmonton Land Co., 2 A.L.R. 457.]

EXCHEQUER COURT; RAILWAY COMMITTEE; POWER TO MAKE SAME ORDERS.

By s. 29 of the Railway Act, 51 Vict. c. 17 (sic), the Exchequer Court is empowered to make an order of the Railway Committee of the Privy Council a rule of Court; but where there are proceedings pending in another Court in which the rights of the parties under the order of the Railway Committee may come in question, the Exchequer Court, in granting the rule, may suspend its execution until further directions. (2) The Court refused to make the order of the Railway Committee in this case a rule of Court upon a mere ex parte application, and required that all parties interested in the matter should have notice of the same. Re Metropolitan Ry. Co. and Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 96, 6 Ex. C.R. 351.

COURT OF REVIEW; JURISDICTION TO REVIEW MERITS OF CASE.

The Court of Review has absolute and unrestricted power to decide the merits of a cause reserved for its consideration without regard to the verdict of the jury. (Art. 496, C.P.C.). Ferguson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 420, Q.R. 20 S.C. 54.

[Referred to in Miller v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., Q.R. 21 S.C. 350, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 449, 34 Can. S.C.R. 70.]

COUNTY COURTS; JURISDICTION; TITLE TO LAND; PROPERTY IN SAND AND GRAVEL ON HIGHWAYS.

(1) A claim of a municipality for damages for the taking by a railway company of quantities of sand and gravel from alleged highways and allowances for roads in the municipality not in its actual possession or occupation, if disputed, raises a question of the title to a corporeal hereditament within the meaning of s. 59 of the County Courts Act, R.S.M., c. 33, and the jurisdiction of the County Court to adjudicate on such claim is ousted when such a question of title is bona fide raised, notwithstanding the provisions of ss. 615 and 644 of the Municipal Act, R.S.M., c. 100, giving the right of possession of such roads to the municipality and power to pass by-laws for preserving or selling timber, trees, stone or gravel on any of such roads. (2) Under the enactment substituted for s. 315 of the County Courts Act by 59 Vict. c. 3, s. 2, an appeal to this Court lies from the decision of a County Court Judge on the question of jurisdiction as well as from all other decisions in actions in which the amount in question is twenty dollars or more. (3) Although the action in the County Court failed for want of jurisdiction, the plaintiff should be ordered to pay the costs of it under s. 1 of c. 5 of 1 Edw. VII., and also the costs of the appeal. Municipality of Louise v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 3 Ry. Cas. 65, 14 Man. L.R. 1.

[Fair v. McCrow (1871), 31 U.C.R. 599, and Portman v. Patterson (1861), 21 U.C.R. 237, followed.]

JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATE'S COURT; FARM CROSSINGS.

In an action for a farm crossing, it is sufficient if the plaintiff be shown to be the actual bona fide owner, and in possession as such, of the land crossed by the railway, although his title is not registered; and the fact that the land was purchased and cleared by him, long subsequent to the building of the railway, is no bar to his right of action. The district magistrate's court has no jurisdiction to order the con-

struction of a farm crossing even when the cost thereof is alleged to be less than \$50 if the crossing would create a servitude and would be interfering with future rights. *Bolduc v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 197, Q.R. 23 S.C. 238.

JURISDICTION OF SUPERIOR COURT; EXPROPRIATION; INTERVENTION.

A party claiming to be owner of land expropriated by a railway company can intervene in the course of the proceedings for expropriation, but such intervention will not affect the validity of proceedings taken up to that time. The Superior Court has jurisdiction to decide the case on the intervention. *Montreal & Southern Counties Ry. Co. v. Woodrow*, 11 Que. P.R. 230, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 496.

LANDS.

See Expropriation.

LAST CHANCE.

See Ultimate Negligence.

LEASES.

See Contracts.

LICENSEES

See Carriers of Passengers; Employees.

Note on liability of carrier for injuries to passenger or licensee. 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 200.

LIMITATION OF ACTIONS.

A. Operation of Railway.

B. Street Railways.

C. Foreclosure Proceedings.

For notice of claims, see Claims.

For conditions limiting liability, see Limitation of Liability.

For limitation of actions for removal of siding as injury by reason of railway operation, see Branch Lines and Sidings.

A. Operation of Railway.

DAMAGE CARRIED BY OPERATION OF RAILWAY.

The "damage" referred to in s. 27, of c. 109, R.S.C., and s. 287 of 51 Vict. c. 29, is "damage" done by the railway itself, and not by reason of the default or neglect of the company running the railway, or of a company having running powers over it, and

therefore the prescription of six months referred to in said sections is not available in an action like the present. *Mont. L.R. 5 Q.B. 122* affirmed. *Nor. Shore Ry. Co. v. McWillie*, 17 Can. S.C.R. 511.

COMMENCEMENT OF PRESCRIPTION; CONTINUING DAMAGE.

The prescription of a right of action for injury to property runs from the time the wrongful act was committed, notwithstanding the injury remains as a continuing cause of damage from year to year, when the damage results exclusively from that act, and could have been foreseen and claimed for at the time. *Kerr et al. v. Atlantic and North-West Ry. Co.*, 25 Can. S.C.R. 197.

[Applied in *Croysdill v. Anglo-American Telegraph Co.*, 10 Q.P.R. 37; *Lavoie v. Beaudoin*, Q.R. 14 S.C. 254; *Montreal v. Montreal Brewing Co.*, Q.R. 18 K.B. 406; *Préfontaine v. Grenier*, Q.R. 27 S.C. 349; referred to in *Beauchemin v. Cadieux*, Q.R. 22 S.C. 487; *Bureau v. Gale*, Q.R. 36 S.C. 88.]

LIABILITY AS WAREHOUSEMAN.

Held, that the Railway Act applies to an action charging the company with negligence as warehousemen, and therefore, the action not having been commenced within six months, was barred. *Walters v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 1 Terr. L.R. 88.

CONTINUOUS DAMAGE; FLOODED LANDS.

The limitation of one year in s. 306 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, does not apply to an action of damages for the continuous flooding of land, caused by the defective construction of culverts on a railway within the legislative authority of the Parliament of Canada. *Leamy v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 38 Que. S.C. 149.

ACTION OF COMMISSION OR OMISSION.

The provisions of The Railway Act, 1888, s. 287 (as to limitations of actions for damages or injury sustained by reason of the railway) apply to actions founded on the commission of acts, not to those founded on the omission of acts, which it was the company's duty to perform. If, in an action against a railway company, an amendment of the statement of claim is asked for, it should not be allowed if s. 287 applies, and the amendment sets up a new cause of action. *Kelly v. Ottawa Ry. Co.*, 3 O.A.R. 616; *McWillie v. N.S.R. Co.*, 417 Can. S.C.R. 511; *Zimmer v. G. T. Ry. Co.* 19 O.A.R. 693, considered. *Findlay v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 380, 5 Terr. L.R. 143.

[Commented on in *Can. Nor. Ry. Co. v. Robinson*, 43 Can. S.C.R. 408; referred to in

Robinson v. Can. Nor. Ry. Co., 19 Man. L.R. 315.]

INJURY TO GRATUITOUS PASSENGER; COMMON LAW LIABILITY; CLAIM "BY REASON OF RAILWAY."

Held, also, that although brought more than six months after the happening of the accident, the action was not barred under the limitation clause of the General Railway Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 207, s. 42, incorporated into the defendants' special Act—because it was based on the defendants' breach of their common law duty, founded on their undertaking to carry the plaintiff safely, and not on injury sustained "by reason of the railway" within the meaning of that clause. Semble, that the words "may prove that the same was done in pursuance of and by authority of this Act and the Special Act" in the latter part of R.S.O. 1897, c. 207, s. 42 (1), mean no more than "may prove that the damage or injury was sustained by reason of the railway," as in the earlier part of the section. Ryckman v. Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville Electric Ry. Co., 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 457, 10 O.L.R. 419.

[Adopted in Sayers v. B.C. Elec. Ry. Co., 12 B.C.R. 109; referred to in British Columbia Elec. Ry. Co. v. Crompton, 43 Can. S.C.R. 7, 14 B.C.R. 226; Lumsden v. Temiskaming & Northern Ry. Co., 15 O.L.R. 469; North Counties Ins. Trust v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 13 B.C.R. 131; Robinson v. Can. North. Ry. Co., 19 Man. L.R. 315.]

DAMAGES "SUSTAINED BY REASON OF RAILWAY"; TIMBER CUT FOR CONSTRUCTION; TRESPASS.

The defendants the Railway Commission were incorporated by 2 Edw. VII. c. 9 (O.), which provides, by s. 8, that they shall have in respect of the railway all the powers, rights, remedies, and immunities conferred upon any railway company by the Railway Act of Ontario. The latter Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 207, s. 42, provides that "all actions for indemnity for damages or injury sustained by reason of the railway, shall be instituted within six months next after the time of the supposed damage sustained." The defendants (the Railway Commission and a contractor under them), before the filing of the plans of the railway, and in the course of constructing it, entered upon the timber limits of the plaintiffs and cut timber for construction purposes. These acts ceased much more than six months before the commencement of this action, brought to recover damages for the trespass and for the value of the timber.—Held, following *McArthur v. Northern and Pacific Junction Ry. Co.* (1888-90), 15 O.R. 733, 17 A.R.

(Ont.) 86, that the plaintiffs' claim was for damages sustained by reason of the railway, and was barred by the statute; and it made no difference that the Commission had not filed the plans of their railway or taken the necessary steps to compensate those whose lands or interests they entered upon or affected. Judgment of Riddell, J., 10 O.W.R. 115, affirmed. *Lumsden et al. v. Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission et al.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 156, 15 O.L.R. 469.

DAMAGES CAUSED BY SPARKS FROM ENGINE; "BY REASON OF THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE RAILWAY."

In an action for damages caused by sparks from a railway engine, the railway company claimed the benefit of s. 27 of the Consolidated Railway Act, 1879, which was incorporated into their charter by Parliament. Said s. 27 provides, in part, that all suits for indemnity for any damage or injury sustained by reason of the railway shall be instituted within six months next after the time of such supposed damage sustained.—Held, on appeal, per Hunter, C.J., and Clement, J., that by virtue of s. 20 of the Interpretation Act (Dominion), the Railway Act, 1903, applies to the Canadian Pacific Ry. Per Irving, J.—The general Railway Act of 1879, notwithstanding its repeal by subsequent general legislation, governs the Canadian Pacific Ry. Northern Counties Investment Trust v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 164, 13 B.C.R. 130.

DEFECTIVE CROSSING.

Also, that the provisions of the Railway Act, 1903, as to the time in which actions may be brought apply to the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., and that an action for injuries resulting from a defective crossing was properly brought more than six months, but within one year after the date of the injury complained of. *Bird v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry., Cas. 314, 1 S.L.R. 266.

SPUR TRACK FACILITIES; DAMAGES FOR REFUSAL TO SUPPLY.

Section 242 of the Act, limiting the time for bringing "all action or suits for indemnity by reason of the construction or operation of the railway," does not apply to an action for a breach of a statutory duty in neglecting and refusing to supply reasonable and proper facilities. *Robinson v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 289, 19 Man. L.R. 300.

DENIAL OF TRAFFIC FACILITIES; INJURY BY REASON OF OPERATION OF RAILWAY.

Injuries suffered through the refusal by a railway company to furnish reasonable and proper facilities for receiving, forwarding and delivering freight, as required by the Railway Act, to and from a shipper's warehouse, by means of a private spur track connecting with the railway, do not fall within the classes of injuries described as resulting from the construction or operation of the railway, in s. 242 of the Railway Act, 3 Edw. VII. c. 58, and, consequently, an action to recover damages therefor is not barred by the limitation prescribed by that section for the commencement of actions and suits for indemnity. Judgment appealed from, 19 Man. L.R. 300, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 289, affirmed, Girouard and Davies, J.J., dissenting. Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Robinson, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 304, 43 Can. S.C.R. 387.

[Affirmed in 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 412, [1911] A.C. 739.]

OPERATION OF RAILWAY; REFUSAL OF FACILITIES BY MEANS OF SIDING.

The special provisions of the Act as to one year's limitation (see s. 242, substantially re-enacted by s. 306 of the Railway Act of 1906), relate to damages sustained by the construction or operation of the railway, and do not apply to the refusal of facilities by means of a siding outside the railway as constructed, which is not an act done in the operation of the railway. Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Robinson, 43 Can. S.C.R. 387, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 304, affirmed. Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Robinson, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 412, [1911] A.C. 739.

TRAWING DYNAMITE; CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY.

Injuries sustained by an employee of a railway company by the explosion of dynamite while trawing it for use in blasting out hard pan in a gravel pit are not damages "sustained by reason of the construction or operation of the railway," and, therefore, the injured is not barred by s. 306 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, from bringing his action after the lapse of one year. Anderson v. Can. North. Ry. Co., 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 321, 21 Man. L.R. 121.

[Affirmed in 45 Can. S.C.R. 355, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 339.]

INJURIES TO EMPLOYEE; PROCURING MATERIALS; CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY.

The limitation of one year, in respect of actions to recover compensation for injuries sustained "by reason of the construction or operation" of railways, provided by s. 306

of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, relates only to injuries sustained in the actual construction or operation of a railway; it does not apply to cases where injuries have been sustained by employees engaged in works undertaken by a railway company for procuring or preparing materials which may be necessary for the construction of their railway. Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Robinson, [1911] A.C. 739, applied; judgment appealed from, 21 Man. L.R. 121, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 321, affirmed. Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Anderson, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 339, 45 Can. S.C.R. 355.

INJURY RECEIVED WHILE WORKING AT ICEHOUSE FOR RAILWAY COMPANY.

An injury caused by the defective state of the scaffold being used in the construction of an icehouse for the use of a railway company is not one "sustained by reason of the construction or operation of the railway," within the meaning of s. 306 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, and therefore an action to recover damages for such injury is not barred by that section by the lapse of a year. The limitation of time prescribed by s. 306 relates only to actions against railway companies provided for in the Railway Act itself, and was not intended to reply to actions, the rights of which exist at common law or under Provincial legislation. Per Cameron, J.A.:—"Although the definition of the word 'railway' in paragraph (21) of s. 2 of the Railway Act would seem to include icehouse in question, yet that is subject to the qualifying provision 'unless the context otherwise requires,' at the beginning of s. 2, and the context in s. 306 does otherwise require. Sutherland v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co., 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 495, 21 Man. L.R. 27.

[Ryckman v. Hamilton, Grimsby & Beamsville Ry. Co. (1905), 10 O.L.R. 419, and C.N.R. v. Robinson (1910), 43 S.C.R. 387, followed.]

CONTINUOUS DAMAGE BY RAILWAY.

Where an injury or damage caused by the construction or operation of a railway is continuous, the limitation of one year for bringing an action therefor, as prescribed by s. 306 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, does not apply. Carr v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., (N.B.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 40, 5 D.L.R. 208.

TRESPASS TO LAND; RAILWAY LAYING SIDE-TRACK.

An action against a railway company for a trespass committed by laying side-tracks on the plaintiff's land, is not an action for injuries sustained by reason of the construction or operation of a railway, which

must, under s. 306 of c. 37, of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, be brought within one year after the cause of action arose. Carr v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., (N.B.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 40, 5 D.L.R. 208.

INJURY TO LANDS BY DIVERTING SURFACE WATER.

The flooding of an adjoining owner's land by a railway company by interference with the natural flow of surface water may result in such continuing damage as to extend the time for bringing an action for damages sustained by reason of the construction or operation of the railway. Niles v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 73, 9 D.L.R. 379.

DAMAGE BY FIRE; CONTRACTOR.

An action to recover damages caused by negligence on the part of the defendants in not providing modern and efficient apparatus for preventing the escape of sparks from a locomotive used during the construction of a railway, must be brought under the provisions of s. 306 of the Railway Act within one year from the date when such damage was caused. West v. Corbett, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 195, 41 N.B.R. 420.

B. Street Railway Claims.

CLAIMS; STREET RAILWAYS.

The statutory exemption as to limitation of actions provided by s. 60 of the Consolidated Railway Company's Act, 1896, does not enure to the benefit of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company's operations as carried on in the city of Victoria. The doctrine that private legislation must be strictly construed against the company or corporation obtaining the same, applied. Crompton v. British Columbia Electric Ry. Co., 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 256, 14 B.C.R. 224.

[Reversed in 43 Can. S.C.R. 1, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 266.]

STREET RAILWAY CLAIMS; PRIVILEY.

The appellant company, having acquired the property, rights, contracts, privileges and franchises of the Consolidated Railway and Light Company, under the provisions of the Consolidated Railway Company's Act, 1896, 59 Vict. c. 55 (B.C.), is entitled to the benefit of the limitation of actions provided by s. 60 of that statute. Idington, J., dissenting. The limitation so provided applies to the case of a minor injured, while residing in his mother's house, by contact with an electric wire in use there under a contract between the company and his mother. Judgment appealed from, 14 B.C.R. 223, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 256, reversed.

Davies and Idington, JJ., dissenting. British Columbia Electric Ry. Co. v. Crompton, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 266, 43 Can. S.C.R. 1.

STREET RAILWAY ACCIDENTS; COLLISION.

The limitation period for commencing an action for damages for personal injury against the owners of a motor vehicle by collision with the motor vehicle is six years from the time when the cause of action arose, under 10 Edw. VII. (Ont.) c. 34, s. 49 (g) as an action "upon the case." Corporation of Peterborough v. Edwards (1880), 31 C.P. 231; Thomson v. Lord Clanmorris, [1900] 1 Ch. 718, referred to. Maitland v. MacKenzie and Toronto Ry. Co., 6 D.L.R. 336, 4 O.W.N. 109, 23 O.W.R. 80.

[Affirmed in 13 D.L.R. 129.]

C. Foreclosure Proceedings.

MORTGAGE; INTEREST COUPONS; REAL PROPERTY LIMITATION ACT.

The restrictions placed upon the right to recover arrears of interest charged upon land imposed by ss. 17 and 24 of the Real Property Limitation Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 133, are not applicable to the case of coupons for the payment of interest on railway mortgage bonds, which are secured by mortgage deeds of trust. The coupons are, in effect, documents under seal—the bond under seal containing a covenant for payment of the coupons—and they, therefore, partake of the nature of a specialty, and are good for at least twenty years. Toronto General Trusts Corporation v. Central Ontario Ry. Co. et al., 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 339, 6 O.L.R. 534.

[Affirmed in 8 O.L.R. 604, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 70.]

MORTGAGE; FORECLOSURE; LIMITATION OF ACTIONS.

Bonds under seal issued by a railway company contained a covenant to pay half-yearly instalments of interest evidenced by attached coupons, and payment of principal and interest was secured by a mortgage of the undertaking, which also contained a covenant to pay.—Held, in foreclosure proceedings upon this mortgage, that the interest being a specialty debt and the mortgaged undertaking consisting in part of realty and in part of personality not subject to division, the holders of coupons, whether attached to the bonds or detached therefrom, were entitled to rank for all instalments which had fallen due within twenty years, and not merely for those which had fallen due within six years. Judgment of Boyd, C., 6 O.L.R. 534, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 339, affirmed.—Held, also, that even if the case

were dealt with upon the footing of the mortgage being one of realty only, there was the right to rank, for there were no subsequent encumbrancers, and there had been shortly before the claims were filed a valid acknowledgment by the company of liability for all the interest in question. *Toronto General Trusts Corporation v. Central Ontario Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 70, 8 O.L.R. 604.

Note on practice in damage and personal injury cases against railways and limitations of actions, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 383.

Note on limitation of actions for damages by reason of construction or operation of railway, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 512.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.

- A. Loss or Damage to Goods.
- B. Live Stock; Persons in Charge.
- C. Loss of Baggage.
- D. Express Companies.

For exoneration from liability of master to servant, see *Employees*.

For limitation of liability to employee travelling on free pass, see *Employees*.

For constitutionality of statute regulating agreements limiting liability for negligence, see *Constitutional Law*.

A. Loss or Damage to Goods.

CARRIAGE OF PETROLEUM; LIABILITY; CONDITIONS; "AT OWNER'S RISK."

The respondents sued the appellants' railway company for breach of contract to carry petroleum in covered cars from L. to H., alleging that they negligently carried the same upon open platform cars, whereby the barrels in which the oil was were exposed to the sun and weather and were destroyed. At the trial a verbal contract between plaintiffs and defendants' agent at L. was proved, that the defendants would carry the oil in covered cars with despatch. The oil was forwarded in open cars and delayed in different places, and, in consequence, a large quantity was lost. On the shipment of the oil a receipt note was given which said nothing about covered cars, and which stated that the goods were subject to conditions endorsed thereon, one of which was "that the defendants would not be liable for leakage or delays, and that the oil was carried at the owner's risk."—*Held*, per *Ritchie*, C.J., and *Fournier* and *Henry*, J.J., that the loss did not result from any risks by the contract imposed on the owners, but that it arose from the wrongful

act of the defendants in placing the oil on open cars, which act was inconsistent with the contract they had entered into, and in contravention as well of the undertaking as of their duty as carriers. Per *Strong*, *Fournier*, *Henry* and *Gwynne*, J.J.—The evidence was admissible to prove a verbal contract to carry in covered cars, which contract the agent at L. was authorized to enter into, and which must be incorporated with the writing, so as to make the whole contract one for carriage in covered cars, and that non-compliance with the provision as to carriage in covered cars prevented the appellants setting up the condition that "oil was carried at the owner's risk" as exempting them from liability. Judgment in 27 C.P. 528, 28 C.P. 586, and 4 A.R. (Ont.) 601, affirmed. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Fitzgerald*, 5 Can. S.C.R. 204.

[See *Bicknell v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 26 A.R. (Ont.) 431; commented on in *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. McMillan*, 16 Can. S.C.R. 557; discussed in *Mayer v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 31 C.P. 248; *McNeely v. McWilliams*, 9 O.R. 728; referred to in *Dixon v. Richelieu Navigation Co.*, 15 A.R. (Ont.) 647; *Ellis v. Abell*, 10 A.R. (Ont.) 236; relied on in *Dymont v. Northern and North-Western Ry. Co.*, 11 O.R. 343; *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Vogel*, 11 S.C.R. 626; *McMillan v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 15 A.R. (Ont.) 14; *McNeely v. McWilliams*, 13 A.R. (Ont.) 324; *Robertson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 24 O.R. 75; 21 A.R. (Ont.) 204; *Stafford v. Bell*, 31 C.P. 77; *St. Mary's Creamery v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 5 O.L.R. 742.]

CONTRACT BY ONE FOR SEVERAL; CUSTODY OF GOODS; DELIVERY; NEGLIGENCE.

The M. D. T. Co., through one B., contracted with H. to carry a quantity of butter from London, Ontario, to England, and the bills of lading were signed by B., describing himself as agent severally, but not jointly, for the G. W. Ry. Co., the M. D. T. Co. and the G. W. S. S. Co. named as carriers therein. The G. W. Ry. Co. were to carry the goods from London to the Suspension Bridge, the M. D. T. Co. from the Suspension Bridge to New York, and it was then to be delivered to the S. S. Co. for carriage to England. It was provided by one clause in the bill of lading that if damage was caused to the goods during transit the sole liability was to be on the company having the custody thereof at the time of such damage occurring. The butter was carried to New York, where it was taken from the car and placed in lighters owned by the M. D. T. company to be conveyed to the steamer "Dorset" belonging to the S. S. Co. On arriving at the pier where the steamer lay, the lighter could

not get near enough to unload, and the stevedore in charge of the steamer had it towed across the river with instructions for it to remain until sent for. The "Dorset" sailed without the butter, which was sent by another steamer of the S. S. Co. some five days later. The butter was damaged by heat while in the lighter.—Held, affirming the judgment of the Court below, that the M. D. T. Co., having made a through contract for the carriage of the goods, they were liable to H. for the damage, and even under the bill of lading were not relieved from liability, as the butter was never delivered to, and received by, the S. S. Co., but was in the custody of the M. D. T. Co. when the damage occurred. 12 A.R. (Ont.) 201, 4 O.R. 723, affirmed. Merchants' Despatch Transportation Co. v. Hately, 14 Can. S.C.R. 572.

[Referred to in Boyle v. Victoria Yukon Tr. Co., 9 B.C.R. 222.]

CARRIAGE OF GOODS; LIABILITY FOR NEGLIGENCE; CONNECTING LINES.

One of the conditions in a contract by the G. T. Ry. Co. to carry goods from Toronto to Portage la Prairie, Man., a place beyond the terminus of their line, provided that the company "should not be responsible for any loss, mis-delivery, damage or detention that might happen to goods sent by them, if such loss, mis-delivery, damage or detention occurred after said goods arrived at the stations or places on their line nearest to the points or places which they were consigned to, or beyond their said limits".—Held, that this condition would not relieve the company from liability for loss or damage occurring during the transit, even if such loss occurred beyond the limits of the company's own line.—Held, per Strong and Taschereau, JJ., that the loss having occurred after the transit was over, and the goods delivered at Portage la Prairie, and the express provision, will be implied on the part of the person with whom he contracts to furnish the work; but no such implication will be made where, from circumstances known to, and in the contemplation of, both parties at the date of the agreement to do the work it was, and continued to be beyond the power of the party to carry out such implied agreement. Henry, J., dissenting. 14 A.R. (Ont.) 339 affirmed. McKenna v. McNamie, 15 Can. S.C.R. 311.

[Distinguished in McLean v. Graham, 6 Terr. L.R. 443.]

CARRIAGE BEYOND TERMINUS OF LINE; STATUTORY LIABILITY; JOINT TORT FEASORS; RELEASE.

Where a railway company undertakes

to carry goods to a point beyond the terminus of its own line its contract is for carriage of the goods over the whole transit, and the other companies over whose lines they must pass are merely agents of the contracting company for such carriage, and in no privity of contract with the shipper. Bristol & Exeter Ry. Co. v. Collins (7 H.L. Cas. 194) followed. Such a contract being one which a railway company might refuse to enter into, s. 104 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. c. 109, does not prevent it from restricting its liability for negligence as carriers or otherwise in respect to the goods to be carried after they had left its own line. The decision in Vogel v. G. T. R. Co., 11 Can. S.C.R. 612, does not govern such a contract. One of the conditions in a contract by the G. T. Ry. Co. to carry goods from Toronto to Portage la Prairie, Man., a place beyond the terminus of their line, provided that the company "should not be responsible for any loss, mis-delivery, damage or detention that might happen to goods sent by them, if such loss, mis-delivery, damage, or detention occurred after said goods arrived at the stations or places on their line nearest to the points or places which they were consigned to, or beyond their said limits".—Held, that this condition would not relieve the company from liability for loss or damage occurring during the transit even if such loss occurred beyond the limits of the company's own line.—Held, per Strong and Taschereau, JJ., that the loss having occurred after the transit was over, and the goods delivered at Portage la Prairie, and the liability of the company as carriers having ceased, this condition reduced the contract to one of mere bailment as soon as the goods were delivered, and also exempted the company from liability as warehousemen, and the goods were from that time in custody of the company on whose line Portage la Prairie was situate, as bailees for the shipper. Fournier and Gwynne, JJ., dissenting. Another condition of the contract provided that no claim for damage to, loss of, or detention of goods should be allowed unless notice in writing, with particulars, was given to the station agent at or nearest to the place of delivery within thirty-six hours after delivery of the goods in respect to which the claim was made.—Held, per Strong, J., that a plea setting up non-compliance with this condition having been demurred to, and the plaintiff not having appealed against a judgment overruling the demurrer, the question as to the sufficiency in law of the defence was *res judicata*.—Held, also, per Strong, J., Gwynne, J., *contra*, that part of the consignment having been lost, such notice must be given

in respect to the same within thirty-six hours after the delivery of those which arrive safely. Quere—In the present state of the law is a release to, or satisfaction from, one of several joint tort-feasors, a bar to an action against the others? Judgment in 12 O.R. 103 and 15 A.R. (Ont.) 14 reversed. *G. T. Ry. Co. v. McMillan*, 16 Can. S.C.R. 543.

[In this case application was made to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council for leave to appeal, but was refused on the ground that the case admittedly did not affect property of considerable amount, nor could it well be described as being of a very substantial character, the sum at stake being reduced to something under £250 stg.; and the judgment of the Supreme Court did not determine a question of great public interest, or an important question of law. *Gagnon v. Prince*, 8 App. Cases, 103, approved. May 17th, 1889.]

[Discussed in *Richardson v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 19 O.R. 369; referred to in *Bate v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co.*, 14 O.R. 625; *Cobban v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co.*, 23 A.R. (Ont.) 115; *Ferris v. Canadian Nor. Ry. Co.*, 15 Man. L.R. 144, 1 W.L.R. 177; *McKenzie v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co.*, 43 N.S.R. 460; *Robertson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 21 A.R. (Ont.) 204, 24 O.R. 75; *Tolmie v. Michigan Central Ry. Co.*, 19 O.L.R. 26.]

CONNECTING LINES; LOSS BY FIRE IN WAREHOUSE.

In an action by S., a merchant at Merlin, Ont., against the Lake Erie and Detroit River Ry. Co., the statement of claim alleged that S. had purchased goods from parties in Toronto and elsewhere to be delivered, some to the G.T.R. Co., and the rest to the C.P.R. and other companies, by the said several companies to be, and the same were, transferred to the Lake Erie, etc., Co., for carriage to Merlin, and that on receipt by the Lake Erie Co. of the goods it became their duty to carry them safely to Merlin, and deliver them to S. There was also an allegation of a contract by the Lake Erie Co. for storage of the goods and delivery to S., when requested, and of lack of proper care whereby the goods were lost. The goods were destroyed by fire while stored in a building owned by the Lake Erie Co., at Merlin.—Held, reversing the decision of the Court of Appeal, that as to the goods delivered to the G.T.R. Co. to be transferred to the Lake Erie Co., as alleged, if the cause of action stated was one arising ex delicto it must fail, as the evidence shewed that the goods were received from the G.T.R. Co. for carriage

under the terms of a special contract contained in the bill of lading and shipping note given by the G.T.R. Co. to the consignors, and if it was a cause of action founded on contract it must also fail as the contract under which the goods were received by the G.T.R. Co. provided, among other things, that the company would not be liable for the loss of goods by fire; that goods stored should be at sole risk of the owners; and that the provisions should apply to and for the benefit of every carrier.—Held, further, that as to the goods delivered to the companies, other than the G.T.R. Co., to be delivered to the Lake Erie Co., the latter company was liable under the contract for storage; that the goods were in its possession as warehousemen, and the bills of lading contained no clause, as did those of the G.T.R. Co., giving subsequent carriers the benefit of their provisions; and that the two Courts below had held that the loss was caused by the negligence of servants of the Lake Erie Co., and such finding should not be interfered with.—Held, also, that as to goods carried on a bill of lading issued by the Lake Erie Co., there was an express provision therein that owners should incur all risk of loss of goods in charge of the company, as warehousemen; and that such condition was a reasonable one, as the company only undertakes to warehouse goods of necessity and for convenience of shippers. 17 P.R. (Ont.) 224 reversed. *Lake Erie and Detroit River Ry. Co. v. Sales et al.*, 26 Can. S.C.R. 663.

[Vide *Richardson v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 19 O.R. 369; referred in *Eimsley v. Harrison*, 17 P.R. (Ont.) 425; *Hunter v. Boyd*, 6 O.L.R. 639; applied *Neil v. American Express Co.*, Q.R. 20 S.C. 258; approved *Laurie v. Can. North. Ry. Co.*, 21 O.L.R. 178; distinguished *Allen v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 19 O.L.R. 510, 21 O.L.R. 416.]

MARINE RAILWAY; CONTRACT FOR HAULING VESSEL.

Defendant company by its officers and servants took charge of plaintiffs' vessel for the purpose of hauling it out on defendants' marine railway and making certain repairs. While the work of hauling out was proceeding the vessel fell over and was injured. In an action claiming damages defendants relied upon a written contract containing the following provision: "The company give distinct notice to all parties intending to use or using the railway and it shall be held to be part of their contract with such parties that the company will not be liable for any injury or damage by accident which vessels or their cargoes or machinery may sustain on the railway or whilst being

moved there or being launched therefrom":—Held, that such provision did not in any way limit the responsibility of the company for acts of well-established negligence. Further, that it was not necessary to plaintiffs' right to recover that some specific act of negligence on their part should be established, but that such negligence might be inferred from the facts proved. *Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. v. North Sydney Marine Ry. Co.*, 44 N.S.R. 493.

LOSS OF WHEAT; INDORSEMENT OF BILL OF LADING.

When it clearly appears that the loss of goods shipped by railway must have been caused by the negligence or omission of the railway company or its servants, the company is precluded by sub-s. 3 of s. 246 of the Railway Act, 1888, from relying on a condition of the bill of lading exempting it from liability for any deficiency in weight or measurement. (2) The certificate of a weighmaster under s. 9 of the Manitoba Grain Act, 1900, being only prima facie evidence of the weight of grain in a car, may be rebutted. (3) The indorsement of a bill of lading to a bank for collection, though it passes the property in the goods, does not prevent the shipper from bringing an action in respect of the loss of the goods, if he still has an interest in them. (4) Section 21 of the Weights and Measures Act, R.S.C., c. 104, does not apply to a contract for carrying wheat by the carload, although the number of bushels in the car had been ascertained by bag measurement. *Ferris v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 15 Man. L.R. 134.

CARRIAGE OF GOODS; NOTICE STIPULATING FOR NON-LIABILITY.

A carrier cannot stipulate that by reason of the reduced charge for carriage of goods he will not be liable for injury thereto even if caused by the fault or negligence of his employees; but when such stipulation has been made the owner of the goods damaged must prove that it was caused by such fault or negligence. *Drainville v. C.P.R. Co.*, Q.R. 22 S.C. 480 (Cir. Ct.).

DAMAGE TO GOODS; CONTRACT LIMITING LIABILITY; NEGLIGENCE; FRAUD; GOODS DEPOSITED IN CUSTOMS WAREHOUSE.

Normandin v. National Express Co., 4 E.L.R. 558. (Que.).

SHIPPING RECEIPT; LIMITED LIABILITY; SECOND CARRIER.

Mackenzie v. C.P.R., 7 E.L.R. 26 (N.S.).

CARRIAGE OF GOODS; LOSS BY FIRE; NOTICE OF ARRIVAL.

A railway company may, by condition,

relieve itself from liability for damage to goods in transportation caused by fire, where such fire does not occur through the negligence or omission of the company or its servants. It is not necessary by the law of Canada that such a condition should be "just and reasonable." Goods arrived at the railway station to which they were destined and notice of the arrival was given the same day to the consignee who, however, did not remove them and they were destroyed by fire at the station five days afterwards:—Held, on the evidence, that the notice given was sufficient, and that the consignee had had a reasonable time within which to remove the goods. *McMorrin v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 217, 1 O.L.R. 561.

BILL OF LADING; CONDITION REQUIRING INSURANCE; BREACH OF; LOSS OF GOODS.

Under s. 246 of the Dominion Railway Act, a railway company is precluded from setting up a condition endorsed on a bill of lading relieving the company from liability for damage sustained to goods while in transit, where the damage is occasioned through negligence. Consignors, by their own shipping bill, agreed to insure the goods to be shipped, the railway company being thereby subrogated to consignors' rights in case of loss, and a condition of the bill of lading given by the railway company on the shipment of goods, required the consignee to effect an insurance thereon, which, in case of loss or damage, the company were to have the benefit of. The consignors insured the goods, but afterwards countermanded the insurance:—Held, that the bill of lading superseded the shipping bill and formed the contract between the parties, and that the railway company under the above section were precluded from setting up the breach of such conditions as a ground for relief from liability, where the damage to the goods had been occasioned through negligence. *St. Mary's Creamery Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 122, 5 O.L.R. 742.

[Affirmed in 8 O.L.R. 1, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 447; distinguished in *Mercer v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 17 O.L.R. 585, 12 O.W.R. 1212; distinguished in *Sutherland v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 18 O.L.R. 139.]

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[Judgment of Meredith, J., 5 O.L.R. 742, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 122, affirmed; Vogel v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co. (1885), 11 Can. S.C.R. 612, followed; Robertson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co. (1895), 24 Can. S.C.R. 611, distinguished.]

SHIPPING BILL; CONTRACT FOR CARRIAGE BY WATER; "OWNER'S RISK."

Plaintiff, a Syrian merchant imperfectly acquainted with English, executed, without solicitation, a contract for the shipment of furniture from Toronto to Fort William via Owen Sound, the goods being shipped at a reduced rate by defendants' boat from Owen Sound. On the boat they were damaged by water, the boat having run on a rock, but no evidence shewing negligence in the management of the boat was given. The contract provided that the goods should be shipped at "owner's risk," and that the defendants should not be liable for "damages occasioned by . . . wet":—Held, (1) there was no evidence that the goods had been damaged by the defendants' negligence; the mere fact that their boat had run upon a rock without evidence of the circumstances causing the accident not being proof that there had been any negligence in the management of the boat by defendants' officers. (2) Even if there had been evidence of negligence, the plaintiff could not recover because he was bound by his contract relieving defendants from liability, and as the goods were being carried by water and not upon a line of railway, the operation of the contract was not limited by 51 Vict. c. 29, s. 246 (3) (D.), to cases where the damage was due to causes other than the negligence of the defendants. *Abdou v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 56.

CONTRACT LIMITING LIABILITY; VALIDITY; ORDER OF BOARD.

On the 17th October, 1904, the plaintiff shipped three packages of household goods

on the defendants' railway, and signed a special contract by which he undertook that no claim in respect of injury to or loss of the goods should be made against the defendants exceeding the amount of \$5 for any one of the packages. On the same day the Board of Railway Commissioners, by order, approved of the form of special contract signed by the plaintiff, under s. 275 of the Dominion Railway Act, 1903, providing that no such contract shall be valid unless "such class of contract" shall have been first authorized or approved by the Board. In an action to recover the value of the goods, which were lost by the defendants:—Held, that, under ss. 23, 24, 25, and 275 of the Act, the Board had jurisdiction to make the order, the making of it was a judicial proceeding, and the order must be regarded as in full force during the whole of the 17th October, 1904; and, therefore, the contract was valid, and the plaintiff entitled to recover only \$15. Review of cases bearing upon the rule that in judicial proceedings fractions of a day are not regarded. *Buskey v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 384, 11 O.L.R. 1.

FREEDOM FROM LIABILITY; "PROPERTY," MEANING OF; EJUDEM GENERIS.

In consideration of the construction of a siding to their mill premises, plaintiff company entered into an agreement with the railway company freeing them from liability for damage to the "siding or to buildings, fences or other property whatsoever" of the plaintiff company "or of any other person." Two horses of the plaintiff company, engaged in hauling a car from one part of the siding to another, were killed by being run down with a car sent on the siding by a flying switch:—Held, reversing the finding of Wilson, Co. J., that the word "property" in the agreement was not confined to fixtures, buildings and rolling stock, and that the horses were properly included. *East Kootenay Lumber Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 310, 13 B.C.R. 422.

LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE TO GOODS IN TRANSIT; CONTRACT LIMITING LIABILITY.

Held, that in an action against a carrier for damage to goods in transit, it must be proved that the goods were undamaged when delivered to the carrier. (2) That when goods are shipped by rail under a contract limiting liability and providing for transport at owner's risk, the railway company is not liable for damage to such goods unless it be proved that such damage is the result of negligence on the part of the company. *Mason & Risch Piano*

Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 369, 1 Sask. L.R. 213.

STIPULATION STRICTLY CONSTRUED; DESCRIPTION "BRITTLE AND FRAGILE OBJECTS" NOT TO APPLY TO WOODEN CHEESE BOXES; LIABILITY OF CARRIER.

Held, common carriers, as the insurers of the goods entrusted to them, are liable for loss of, and damage to, them. Stipulations in contracts for the carriage of goods and in bills of lading, exempting the carrier in from liability in certain cases, are construed strictly. Wooden cheese boxes do not come under the description, in such a stipulation, of "brittle and fragile objects," especially when it appears at the end of a long enumeration of objects wholly dissimilar. Supposing, however, the clause to apply, the carrier would still be liable for damage proved to be caused by his fault, and such fault is established, as to one shipment of cheese in wooden boxes, by shewing that 11 per cent. of the boxes were damaged, with the additional proof that the average number damaged, in ordinary shipments in the cheese trade, is only 5 per cent. *Alexander v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 406, Q.R. 33 S.C. 438.

[Affirmed in *Que. R. 18 K.B. 530*; applied in *Manufacturers' Paper Co. v. Cairn Line S.S. Co.*, *Que. R. 38 S.C. 362.*]

FAULT OF CONNECTING CARRIER; TRANSPORT BY SLEIGH ROAD.

The plaintiff delivered to the defendants lumber to be forwarded to G. station, subject to the conditions of the shipping bill, and paid the freight to G. The lumber was conveyed to S., the station nearest to G. on the defendants' line. The only transportation possible from S. to G. was over a sleigh-road by teams owned by a transport company, with whom the defendants had a working arrangement. The car containing the lumber was left on a siding at S., and the agent of the transport company was notified, but that company did not forward the lumber to G., and the defendants shipped it back to the plaintiff without delay, and returned the freight. By clause 10 of the conditions on the back of the shipping bill it was, *inter alia*, provided that the defendants did not contract for the safety or delivery of any goods except on their own lines, and that where a through rate was named to a point on other lines, the defendants were to act only as agents of the owner of the goods as to that portion of the rate required to meet the charges on such other lines, and that their responsibility in respect of any loss, mis-delivery, or detention of goods carried under the con-

tract should cease as soon as the defendants should either deliver them to the next connecting carrier for further conveyance or notify such carrier that they were ready to do so:—Held, in an action for breach of the contract by non-delivery of the goods, that this clause relieved the defendants; "the next connecting carrier" was not limited to a railway company operating other lines, but meant any connecting carrier. Clause 15 provided that the defendants should not be liable for loss of market or for claims arising from delay or detention of any train in the course of its journey, and any loss or damage for which the defendants might be responsible should be computed upon the value or cost of the goods at the place and time of shipment:—Held, that this clause also applied; the immunity from liability for loss of market was not limited to claims arising from delay or detention of any train, but was general:—Held, also, that, there being a limitation under the contract itself, the law applicable to common carriers did not apply:—Held, also, that the plaintiff was not entitled to succeed as in an action for tort, as the defendants received the lumber for carriage under the provisions of a special contract:—Held, lastly, that the defendants had fulfilled their obligations under the contract, and were not liable under s. 284, clauses (b), (c), and (d), of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37. *Judgment of Magee, J.*, affirmed. *Laurie v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 431, 21 O.L.R. 178.

LOSS WHILE IN POSSESSION OF INTERMEDIATE CARRIER; LAKE AND RAIL ROUTES.

An action to recover damages for non-delivery of a carload of tools lost in transit by the wrecking during a snowstorm on Isle Royale, Lake Superior, of the Steamship Monarch, one of the steamships of the Northern Navigation Company. The goods were shipped from Kakabeka Falls in a Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.'s car via Stanley Junction, and Canadian Northern Ry. Co. to Port Arthur, placed on board the steamship for transportation to Point Edward, thence via Grand Trunk Ry. for delivery to the plaintiffs at St. Catharines. The plaintiffs contended that the terms of the contract were for transportation all rail and not by lake and rail, and that the defendants were liable for breach of a through contract to carry by a through route and at a through toll:—Held, reversing the trial Judge, who gave judgment in favour of the plaintiffs, holding that the defendants not having contracted themselves out of liability for the loss that occurred became liable under their contract

to deliver to the plaintiffs at destination, and affirming the judgment of the Court of Appeal that the defendants contracted only to deliver the goods at Port Arthur to the Northern Navigation Company, which they did, and were therefore not liable for non-delivery. *Jenckes Machine Co. v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 440, 14 O.W.R. 307.

[Distinguished in *Laurie v. Can. North Ry. Co.*, 21 O.L.R. 178.]

LIABILITY FOR DELAY; DELAY CAUSED ON CONNECTION RAILWAY; NOTICE TO SHIPPER.

Held, (1) A carrier by land, who receives goods to be forwarded by other carriers, is not liable, in the absence of notice of special cause for delivery within a given time, for damage arising from delay caused by congestion of traffic in the hands of the next succeeding carrier. (2) A stipulation in a bill of lading, by a carrier of goods to be forwarded by him and other carriers, limiting his liability to loss or injury caused by his own negligence, is valid and binding, though the shipper's attention is not specially drawn to it. *Ram v. Boston & Maine Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 370, Q.R. 41 S.C. 68.

[Clarke v. Holliday, Q.R. 39 S.C. 499, followed.]

B. Live Stock; Persons in Charge.

NEGLECTANCE; POWER OF COMPANY TO PROTECT ITSELF FROM; LIVE STOCK AT OWNER'S RISK.

A dealer in horses hired a car from the Grand Trunk Ry. Co. for the purpose of transporting his stock over their road, and signed a shipping note by which he agreed to be bound by the following, among other conditions:—"The owner of animals undertakes all risks of loss, injury, damage and other contingencies, in loading, etc. (3) When free passes are given to persons in charge of animals, it is only on the express condition that the railway company are not responsible for any negligence, default, or misconduct of any kind, on the part of the company or their servants, or of any other person or persons whomsoever, causing or tending to cause the death, injury or detention of any person or persons travelling upon any such free passes. . . . the person using any such pass takes all risks of every kind, no matter how caused." The horses were carried over the Grand Trunk Ry. in charge of a person employed by the owner, such person having a free pass for the trip. Through the negligence of the company's servants a collision occurred by which the said horses were injured. On ap-

peal from the Court of Appeal for Ontario, 10 Ont. App. R. 162, affirming the judgment of the Divisional Court, 2 Ont. R. 197, in favour of the defendants.—Held, per Ritchie, C.J., and Fournier and Henry, J.J., that under the General Railway Act, 1868, 31 Vict. c. 68, s. 20, sub-s. 4, as amended by 34 Vict. c. 43, s. 5, re-enacted by Consol. Ry. Act, 1879, 42 Vict. c. 9, s. 25, sub-s. 2, 3, 4, which prohibits railway companies from protecting themselves against liability for negligence by notice, condition or declaration, and which applies to the Grand Trunk Ry. Co., the company could not avail themselves of the above stipulation that they should not be responsible for the negligence of themselves or their servants. Per Strong and Taschereau, J.J.—That the words "notice, condition or declaration," in the said statute, contemplate a public or general notice, and do not prevent a company from entering into a special contract to protect itself from liability. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Vogel, Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Morton*, 11 Can. S.C.R. 612.

[Disapproved in *The Queen v. Grenier*, 30 Can. S.C.R. 42; applied in *Brasell v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 11 S.C. 157; considered in *Burdett v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co.*, 10 Man. L.R. 11; *Walters v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co.*, 1 N.W. Terr. R. 28, 38; discussed in *St. Mary's Creamery v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 5 O.L.R. 742; distinguished in *Robertson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 24 S.C.R. 615; followed in *Cobban v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co.*, 26 O.R. 732, 23 A.R. (Ont.) 115; referred to in *Canada Permanent Bldg. Soc. v. Teeter*, 19 O.R. 156; *Glengoil S.S. Co. v. Pilkington*, Q.R. 6 Q.B. 104; commented on in *Bate v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 14 O.R. 625, *Can. S.C. Cas.* 10; considered in *Robertson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 24 O.R. 75; distinguished in *Bieknell v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 26 A.R. (Ont.) 431; *Cobban v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co.*, 26 O.R. 732; *McCormack v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 6 O.L.R. 577; *McMillan v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 15 A.R. (Ont.) 14; *Robertson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 21 A.R. (Ont.) 204; *Sutherland v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 18 O.L.R. 139; followed in *Cobban v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co.*, 23 A.R. (Ont.) 115; *McMillan v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 12 O.R. 103; *St. Mary's Creamery Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 8 O.L.R. 1; referred to in *Bate v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co.*, 15 A.R. (Ont.) 388; *Ferris v. Canadian North Ry. Co.*, 15 Man. L.R. 144; *Shaw v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co.*, 5 Man. L.R. 337.]

CARRIAGE OF LIVE STOCK.

By s. 246 (3) of the Railway Act, 1885 (51 Vict. c. 29 [D.]), "every person aggrieved by any neglect or refusal in the

premises shall have an action therefor against the company, from which action the company shall not be relieved by any notice, condition or declaration, if the damage arises from any negligence or omission of the company or of its servants":—Held, affirming the decision of the Court of Appeal, that this provision does not disable a railway company from entering into a special contract for the carriage of goods and limiting its liability as to amount of damages to be recovered for loss or injury to such goods, arising from negligence. *Vogel v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 11 Can. S.C.R. 612, and *Bate v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 15 Ont. App. R. 388, distinguished. The *Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* received from R. a horse to be carried over its line, and the agent of the company and R. signed a contract for such carriage which contained this provision: "The company shall in no case be responsible for any amount exceeding one hundred dollars for each and any horse," etc.—Held, affirming the decision of the Court of Appeal, that the words "shall in no case be responsible" were sufficiently general to cover all cases of loss however caused, and the horse having been killed by negligence of servants of the company, R. could not recover more than \$100, though the value of the horse largely exceeded that amount. 21 A.R. (Ont.) 204, affirming 24 O.R. 75, affirmed. *Robertson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 24 Can. S.C.R. 611.

[Applied in *Grenier v. The Queen*, 6 Ex. C.R. 302; discussed in *Cobban v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 26 O.R. 732; *St. Mary's Creamery Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 5 O.L.R. 742; distinguished in *St. Mary's Creamery Co. v. G.T. Ry. Co.*, 8 O.L.R. 1; followed in *Mercer v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 17 O.L.R. 585, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 372; *Sutherland v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 18 O.L.R. 139; referred to in *Cobban v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 23 A.R. (Ont.) 115; *Lamont v. Can. Transfer Co.*, 19 O.L.R. 291; *Mowatt v. Provident Ass. Co.*, 27 A.R. (Ont.) 675; *McCormack v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 6 O.L.R. 577; *Taylor v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 4 O.L.R. 357; *Wensky v. Can. Development Co.*, 8 B.C.R. 195; relied on in *Central Vermont Ry. Co. v. Franchère*, 35 Can. S.C.R. 74; *Wilson v. Can. Develop. Co.*, 9 B.C.R. 108; see *Grenier v. The Queen*, 6 Ex. C.R. 276.]

CARRIAGE OF LIVE STOCK; DELAY OF SHIPMENT; ABANDONMENT; SALE BY CARRIER.

A shipper of goods is bound by the conditions to which he has subscribed in the bill of lading, and where one of such conditions was that the carrier (a railway company) should not be liable for the delay of its trains, and damage was caused to the ship-

per of live stock by a delay of two hours, he could not recover. If the stock is abandoned to the company and sold, the latter has the right, before remitting the proceeds of the sale, to demand from the ship the return of the bill of lading. *Lafontaine v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 26 S.C. 455 (Sup. Ct.).

LIVE STOCK; CONTRAVENTION OF LORD'S DAY ACT.

The provisions of a special contract of carriage limiting the liability of the defendants, common carriers, in case of a collision to a stated sum, do not apply where the common carrier is guilty of a corporate act in contravention of a statute where that corporate act occasioned the collision. Where, therefore, a railway company received live stock for carriage at a lower rate than it was entitled to charge in consideration of the shipper executing a special contract limiting the company's liability in the event of a collision of its trains to \$100 per head of such live-stock killed, and a collision occurred between the train upon which the live-stock was carried and which was being run lawfully and another train of the same company which was being run unlawfully in contravention of the Lord's Day Act, and an action was brought by the owner of the live stock in tort claiming the full value of the animal killed by such collision:—Held (*Stuart, J.*, expressing no opinion), that the special contract had not the effect of limiting the company's liability or excusing the defendants from liability if such liability arose by reason of the breach of a prohibitive statute; that the unlawful running of the train in contravention of the Lord's Day Act was a corporate act of the defendants, and that the principles of the law of negligence were not applicable. The judgment of *Sifton, C.J.*, upon a stated case affirmed by the Court en banc. *Rise v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 3 Alta. L.R. 154, 14 W.L.R. 635.

LOSS OF HORSES; SPECIAL CONTRACT LIMITING LIABILITY.

In an action for damages for the loss of two horses out of a carload of fourteen shipped over defendants' railway, judgment was entered for the plaintiff upon the answers of the jury finding the defendant company guilty of negligence and that the plaintiff could not have avoided the accident by the exercise of reasonable care. Upon motion in term the County Judge held the defendant company exempt from liability under the terms of a special contract permitting its liability, approved by the Board of Railway Commissioners under s. 275 (1) of the Railway Act, 1903, and dismissed the action:—Held, upon an appeal

to the Divisional Court that upon the true construction of the contract it did not cover negligence of the company or its servants and that the Board has no power to limit the liability of the company for negligence contrary to the provisions of the Railway Act, 1906, s. 214 (3):—Held, also, that the findings of the jury upon the evidence were so unsatisfactory a new trial must be ordered. *Booth v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 389, 7 O.W.R. 593.

[Referred to in *Sutherland v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 18 O.L.R. 139; relied on in *Mason and Risch Piano Co. v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 1 S.L.R. 215.]

ANIMALS; SPECIAL CONTRACT LIMITING LIABILITY; NOTICE OF LOSS.

By s. 284 (7) of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37: "Every person aggrieved by any neglect or refusal of the company to comply with the requirements of this section shall, subject to this Act, have an action therefor against the company, from which action the company shall not be relieved by any notice, condition or declaration, if the damage arises from any negligence or omission of the company or its servants." By s. 340: "No contract, condition, by-law, regulation, declaration or notice made or given by the company, impairing, restricting or limiting its liability in respect of the carriage of any traffic, shall, except as hereinafter provided, relieve the company from such liability, unless such class of contract, condition, by-law, regulation, declaration or notice shall have been first authorized or approved by order or regulation of the Board. (2) The Board may, in any case, or by regulation, determine the extent to which the liability of the company may be so impaired." The defendants received from the plaintiff a mare, with other animals, to be carried from a station on their line of railway in Ontario to a point in British Columbia, under a special contract, which had been approved of by the Railway Board (which the plaintiff signed). Under this contract the animals were carried at a lower rate than the company were entitled to charge. The contract contained a provision that the defendants should in no case be responsible for any amount exceeding \$100.00 for the loss of any one horse, or a proportionate sum in any one case for injuries to same, and that any loss or damage should be computed and paid for on such basis. There was a further provision relieving the company from liability, "unless a written notice, with the full particulars of the loss or damage and of the claim to be made in respect thereof, is delivered to the station agent at the said point of delivery within 24 hours after the

said property, or some part of it, has been delivered." During the carriage on the railway, the mare was, through the defendants' negligence, seriously injured. Before the consignment arrived at its destination the plaintiff, finding that the mare was permanently injured, by the permission of the railway superintendent there, removed the mare from the car at an intermediate station and sold her at a loss, the remainder of the shipment being carried on to the place of delivery. No notice of the loss was given there to the company's official within the 24 hours:—Held, that notwithstanding the loss was sustained through the defendants' negligence, the special contract was binding on the plaintiff, so that in no event could he recover more than the proportionate part of \$100; but that the omission to give the required notice relieved the company from all liability. Judgment of the County Court of the county of Grey affirmed. *Robertson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* (1895), 24 S.C.R. 611, followed; *St. Mary's Creamery Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* (1904), 8 O.L.R. 1, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 447, distinguished. *Merceer v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 372, 17 O.L.R. 585.

[Commented on in *Newman v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 20 O.L.R. 285; distinguished in *Toimie v. Michigan Central Ry. Co.*, 19 O.L.R. 26, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 337; referred to in *Sutherland v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 18 O.L.R. 139; *Wilkinson v. Can. Express Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 267, 7 D.L.R. 450.]

SHIPMENT OF LIVE STOCK; LIMITATION OF LIABILITY; CONNECTING CARRIERS.

The plaintiff delivered to a railway company at Brockton, Mass., U.S., a number of valuable horses for carriage to Grimsby, Ontario, under a contract known as a live stock contract, by which the horses were to be carried on the line of that railway as far as it went and then by connecting lines to the place of delivery, the contract being expressly entered into by the contracting railway on its own behalf, as well as on behalf of the connecting lines. The contract contained a provision that on payment of a specified rate of freight, being a rate lower than that which the company was entitled to charge, liability was to be limited to an amount not exceeding \$100 for each animal, or a total liability not exceeding \$1,200, the plaintiff having the option of shipping at a higher rate and obtaining the company's liability as common carriers. The provision restricting liability was similar to that contained in the form of live stock contract of the defendants approved by the Railway Board under s. 340 of the Railway Act R.S.C. 1906, c. 37. The horses were carried

by the contracting railway as far as its line extended, and were then delivered to a connecting railway and thence to the defendants, and during the transit on the defendants' line an accident occurred through the negligence of the defendants, in which some of the animals were killed and others injured:—Held, that by the terms of the contract it applied not only to the railway company with which it was made, but with the connecting railways, and that by its terms the defendants were exempted from liability beyond the amount stipulated for; and that, even if the approval of the Railway Board was essential to its validity, such approval had been obtained, for it was, in substance, the same class of contract which had been approved. *Sutherland v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 389, 18 O.L.R. 139.

CARRIAGE OF LIVE STOCK; SPECIAL CONTRACT; INJURY TO PERSONS IN CHARGE TRAVELLING FREE.

The third parties shipped two carloads of horses over the defendants' line, and placed G. and R. in charge. G. was killed and R. injured while on the defendants' train, through the negligence of the defendants, and in actions brought by the administrator of the estate of G. and by R. against the defendants, judgments were recovered against the defendants for damages for the negligence. The defendants sought indemnity against the third parties, the owners and shippers of the horses. Special contracts for shipment of live stock were signed by the defendants' agent and by the third parties, the form of contract being that authorized by the Board of Railway Commissioners under the Railway Act of Canada. The rate of freight charged was that authorized under Canadian classification No. 14, dated the 15th December, 1908, and approved by the Board in cases where the stock is shipped under the terms and conditions of the special contract, which classification contains certain general rules governing the transportation of live stock, including this, that the owner or his agent must accompany each carload, and the owners or agents in charge of carloads will be carried free on the same train with their live stock, upon their signing the special contract approved by the Board. G. and R. were carried free, but neither signed the special contract, nor was any pass issued and delivered to either of them embodying its terms, and neither of them knew the contents of the special contract. Upon the face of each contract was written, "Pass man in charge." Among the conditions of the contract were, that the liability of the defendants should be restricted to \$100 for the loss of any one horse, and that in case

of the defendants granting to the shipper or any nominee or nominees of the shipper a pass or privilege less than full fare to ride on the train in which the property is being carried, for the purpose of caring for the same while in transit, and at the owner's risk, then, as to every person so travelling, the defendants are to be entirely free from liability in respect of his death, injury, or damage, and whether it be caused by the negligence of the defendants or their servants or employees, or otherwise howsoever. On the back of the contract, and as part of the document approved by the Board, provision was made for each person entitled to free passage to sign his name, followed by a note that agents must require such persons to write their own names on the lines above. The defendants' agent neglected to observe this direction:—Held, that the third parties owed no duty to the defendants to inform G. and R. of the terms of the special contract. (2) Looking at the express terms of the written contract, including the rule set forth in classification 14, intended for the guidance of both parties, and having regard to all the circumstances under which the contract was entered into, there was no implied agreement on the part of the third parties to indemnify the defendants, in order to give the transaction such efficacy as both parties must have intended it to have. There would have been no claim against which to be indemnified if the defendants' agent had performed his duty, and it would be contrary to principle to imply an agreement by the third parties to protect the defendants from the consequences of their own carelessness. *Goldstein v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 21 O.L.R. 575, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 141.

[Affirmed in 23 O.L.R. 536, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 485.]

INJURY TO PASSENGER IN CHARGE; SHIPPER OF ANIMAL; REDUCED RATE.

By the terms of a special contract, in a form approved by the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada, it was agreed between the defendants and the plaintiff, a shipper of a horse by the defendants' railway, that the defendants, granting to the plaintiff, travelling on the train in which the horse was being carried, for the purpose of taking care of it, the privilege of travelling at a reduced fare, should "be entirely free from liability in respect of his death, injury, or damage," whether caused by negligence or otherwise. The plaintiff, while so travelling, was injured, and brought this action to recover damages for his injury:—Held, that the defendants were authorized to make the contract, and were thereby relieved from liability to the

plaintiff. Sections 284 and 340 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, considered. The word "impairing" in s. 340 is intended to cover the case of total exemption from liability.—Held, also, that it was immaterial whether the plaintiff, who signed the contract, had read it or knew its contents. *Heller v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 363, 25 O.L.R. 117.

[Affirmed in 25 O.L.R. 488, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 367.]

INJURY TO PASSENGER; CARRIAGE OF HORSE AND PASSENGER.

By s. 2 (31) of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, "traffic" means the traffic of passengers, goods, and rolling stock; and the provision of the special contract in question in this case (set out in the judgment of Mulock, C.J.Ex.D., 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 363, 25 O.L.R. 117) entirely freeing the defendants from liability in respect of the death or injury of the passenger travelling in charge of a horse, both being carried under the one contract, was not a destruction of all liability under the contract, but a limitation to the goods carried; and this came within s. 340 (2) of the Act. Upon this ground, the judgment of Mulock, C.J., was affirmed; Riddell, J., agreeing with the judgment as to the meaning of the word "impairing" in s. 340 of the Act; and Falconbridge, C.J.K.B., not dissenting therefrom. *Heller v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 367, 25 O.L.R. 488, 2 D.L.R. 114.

LIABILITY OF RAILWAY TO CARETAKER OF LIVE STOCK; REDUCED FARE; PRIVILEGE OF CONTRACT.

One travelling upon a railway in charge of live stock at a reduced fare, which is paid by the shipper of the live stock, is not bound by a special contract between the shipper and the railway company relieving the company from liability in case of his death or injury, of which he had no knowledge, to which he was not a party, and from which he derived no benefit. *Goldstein v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 23 O.L.R. 536, specially referred to. *Robinson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 441, 5 D.L.R. 513, 26 O.L.R. 437.

[Reversed in 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 444, 8 D.L.R. 1002, 27 O.L.R. 290; restored in 47 Can. S.C.R. 622, 12 D.L.R. 696.]

LIABILITY OF RAILWAY COMPANY TO CARETAKER OF LIVE STOCK; REDUCED FARE.

One who travels upon a railway in charge of live stock, at a reduced fare paid by the shipper of the stock under a special contract between the shipper and the railway

company, and pays no fare himself, and has no other ticket or other authorization entitling him to be upon the train at all, cannot be heard to deny that he is travelling under the provisions of the special contract, though he has neither read nor signed it, and is bound by a provision therein relieving the railway company from liability for his death or injury, though caused by the negligence of the company. It is within the power of the Railway Board under the provisions of the Railway Act, R.S.C. c. 37, to authorize a contract relieving the company from liability to one travelling in charge of live stock at a reduced fare, for injuries caused by the negligence of the company or otherwise. *Dicta in Goldstein v. C.P.R.*, 23 O.L.R. 536, followed; *Robinson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 441, 26 O.L.R. 437, 5 D.L.R. 513, reversed. *Robinson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 444, 8 D.L.R. 1002, 27 O.L.R. 290.

[Reversed in 47 Can. S.C.R. 622, 12 D.L.R. 696.]

LIABILITY OF RAILWAY TO CARETAKER OF STOCK; REDUCED FARE.

One travelling upon a railway in charge of live stock at a reduced fare, which is paid by the shipper of the live stock, is not bound by a special contract between the shipper and the railway company relieving the company from liability in case of his death or injury, of which he had no knowledge, to which he was not a party, and from which he derived no benefit, where the railway company failed to do what was necessary to bring the special conditions of the contract to the attention of the traveller. *Robinson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 47 Can. S.C.R. 622, 12 D.L.R. 696, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 264.

[*Robinson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 8 D.L.R. 1002, reversed; *Robinson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 5 D.L.R. 513, restored.]

C. Loss of Baggage.

LOSS OF BAGGAGE; NOTICE OF CONDITIONS.

The plaintiff purchased from an agent of the defendant company at Ottawa what was called a land seeker's ticket, the only kind of return ticket issued on the route, for a passage to Winnipeg and return, paying some thirty dollars less than the single fare each way. The ticket was not transferable and had printed on it a number of conditions, one of which limited the liability of the company for baggage to wearing apparel not exceeding \$100 in value; and another required the signature of the passenger for the purpose of identification

and to prevent a transfer. The agent obtained the plaintiff's signature to the ticket, explaining that it was for the purpose of identification, but did not read nor explain to her any of the conditions, and having sore eyes at the time she was unable to read them herself. On the trip to Winnipeg an accident happened to the train and plaintiff's baggage, valued at over \$1,000, caught fire and was destroyed. In an action for damages for such loss the jury found for the plaintiff for the amount of the alleged value of the baggage:—Held, reversing the judgment of the Court of Appeal, 15 Ont. App. R. 388, and the Divisional Court, 14 O.R. 625. Gwynne, J., dissenting, that there was sufficient evidence that the loss of the baggage was caused by defendants' negligence, and the special conditions printed on the ticket not having been brought to the notice of plaintiff she was not bound by them and could recover her loss from the company. 15 A.R. (Ont.) 388, 14 O.R. 625, reversed. *Bate v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, (1889) 18 Can. S.C.R. 697, 1 Can. S.C. Cas. 10.

[Considered in *Robertson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 24 O.R. 75; discussed in *Cobban v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 26 O.R. 732; distinguished in *Coombs v. The Queen*, 26 Can. S.C.R. 15; *Mowat v. Provident Assurance Co.*, 27 A.R. (Ont.) 675; *Provident Savings Life Assur. Soc. v. Mowat*, 32 Can. S.C.R. 161; *Robertson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 21 A.R. (Ont.) 204, 24 Can. S.C.R. 611; *Sibbald v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 18 O.A.R. 184; explained in *Robertson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 24 Can. S.C.R. 617; referred to in *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Sibbald*, 20 Can. S.C.R. 265; *Lamont v. Can. Transfer Co.*, 19 O.L.R. 291.]

BAGGAGE DELIVERY SERVICE; NOTICE OF CONDITIONS.

The acceptance from a carrier of a receipt on which conditions are printed limiting his liability, creates no presumption of knowledge of them against the acceptor, within the meaning of art. 1676, C.C., which limits the operation of such printed notices to those who have knowledge of them. *Conway v. Canadian Transfer Company*, 40 Que. S.C. 89.

LOST LUGGAGE; RECEIPT; CONDITION LIMITING LIABILITY.

The defendants were an incorporated company, a main part of whose business was to carry and deliver baggage or luggage for customers, to and from railways, steamboats, and other public conveyances. The plaintiff, who was a passenger on a steamer, on his arrival at the wharf in Toronto, handed the steamer check for

his trunk to his father-in-law, R., to have the trunk sent up to R.'s house. R., who was an employee in the Cutcombs, handed the check to H., also a Customs officer, and asked him to pass the trunk and have it sent up to the house. H. gave D., the defendants' agent on the wharf, the check and twenty-five cents which R. had given him, told him to have the trunk sent up to R.'s house, and walked away. D. then gave the money to S., a soliciting agent of the defendants, and proceeded to take the steamer check off the trunk. H. returned in about fifteen minutes after he had left the check and the money with D., and asked him for a receipt for the trunk. S. then wrote out the receipt and handed it to H., who looked at it but did not read it, nor was his attention called to any terms upon it—he knew, however, that the defendants were in the habit of giving receipts upon taking over baggage for transfer. About an hour and a half thereafter H. handed the receipt to R., who passed it on to the plaintiff, who did not read it till about ten days afterwards. The receipt was a document which had legibly printed on its face a notice by which the defendants agreed to receive and forward the articles for which the receipt was given, subject to a condition that they should "not be liable for any loss or damage of any trunk . . . for over \$50." The receipt was in a form generally used by the defendants in the course of their business, and no proof was given that their agents who did the work of receiving and receipting for baggage had authority to receive it on any other footing. The trunk was lost or stolen; but without negligence on the part of the defendants. The defendants tendered to the plaintiff \$50 as in full discharge of their liability under their contract, which the plaintiff refused, and brought this action:—Held, Meredith, J.A., dissenting:—That the plaintiff was entitled to recover the full value of the trunk and its contents, inasmuch as the defendants, who as common carriers were liable to their customer for the full value of the property entrusted to their care, in the absence of notice, brought home to the customer, that their liability was limited to a certain sum, had failed to discharge the onus which lay upon them to shew that the plaintiff at the time when he made his contract with the defendants had received notice that their liability was limited, or that the stipulation limiting their liability had been at any time accepted by him as a term of his contract. *Harris v. Great Western Ry. Co.* (1876), 1 Q.B.D. 515. *Henderson v. Stevenson* (1875), L.R. 2 H.L. Sc. 470, and other cases bearing on the lia-

bility of carriers for loss or damage to luggage discussed. Per Meredith, J.A.:—That the question whether the plaintiff had accepted the condition limiting the defendants' liability was one of fact, and the finding of the trial Judge in favour of the defendants should not be reversed unless plainly shewn to be wrong on the evidence. Judgment of a Divisional Court, reversing the judgment of Boyd, C., at the trial affirmed. *Lamont v. Canadian Transfer Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 387, 19 O.L.R. 291.

BAGGAGE OF PASSENGER; CONDITION ON BACK OF CHECK.

A passenger who checks his baggage on a ticket previously purchased is not bound by a condition printed on the check but not on the ticket, limiting the liability of the carrier in case of loss, where such condition was not brought to the notice of the passenger, and the circumstances disclosed no assent either actual or constructive to such condition by the passenger. *Spencer v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 13 D.L.R. 836, 28 O.L.R. 122.

[*Lamont v. Canadian Transfer Co.*, 19 O.L.R. 291, considered.]

D. Express Companies.

CARRIAGE BY EXPRESS; LIABILITY FOR SAFETY OF GOODS; ONUS OF PROOF.

(1) An express company that formally undertakes to forward goods is not a mere agent or intermediary between the shipper and the actual carriers. It is itself a common carrier, and, as such, liable for the safe carriage and delivery of the goods, and the onus of proof is on it to shew that loss of them is due to irresistible force or the act of God. (2) A clause in a bill of lading for goods forwarded by express that the company will not be bound in case of loss beyond a stated amount unless their value be declared in it, is valid and binding. *Dominion Express Co. v. Rutenberg*, 18 Que. K.B. 50, 5 E.L.R. 314.

EXPRESS COMPANIES; CONNECTING LINES; RESPONSIBILITY FOR GOODS DAMAGED DURING TRANSIT.

Held, an express company is not responsible for the damages to goods entrusted for carriage, when the accident happened on another and connecting line of transfer, and the bill of lading contained a clause by which the company was relieved from any liability if the loss or injury happened at a place beyond its lines or control. *Neil v. American Express Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 111, Q.R. 20 S.C. 253.

LIABILITY FOR GROSS NEGLIGENCE.

A special condition that the defendants should not be liable for loss or damage, unless it should be proved to have occurred from the gross negligence of the defendants or their servants, did not avail the defendants, because the railway companies employed by the defendants for the transaction of their business were to be regarded as the defendants' servants, and the negligence was to be accounted gross negligence. *James Co. v. Dominion Express Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 309, 13 O.L.R. 211.

[Approved in *Dominion Express Co. v. Rutenberg*, Que. R. 18 K.B. 53.]

PRIVITY OF CONTRACT; LIABILITY IN TORT.

The plaintiff delivered to the Dominion Express Company at Toronto goods for transmission to Quebec. The goods were being carried in a car upon the defendants' railway, when a collision took place, and the goods were destroyed; the car was the defendants', but the contents were wholly under the control and in the possession and under the physical oversight of a servant of the express company:—Held, that, although there was no privity of contract between the plaintiff and the defendants, the plaintiff had a good cause of action in tort. Review of the authorities. The shipping bill contained various provisions limiting the liability of the express company, *inter alia*, also, this provision: "And it is also understood that the stipulation contained herein shall extend to and enure to the benefit of each and every company or person to whom, through this company, the below described property may be intrusted or delivered for transportation":—Held, upon a construction of the whole shipping bill (set out below), that the defendants were not a company to whom, through the express company, the property was intrusted or delivered for transportation, and the goods were, therefore, not being carried by them under a special contract with the plaintiff; and they were liable as in tort for the value of the goods. *Lake Erie and Detroit River Ry. Co. v. Sales* (1893), 26 Can. S.C.R. 663, distinguished. Quære, whether, if the defendants had been such a company, they could have taken advantage of a contract made by another company for their benefit, but without their privity. *Allen v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 408, 19 O.L.R. 510.

[Affirmed in 21 O.L.R. 416, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 424; relied on in *Duryea v. Kauffman*, 21 O.L.R. 161; referred to in *British Columbia Electric Ry. Co. v. Crompton*, 43 Can. S.C.R. 7, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 266.]

LIABILITY IN TORT; ABSENCE OF PRIVILEGE.

The plaintiff delivered to the Dominion Express Company at Toronto a trunk of valuable samples to be carried to Quebec. The company gave him a receipt therefor, whereby, as he failed to place a value on the articles in the trunk, their value was fixed, as between him and the company, at \$50. The company was an independent company operating upon the lines of railway of the defendants in Canada, under a general agreement with the defendants, by one clause of which the express company assumed all responsibility for and agreed to satisfy all valid claims for the loss of or damage to express matter in its charge, and to hold the defendants harmless and indemnified against such claims. The trunk was placed by the express company in a car of the defendants upon the defendants' railway, and was there, in charge of the express company's servant, when a collision occurred, as a result of which a fire took place, and the trunk and contents were destroyed. The defendants admitted that the collision was caused by the negligence of their servants:—Held, that an action in tort lay against the defendants for the loss of the goods; the defendants were liable for their "active" negligence in bringing about the collision:—Held, also, that the defendants were not entitled, as against the plaintiff, to the exemption from liability stipulated for in their agreement with the express company, under which they received and were carrying the goods; nor to the benefit of the limitation of liability to \$50 provided for in the plaintiff's contract with the express company; for to the first agreement the plaintiff was a stranger, and to the second the defendants were in the same position; and, in addition, the exemption clauses should be construed strictly, and the exemptions claimed would not extend to include an act of collateral or "active" negligence. *Martin v. Great Indian Peninsular Ry. Co.* (1867), L.R. 3 Ex. 9, specially referred to. *Lake Erie and Detroit River Ry. Co. v. Sales* (1896), 26 Can. S.C.R. 663, distinguished. *Semble*:—That, if the agreement between the plaintiff and the express company had any application, the clause "that the stipulation contained herein shall extend to and inure to the benefit of each and every company or person to whom through this company the below described property may be entrusted or delivered for transportation" did not apply to the defendants, but to a person or company beyond the line of the defendants' railway, to whom it might be necessary for the express company to part with the property in order that it should reach its destination. *Allen v. Can-*

adian Pacific Ry. Co., 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 424, 21 O.L.R. 416.

[Judgment of Riddell, J., 19 O.L.R. 510, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 408, affirmed.]

EXPRESS COMPANY'S RECEIPT TO PARTY OTHER THAN THEIR CUSTOMER; SPECIAL CONDITIONS.

A person who forwards his railway baggage checks to an express company with instructions to take delivery of the baggage and reforward it by express may claim damages for its loss in transit while in their custody as upon the company's common law liability, and is not bound by a condition of a shipping receipt issued to the railway company on receiving delivery from it, purporting to limit the maximum liability of the express company in case of loss, where the contract evidenced by such shipping receipt is in terms made between the express company and the railway company only and its provisions were not communicated to the owner of the baggage. The fact that an express company is enabled by statute to make use of a special form of contract impairing, restricting, or limiting its liability does not prevent the company from contracting upon the basis of a more extended liability as upon its contractual rights at common law, although such special form has received the approval of the Railway Commissioners of Canada, exercising governmental powers of supervision over common carriers. *Wilkinson v. Canadian Express Co.*, (Ont.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 267, 7 D.L.R. 450.

[See *Edwards v. Sherratt*, 1 East. 604; *Lohden v. Calder*, 14 Times L.R. 311; *Hayward v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 411; *Mercer v. C.P.R.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 372.]

Note on connecting lines as affected by conditions in bill of lading limiting liability. 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 117.

Note on Government regulation of railway companies respecting agreements exempting liability for negligence. 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 15.

Note on liability of carriers for the loss of goods notwithstanding special contract limiting liability. 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 399.

Note on limitation of liability by express companies for losses of or damage to goods. 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 318.

LIQUOR SHIPMENT.

See Crimes and Offences.

LOCOMOTIVES.

For causing fires, see Fires.

For injuries to animals, see Fences and Cattle Guards.

For excessive speed, see Crossings, Injuries at; Carriers of Passengers; Highway and Railway Crossings.

LORD CAMPBELL'S ACT.

See Negligence; Employees; Pleading and Practice; Government Railways.

For right of action in one province for death occasioned in another, see Conflict of Laws.

LORD'S DAY ACT.

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MALICIOUS PROSECUTION.

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MANDAMUS.

For mandamus compelling street railway to specifically perform contract with municipality respecting street car service, see Street Railways.

For mandamus enforcing passenger accommodation and rates, see Tolls and Tariffs.

REMOVAL OF RAILWAY FENCES; JURISDICTION OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS.

The concurrence of three conditions is necessary to give a right to proceed by mandamus—(a) an imperative official duty to be performed by a public body or officer; (b) a refusal to perform it; (c) the absence of any other recourse to remedy the consequences of such refusal. There is no imperative duty cast on a municipal corporation to cause the removal of fences placed on one of its roads by the Federal Government at a point where Government railway crosses it. And the Railway Act of 1903 gives to the Board of Railway Commissioners power to hear and determine complaints arising out of such a matter and its jurisdiction excludes that of the ordinary Courts. For these reasons the remedy by mandamus against the corporation is not open. *Carrier v. Parish of St. Henri*, Q.R. 30 S.C. 45 (Ct. Rev.).

CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS; RATES AND ACCOMMODATION; ENFORCEMENT.

Two questions must be found in favour of the applicant before the writ of prerogative mandamus can issue: first, has the applicant a specific legal right to the performance of some duty by the respondent; and, second, will the applicant without the benefit of the writ be left without effectual

remedy? Where the applicant sought a mandamus to compel the Grand Trunk Ry. Co., pursuant to s. 3 of their Act of incorporation, 16 Viet. c. 37 (C.), to run a train containing third-class carriages, and to permit the applicant to travel therein on payment of a fare not exceeding one penny a mile.—Held, that the applicant had an adequate remedy under the provisions of the Dominion Railway Act, 1903 (ss. 8, 23, 25, 44, 214, and 294, being specially referred to), and that that remedy could be more conveniently applied and executed under the direction and supervision of the Board of Railway Commissioners than by the Court; and the application was refused. *Re Robertson and Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 490, 14 O.L.R. 497.

[Vide *Robertson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 494.]

COMPULSORY EXPROPRIATION; COMPENSATION.

Where there is no contract between the parties respecting land taken by a railway company for a right of way, the landowner may be entitled to relief, under Rule 879 of the King's Bench Act, by way of mandamus to compel the company to proceed to have compensation determined under the provisions of the Railway Act. *Carr v. Can. North Ry. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 258, 17 Man. L.R. 178.

SHARES; TRANSFER ON COMPANY'S BOOKS; MANDAMUS TO ENFORCE TRANSFER.

The owner of two shares of stock in the defendants' railway, assigned them to the plaintiff, endorsing the assignment on the certificate. The plaintiff called at the head office and demanded that the necessary transfer should be made on the company's books, and also saw the president; and, after some correspondence, the transfer not having been made, he procured a duplicate assignment of the stock, and placed the matter in the hands of his solicitor, who thereupon wrote the company demanding a transfer, and enclosed one of the duplicate assignments, and stated that he would attend on a named hour, ready to surrender the certificate, and have the transfer completed, and, on receiving a reply that it could not be attended to, this action was brought, in which an order for a mandamus was claimed. An interlocutory order made by a Judge in Chambers directing a mandamus to issue, was, on appeal to the Divisional Court, set aside, and the matter left for decision at the trial. *Nelles v. Windsor, Essex and Lake Shore Rapid Ry. Co.*, 16 O.L.R. 359, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 367.

DUTY OF COMPANY TO TAKE LANDS; MANDAMUS.

A railway company, in its requirement of right-of-way, included, inter alia, land in which the plaintiff had a leasehold interest, but the right-of-way was at no time wholly upon the plaintiff's property, the greater portion being upon adjoining lands. The company, without proceeding to arbitration, acquired the interest of the plaintiff's lessor, and built its road clear of but adjoining that portion of the indicated right-of-way over the land in which the plaintiff was interested. In an action to compel the company to acquire and pay for the right-of-way as indicated, the company contended that it could be compelled to pay for only that portion of the right-of-way which it actually took possession of, and Irving, J., at the trial, dismissed that contention and held that the plaintiff was injuriously affected by the construction and operation of the railway:—Held, on appeal, *Martin, J.A.*, dissenting, that the trial Judge was right. *McDonald v. Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Ry. & Navigation Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 67, 15 B.C.R. 315.

[Reversed in 44 Can. S.C.R. 65, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 74.]

ACTION TO COMPEL EXPROPRIATION; COMPENSATION.

The approval and registration of plans, etc., of the located area of the right-of-way, under the provisions of the Railway Act, and the subsequent construction and operation of a railway along such area, do not render the railway company liable to mandamus ordering the expropriation of a portion of the lands shewn upon the plans which has not been physically occupied by the permanent way so constructed and operated. Judgment appealed from, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 67, 15 B.C.R. 315, reversed, the Chief Justice and *Davies, J.*, dissenting. *Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Ry. & Navigation Co. v. McDonald*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 74, 44 Can. S.C.R. 65.

Whether mandamus, injunction, specific performance or damages, is the proper remedy for the enforcement of covenants by railway companies. Ed. Note, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 204.

Note on mandamus compelling transfer of shares. 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 373.

MARCONI WIRELESS.

See Telegraph and Telephones.

MASTER AND SERVANT.

See Employees.

MEAL TICKETS.

For contract of railway company with restaurant keeper for the supply of meals to employees, see Contracts.

MECHANICS' LIEN.

MECHANICS' LIEN ACT; DOMINION RAILWAY.

A lien under the Mechanics' and Wage Earners' Lien Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 153, cannot be enforced against the railway of a company incorporated under a Dominion Act, and declared thereby to be a company incorporated for the general advantage of Canada. Decision of a Divisional Court, 13 O.L.R. 169, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 300, affirmed. *Crawford v. Tilden et al.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 437, 14 O.L.R. 372.

MEDICAL ATTENTION.

See Health Protection.

For compensation for medical attention, see Damages.

For duty of railway as to persons injured, see Employees.

AUTHORITY OF RAILWAY OFFICIAL TO ENGAGE PHYSICIAN TO RENDER SERVICES TO PERSON INJURED.

Where a person has been injured by a railway accident, the highest official of the company on the ground has authority to bind the company for the cost of such medical services and attendance as may be immediately requisite. And where the facts were reported by such official to the company immediately, and no disavowal or counter order was sent to the physician engaged until seven weeks later, the company is responsible to the physician engaged for the value of his medical attendance and services during this period. *Gaudreau v. Canada Atlantic Ry. Co.*, 24 Que. S.C. 337.

MINES AND MINERALS.

See Title to Lands.

Compensation for, see Expropriation.

MONEY ORDERS.

For claims for loss of money, see Claims.

For authority of agents to receive money orders, see Agents.

MORTGAGES.

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MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

For municipal ownership of street railways, see Street Railways.

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NEGLIGENCE.

- A. In General.
- B. Contributory Negligence.
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For injuries occurring on Government railways, see Government Railways.

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For accidents occurring on bridges, see Bridges.

As creating nuisance, see Nuisance.

For injuries caused by fires, see Fires.

For injuries on street railways, see Street Railways.

For injuries to employees, see Employees.

For injuries at crossings, see Crossings, Injuries at.

For damage occasioned by reason of construction of railway, see Expropriation.

For injuries to passengers, see Carriers of Passengers.

For loss or damage to goods, see Carriers of Goods.

For injuries to live stock, see Carriage of Live Stock; Fences and Cattle Guards.

For injuries or damage resulting from the accumulation of weeds, see Thistles and Weeds.

For negligence of railway constables in making false arrest, see False Arrest.

A. in General.

JOINT OPERATION OF RAILWAY; RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACT OF JOINT EMPLOYEE; TRAFFIC AGREEMENT.

Where by the negligence of the train despatcher engaged by the Grand Trunk Ry. Co., and under its control and directions, injuries were caused by a collision of two Intercolonial Railway trains on the single track of a portion of the Grand Trunk Ry. operated under the joint traffic agreement, ratified by the Act, 62 & 63 Viet. c. 5 (D.), the company is liable, notwithstanding that the train despatcher was declared by the agreement to be in the joint employ of the Crown and the railway company, and the Crown was thereby obliged to pay a portion of his salary. Judgment appealed from, affirmed. Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Huard, 36 Can. S.C.R. 655.

LOSS OF BAGGAGE.

The plaintiff purchased from an agent of the defendant company at Ottawa what was called a land seeker's ticket, the only kind of return ticket issued on the route, for a passage to Winnipeg and return, paying some thirty dollars less than single fare each way. The ticket was not transferable and had printed on it a number of conditions, one of which limited the liability of the company for baggage to wearing apparel, not exceeding \$100 in value, and another required the signature of the passenger for the purpose of identification and to prevent a transfer. The agent obtained the plaintiff's signature to a ticket explaining that it was for the purpose of identification, but did not read nor explain to her any of the conditions, the plaintiff having sore eyes at the time was unable to read the conditions herself. On the trip to Winnipeg an accident happened to the train, and plaintiff's baggage, valued at over \$1,000, caught fire and was destroyed. In an action for damages for such loss the jury found for the plaintiff for the amount of the alleged value of the baggage:—Held, reversing the judgment of the Court of Appeal, 15 Ont. App. R. 388, and of the Divisional Court, 14 O.R. 625, Gwynne, J., dissenting, and affirming the judgment at the trial:—That the plaintiff was entitled to recover damages for loss of baggage caused by the defendants' negligence notwithstanding the condition limiting the defendants' liability printed upon the ticket sold to the plaintiff:—Held, per Strong and Taschereau, J.J.:—That the plaintiff was misled as to the effect of the conditions endorsed on the ticket, and by the answers she received from the defendants' ticket agent, and should not be bound by the con-

dition limiting the company's liability:—Held, per Fournier, J., adopting the reasons of Mr. Justice Rose in the Court below:—That there was evidence on which the jury could reasonably find negligence; that the condition limiting the company's liability could not avoid; and that the decision in *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Vogel*, 11 Can. S.C.R. 612, applied. *Bate v. Canadian Pacific Ry.* (1889), 1 S.C. Cas. 10, 18 Can. S.C.R. 697.

[Considered in *Robertson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 24 O.R. 75; discussed in *Cobban v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 26 O.R. 732; distinguished in *Coombs v. The Queen*, 26 Can. S.C.R. 15; *Mowat v. Provident Assurance Co.*, 27 A.R. (Ont.) 675; *Provident Savings Life Assur. Soc. v. Mowat*, 32 Can. S.C.R. 161; *Robertson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 21 A.R. (Ont.) 204, 24 Can. S.C.R. 611; *Sibbald v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 18 A.R. (Ont.) 184; explained in *Robertson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 24 Can. S.C.R. 617; referred to in *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Sibbald*, 20 Can. S.C.R. 265; *Lamont v. Can. Transfer Co. Ltd.*, 19 O.L.R. 291.]

LIABILITY OF JOINT OWNERS; JOINT OWNERSHIP OF THE CROWN AND A PRIVATE COMPANY.

When the trains of two railways run over a section of the line of one of them, under an agreement which provides, *inter alia*, that the servants employed on the section in common use, shall be considered, and shall be, in fact, in the joint employ of the owners of the two railways, the latter are both jointly and severally liable for the consequences of a collision of two trains belonging to one of them, caused by the fault or neglect of a servant so employed. If, therefore, one of the railways is the property of the Crown, and the other of a private company, the latter is liable in damages as sole tortfeasor. *Atkinson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 36 Can. S.C.R. 655.

[*Atkinson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 27 S.C. 227 (C.R.), affirmed.]

STATUTORY RULES FOR RUNNING OF TRAINS; OBSERVANCE BY EMPLOYEES.

The provisions of the Railway Act for the protection and safety of the public are not supposed to provide for all possible contingencies and the fact that mechanics and officials in charge of trains have observed them does not suffice to relieve their employers from liability in case of accident. They are also bound to act with ordinary prudence; for example, trains should not be run at the maximum speed prescribed in places where there is danger in doing so. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Fecteau*, Q.R. 20 K.B. 131.

PERSON KILLED BETWEEN TRACKS AND PLATFORM; TRESPASSER OR LICENSEE; NEW TRIAL.

Carruthers v. Toronto and York Radial R.W. Co., 19 O.W.R. 983, 3 O.W.N. 14.

RAILWAY; UNLOCKED TURNABLE; INFANT.

Canadian Pacific Ry. v. Coley, 3 E.L.R. 126 (Que.).

WALKING ON TRACK IN A STORMY DAY; LIABILITY OF RAILWAY FOR CAUSING DEATH.

Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Parent, 7 D.L.R. 810.

BREACH OF STATUTORY DUTY; RIGHT OF ACTION.

Where a statutory duty is imposed, neglect of the duty gives the party damaged thereby a right of action, unless the person damaged is excluded from a particular class of persons who are alone intended to be benefited by the statute. *Winterburn v. Edmonton, Yukon and Pac. Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 7, 1 A.L.R. 298.

PROXIMATE CAUSE; INJURY CAUSED BY A THING; FAULT OF THE OWNER.

In an action of damages for an injury caused by a thing, it is incumbent upon the plaintiff to establish affirmatively, not only the damage claimed, but also fault, negligence or imprudence on the part of the defendant, as owner or person having the care of the thing. Such ownership or care has not, in law, the effect of placing upon the defendant the burden of proving negatively the absence of fault on his part, or that of his servants. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Dionne*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 57, Q.R. 18 K.B. 385.

[Relied on in *Shawinigan Carbide Co. v. Doucet*, 42 Can. S.C.R. 306, Que. R. 18 K.B. 288.]

B. Contributory Negligence.

CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE; WALKING BETWEEN RAILS; NON-SUIT.

A railway car in which was a horse in charge of the plaintiff had on arrival at a station been shunted on to one of several lines of rails in the defendants' station yard. The plaintiff left the car and returned to it, crossing several tracks in doing so, and again left it, in broad daylight, to procure water for the horse. There was less snow between the rails than upon the space between the tracks, and the plaintiff, according to his own evidence, having to walk some little distance along the railway lines, chose to walk between the rails to avoid getting his feet wet, and

while so walking was overtaken by an engine and tender slowly moving, reversed without the necessary warning, and was knocked down and injured:—Held, affirming the non-suit at the trial, that even if the defendants were guilty of negligence in not giving notice that the engine and tender were in motion, the accident was caused not by reason of their negligence but by the plaintiff's own negligence in choosing to walk in a place of extreme danger, instead of a place of perfect safety which was open and known to him. *Callendar v. Carleton Iron Co., Ltd.* (1893). 9 Times L.R. 646, and (1894) 10 Times L.R. 366, followed. *Phillips v. Grand Trunk Ry. of Canada*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 399, 1 O.L.R. 28.

[Distinguished in *Tinsley v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 15 O.L.R. 438; referred to in *London & Western Trusts v. Lake Erie, etc. Ry. Co.*, 12 O.L.R. 28; *Preston v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 13 O.L.R. 369.]

CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE; DEFENCE TO ACTION; BREACH OF STATUTORY DUTY.

Contributory negligence may be a defence to an action founded on a breach of statutory duty. *Deyo v. The Kingston and Pembroke Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 42, 8 O.L.R. 588.

[Distinguished in *Muma v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 14 O.L.R. 147, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 444; referred to in *Street v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 18 Man. L.R. 342.]

CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE; OBSTRUCTION OF VIEW; REASONABLE CARE AFTER PASSING.

A tool-house obstructing the view of a railway track for a considerable distance does not exonerate the injured from contributory negligence, where, after passing the obstruction, he could, by the exercise of reasonable care, have looked in the direction from which the train was coming and thus avoid the injury. *Andreas v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 440, 2 W.L.R. 249.

[Affirmed in 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 450, 37 Can. S.C.R. 1.]

WHEN CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE A DEFENCE.

In order to disentitle a plaintiff to recover upon the ground of contributory negligence it must be found distinctly that the accident was attributable to his failure in the duty imposed upon him. *Dart v. Toronto Ry. Co.* (No. 2), 8 D.L.R. 121, 4 O.W.N. 315, 23 O.W.R. 380.

[*Rowan v. Toronto Street Ry. Co.*, 29 Can. S.C.R. 718, referred to.]

INJURY TO PERSON ON TRACK; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE; LICENSEE.

A railway company is not answerable for the death of a person who, in possession of his faculties of seeing and hearing, walks along a railway track without looking for an approaching train which he could have seen by the exercise of the most ordinary care. A licensee who walks along a railway track assumes all risk of injury from being struck by trains. *Henrich v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 393, 12 D.L.R. 367.

C. Ultimate Negligence.

ULTIMATE NEGLIGENCE.

In an action for negligence against a railway company the trial Judge should confine all questions of ultimate negligence to the time from which the defendants or their servants could have anticipated the danger. *McEachen v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 2 D.L.R. 588, 3 O.W.N. 628, 21 O.W.R. 187.

ULTIMATE NEGLIGENCE; CONCURRENT CAUSES.

Where an injury is the direct immediate result of two operating causes, viz., the negligence of the plaintiff and that of the defendant, the plaintiff cannot recover damages. *Long v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 10 D.L.R. 300, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 35.

ULTIMATE NEGLIGENCE; CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE.

In an action of negligence, a plaintiff, whose want of care was a direct and effective contributory cause of the injury complained of, cannot recover, however clearly it may be established that, but for the defendants' earlier or concurrent negligence, the mishap, in which the injury was received, would not have occurred. *Herron v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 373, 11 D.L.R. 697, 28 O.L.R. 59.

[*Herron v. Toronto Ry. Co.* (No. 1), 6 D.L.R. 215, reversed.]

D. Injuries to Children.

CONSTRUCTION OF RAILWAY; EXPOSURE OF EXPLOSIVES TO INFANTS.

Work on the construction of a railway was going on near the unused part of a public cemetery in connection with which were used detonating caps containing fulminate. M., a boy of fifteen years of age, in passing through the cemetery with some companions, found some of these caps lying about on the bank above the works, in front of a tool-box used by one of the gangs of workmen, and put them in his pocket. Later on the same day he was

scratching the fulminate end of one of them with a stick when it exploded and injured his hand. On the trial of an action against the contractors for damages, there was no direct evidence as to how the caps came to be where they were found, but it was proved that when a blast was about to take place the workmen would hurriedly place any explosives they might have in their possession under their tool-box, and then run away. It also was proved that caps of the same kind were kept in the tool-box near which those in question were found by M., and were taken out and put back by the workmen as occasion might require:—Held, reversing the judgment of the Court of Appeal, that, in the absence of evidence of circumstances leading to a different conclusion, the act of placing the caps where they were found could fairly be attributed to the workmen, who alone were shewn to have had the right to handle them; that it was incumbent on defendants to exercise a high degree of caution to prevent them falling into the hands of strangers; that the act of M. in exploding the cap as he did, did not necessarily import want of due caution, and if his negligence contributed to the accident the jury should have so found; and that whether or not M. was a trespasser, was also a question for the jury, who did not pass upon it. *Makins, an infant, v. Piggott & Inglis*, 29 Can. S.C.R. 188.

[Distinguished in *McShane v. Toronto, etc., Ry. Co.*, 31 O.R. 188; referred to in *Burth v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 13 O.L.R. 632; *Fowell v. Grafton*, 20 O.L.R. 639.]

FAILURE TO FENCE; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE; INFANT.

On the west side of a street in a city, east of and parallel to the railway, were a number of dwelling houses, with the lots on which they stood not fenced, leaving a large open space in the rear, next the railway fence, in which there were openings. A boy of eight years and seven months, while engaged in playing with his companions, went through one of the openings in the railway fence, and, getting upon the line, was killed by a train running at the rate of twenty-five miles an hour. The jury found that the boy's death was due to the negligence of the defendants, consisting in the poor condition of their fence; that it was not due to the boy's own negligence, who was incapable of reasonable thought in the matter, and that he was not a trespasser:—Held, affirming the judgment of *Falconbridge, C.J.K.B.*, that the Court might draw the inference of fact, under *Con. Rule 817*, that the boy's death was due to defendants' negligence in allowing

their train to pass through a thickly peopled portion of the city without the track being properly fenced, and that the defendants were liable. *Potwin v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 8.

[*Tabb v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 1, 8 O.L.R. 203, followed.]

FAILURE TO FENCE; INFANTS; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

A street ran to the north and to the south from the defendants' tracks in a city, but did not cross them. With the tacit acquiescence of the defendants, however, foot passengers were in the habit of crossing the tracks from one part of the street to the other, and for convenience in doing so part of the fence between the tracks and each part of the street had been removed. A boy of nine, intending to cross from one part of the street to the other, walked through the opening in the fence to one of the tracks. While he was standing and playing upon this track waiting for a train on another track to pass, he was struck by a train running at a speed of about forty miles an hour and was killed:—Held, that there was a clear neglect of a statutory duty by the defendants in permitting the track to remain unfenced and at the same time running at such a high rate of speed; that it was for the jury to say whether upon all the facts the deceased had displayed such reasonable care as was to have been expected from one of his tender years; and that their verdict in favour of the child's father could not be interfered with. Judgment of *Falconbridge, C.J.*, affirmed. *Tabb v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 1, 8 O.L.R. 203.

[Followed in *Potwin v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 8.]

UNFENCED PREMISES; TRESPASSER; INFANT.

A boy, over eight years of age, entered from the adjoining highway the unfenced freight yard of the defendants, for the purpose of gathering pieces of coal dropped from the cars, and in doing so got under or alongside the wheels of a car which, in being shunted, ran over and killed him, at a place over 400 feet from where he entered the yard:—Held, that he was wrongfully trespassing where he had no business or invitation to be:—Held, also, that the plaintiffs had not satisfied the onus cast upon them to establish by evidence circumstances from which it might fairly be inferred that there was reasonable probability that the accident resulted from the absence of a fence at the place where the boy entered. *Williams v. Great Western Ry. Co.* (1874), L.R. 9 Exch. 157, distin-

guished. *Daniel v. The Metropolitan Ry. Co.* (1868), L.R. 3 C.P. 216, affirmed (1871), L.R. 5 H.L. 45, followed. *Newell v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 372, 12 O.L.R. 21.]

[Referred to in *Gloster v. Toronto Electric Light Co.*, 12 O.L.R. 413.]

ALLOWING CHILDREN ACCESS TO MACHINERY.

Held, affirming Q.R. 29 S.C. 282, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 269, a railway company, that leaves a mechanical contrivance (e.g. a turntable) in an open place to which children of tender years are allowed access, is guilty of negligence and liable for the consequence of their unskilful handling of it. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Coley*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 274, C.R. 16 K.B. 404.

[Approved in *Roullier v. Magog*, Que. R. 37 S.C. 249; referred to in *Normand v. Hull Electric Co.*, Que. R. 35 S.C. 340.]

INJURIES TO MINORS; LIABILITY TO MINORS; 'STEARLING HIDE' ON COW-CATCHER; EVIDENCE; NONSUIT.

Wallace v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 6 D.L.R. 864, 4 O.W.N. 133, 23 O.W.R. 99.

E. Injuries to Husband or Wife.

ACTION BY HUSBAND FOR INJURIES TO WIFE; PARTIES.

The right of action for damages for personal injuries sustained by a married woman, commune en biens, belongs exclusively to her husband, and she cannot sue for the recovery of such damages in her own name, even with the authorization of her husband. Where it appears, upon the face of the writ of summons and statement of claim, that the plaintiff has no right of action, it is not necessary that objection should be taken by exception *a la forme*. Absolute want of legal right of action may be invoked by a defendant at any stage of a suit. Judgment of the Court of Queen's Bench, 3 Q.P.R. 1, overruled on the motifs, but affirmed in its result. *McFarran v. Montreal Park and Island Ry. Co.*, 30 Can. S.C.R. 410.

[Applied in *Desrouard v. Fortier*, 5 Q.P.R. 251; distinguished in *De Councy v. David*, Q.R. 33 S.C. 180; *Girard v. Vincent*, Q.R. 21 S.C. 207; followed in *Sauriol v. Clermont*, Q.R. 10 K.B. 304, 306.]

F. Lord Campbell's Act.

LORD CAMPBELL'S ACT; BENEFICIARIES; PARENTS.

The right of action given to the mother of a minor, killed by accident, by art. 1056 C.C., is personal to her and does not come

from the deceased nor from the succession. *Richard v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 13 Que. P.R. 268 (Sup. Ct.).

FATAL ACCIDENTS ACT; DEATH OF BENEFICIARY; SURVIVAL OF ACTION; EXECUTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS.

Upon the death before judgment of the sole beneficiary on whose behalf an administrator has brought 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, reversed. *McHugh v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 7, 2 O.L.R. 600.

[Approved in *Hockley v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 7 O.L.R. 186; followed in *Blayborough v. Brantford Gas Co.*, 18 O.L.R. 243.]

BENEFICIARIES; WIDOW OF SECOND MARRIAGE.

A woman claiming to be the widow of a man killed owing as alleged to the negligence of the defendants, brought an action against them with her two children as co-plaintiffs to recover damages. Subsequently another action was brought by another woman also claiming to be the deceased's widow to recover damages for the benefit of herself and her child, her marriage having taken place after an alleged divorce of the first plaintiff:—Held, that only one action would lie under the Act; that that action would be for the benefit of the persons in fact entitled; and that, there being no doubt as to the right of the children in the first action, that action should be allowed to proceed and the rights of all parties worked out in it, the second action being stayed; the plaintiff in the second action to be represented by counsel at the trial if desired. Judgment of *Falconbridge, C.J.K.B.*, reversed. *Morton v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 455, 8 O.L.R. 372.

[Referred to in *Reid v. Goold*, 13 O.L.R. 51.]

BENEFICIARIES; RIGHT OF MOTHER WHILE FATHER LIVING.

The mother of the deceased is a person for whose benefit an action can be brought under the Fatal Accidents Act, although the father is living. *Renwick v. Galt, Preston, and Hespeler Street Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 376, 12 O.L.R. 35.

BENEFICIARIES; RELEASE.

In an action brought under the Families Compensation Act, R.S.B.C. 1911, c. 82.

by the widow and children of a deceased person, for damages for injuries resulting in the death of such person through the negligence of the defendants, where the defendants' statement of defence sets up that the deceased during his lifetime accepted compensation from them in full satisfaction of the injuries and signed an agreement releasing the defendants from all present or future liability to himself or to his heirs, the plaintiffs may, without bringing in the personal representative of the deceased as a party, attack the validity of such release on the ground that it was obtained by fraud. *Trawford v. B.C. Elec. Ry. Co.*, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 39, 9 D.L.R. 817.

[*Trawford v. B.C. Electric Ry. Co.*, 8 D.L.R. 1026, reversed.]

Note on contributory negligence at highways. 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 350.

Note on negligence and contributory negligence. 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 405, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 225.

Note on Lord Campbell's Act; Measure and apportionment of damages. 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 18.

Note on negligence causing the allurements of children to places of danger. 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 250.

Note on liability for negligence on train of another company. 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 259.

Review of cases of negligence. 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 316.

Note on liability of railway company for injuries to children in consequence of failure to fence railway premises. 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 11.

Note on liability of railway company for injuries to children trespassing on railway premises. 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 360.

Note on ultimate negligence. 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 104.

Note on licensees and trespassers. 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 245.

NEW TRIAL.

See Pleading and Practice; Negligence; Street Railways; Employees; Crossings, Injuries at.

NOT GUILTY.

See Pleading and Practice.

NOTICE.

Notice under expropriation proceedings, see Expropriation.

NOTICE OF CLAIMS.

See Claims.

NOTICE OF LOSS.

See Claims; Limitation of Liability.

NUISANCE.

For embankment causing flood, see Embankment.

OPERATION OF MACHINERY; CONTINUING NUISANCE; NEGLIGENCE; VIBRATIONS, SMOKE, DUST, ETC.; STATUTORY FRANCHISE.

Where injuries caused by the operation of machinery have resulted from the unskillful or negligent exercise of powers conferred by public authority and the nuisance thereby created gives rise to a continuous series of torts, the action accruing in consequence falls within the provisions of art. 2261 of the Civil Code of Lower Canada and is prescribed by the lapse of two years from the date of the occurrence of each successive tort. In the present case, the permanent character of the damages so caused could not be assumed from the manner in which the works had been constructed and, as the nuisance might at any time be abated by the improvement of the system of operation or the discontinuance of the negligent acts complained of, prospective damages ought not to be allowed, nor could the assessment, in a lump sum, of damages, past, present and future, in order to prevent successive litigation, be justified upon grounds of equity or public interest. Judgment appealed from reversed, the Chief Justice and Girouard, J., dissenting. *Fritz v. Hobson*, 14 Ch. D. 342, referred to; *Gareau v. The Montreal Street Ry. Co.*, 31 Can. S.C.R. 463, distinguished. *Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Boudreau*, 36 Can. S.C.R. 329.

[Applied in *Montreal v. Montreal Lapping Co.*, Q.R. 18 K.B. 406; followed in *Boupointe v. Chateauguay & Northern Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 38 S.C. 142.]

SMOKE; NOISE; VIBRATION.

(1) Where there has been a manifest disturbance of enjoyment and violation of rights of ownership, e.g., by the smoke, noise and vibration caused by the operation of machinery on an adjoining property, the person so disturbed in his enjoyment is entitled even without proof to any precise amount of damages suffered, to nominal or exemplary damages. (2) Moreover, on a question of the appreciation of damages, the Court of Appeal will not disturb the award of the Court below, in the absence of any special ground for doing so. *Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Gareau*, 13 Que. P.R. 12.

ELECTRIC LIGHT POWER HOUSE; NUISANCE; VIBRATION; INJUNCTION; DAMAGES. An electric light company incorporated

under the Ontario Companies Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 200, purchased a piece of land adjoining plaintiff's residence and erected a transforming and distributing power house thereon. By the working of the engines so much vibration was caused in the adjoining land as to render the plaintiff's house at times almost uninhabitable and to create a nuisance though doing no actual structural injury. The company had no compulsory powers to take lands, and no opportunity had been afforded the plaintiff of objecting to the location of its works. Moreover the company was under no compulsion to exercise its powers, nor was any statutory compensation provided for any injury of the character in question done by such exercise, nor was there any evidence that the company's powers might not have been exercised so as not to create a nuisance.—Held, that the plaintiff was entitled to an injunction and a reference as to damages. *Hopkin v. Hamilton Elect. etc. Co.*, 4 O.L.R. 258, affirming 2 O.L.R. 240.

CARRIAGE OF ANIMALS; NUISANCE; PROPER EXERCISE OF POWERS; NEGLIGENCE.

Railway companies to which the Dominion Railway Act applies are authorized by law to carry cattle and hogs, and as a necessary incident thereto for the purpose of shipping the animals to have pens for herding them, and they are not liable if, in the proper exercise of their powers in doing so, without negligence, they create a nuisance. *London and Brighton Ry. Co. v. Truman* (1885), 11 App. Cas. 45, followed. *Bennett v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co. et al.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 451, 2 O.L.R. 425.

[Relied on in *Barrett v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 16 Man. L.R. 556, 3 W.L.R. 132.]

VIBRATION AND SMOKE; AUTHORIZED INDUSTRY.

Held, affirming the judgment of Gill, J.—1st. The fact that a company has been authorized by the Legislature to carry on an industry does not relieve it from the legal obligation to rectify any injury that the working of this industry may cause to neighbouring owners. The Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Roy, Q.R. 9 Q.B. 551, followed. (2) When the carrying on of an industry even in a manufacturing centre results in a prejudice to neighbouring owners to an extent which surpasses the ordinary inconveniences of vicinage—for example, through vibrations caused by powerful machines, and through smoke charged with soot which escapes from the furnaces—he who carries on this industry is obliged to rectify the prejudice so caused. *Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Gareau*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 286, Q.R. 10 Q.B. 417.

[Applied in *Gareau v. Montreal Street Ry. Co.*, 31 Can. S.C.R. 467, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 297.]

OPERATION OF ELECTRIC RAILWAY; POWER HOUSE MACHINERY; VIBRATIONS, SMOKE AND NOISE; INJURY TO ADJOINING PROPERTY.

Notwithstanding the privileges conferred by its Act of Incorporation upon an electric street railway company for the construction and operation of an electric tramway upon the public thoroughfares of a city, the company is responsible in damages to the owners of property adjoining its power-house for any structural injuries caused by the vibrations produced by its machinery, and the diminution of rentals and value thereby occasioned. *Drysdale v. Lucas*, 26 S.C.R. 20, followed. In an action by the owner of adjoining property for damages thus caused, the evidence was contradictory, and the courts below gave effect to the testimony of scientific witnesses in preference to that of persons acquainted with the locality.—Held, *Taschereau, J.*, dissenting, that notwithstanding the concurrent findings of the courts below, as the witnesses were equally credible, the evidence of those who spoke from personal knowledge of the facts ought to have been preferred to that of persons giving opinions based merely upon scientific observations. In reversing the judgment appealed from, the Supreme Court, in the interest of both parties, assessed damages, once for all, at an amount deemed sufficient to indemnify the plaintiff for all injuries, past, present, and future, resulting from the nuisance complained of, should she elect to accept the amount so estimated in full satisfaction thereof; otherwise, the record was ordered to be transmitted to the trial court to have the amount of damages determined. *Gareau v. Montreal Street Ry. Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 297, 31 Can. S.C.R. 463.

[Note.—This case is not an appeal from that of *Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Felix Gareau*, Q.R. 10 K.B. 417, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 286. Followed in *Boudreau v. Montreal St. Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 13 K.B. 533; *Davie v. Montreal Water & Power Co.*, Q.R. 23 S.C. 141.]

Note on operation of railway creating nuisance. 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 454.

Note on nuisance resulting from exercise of public franchise. 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 303; statutory privilege. 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 439.

Note on nuisance causing continuing damage. 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 309.

OPERATION OF RAILWAY.

For negligent operation of railway see Negligence; Carriers of Passengers; Carriers of Goods; Carriage of Live Stock; Fires; Crossings, Injuries at; Street Railways; Employees; Nuisance.

For opening road for traffic, see Board of Railway Commissioners.

PARTICULARS.

See Pleading and Practice.

PARTIES.

See Pleading and Practice; Third Party Procedure.

PASSENGERS.

See Carriers of Passengers.

For regulation of train service, see Train Service.

PATENTS FOR INVENTIONS.**MANUFACTURE; EXTENSION OF TIME.**

A patent of invention expires in two years from its date or at the expiration of a lawful extension thereof if the inventor has not commenced and continuously carried on its construction or manufacture in Canada, so that any person desiring to use it could obtain it or cause it to be made.

A patent is not kept alive after the two years have expired by the fact that the patentee was always ready to furnish the article or license the use of it to any person desiring to use it, if he has not commenced to manufacture in Canada. *Barter v. Smith*, 2 Ex. C.R. 455, overruled on this point. The power of extension beyond the two years given to the Commissioner of Patents or his deputy can only be exercised once. Quære, can it be exercised by an Acting Deputy Commissioner? *Power v. Griffin*, 33 Can. S.C.R. 39, varying *Griffin v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 7 Ex. C.R. 411, 1 C.L.R. 463.

[Applied in *Hildreth v. McCormick Mfg. Co.*, 10 Ex. C.R. 383; distinguished in *Robinson v. Fisher*, Q.R. 37 S.C. 21; referred to in *Bassett v. Clarke Standard Mining, etc.*, Co., 18 O.L.R. 38.]

RAILROAD TIE PLATES; NOVELTY; PATENTABILITY.

S., the plaintiffs' predecessor in title, obtained Canadian letters patent No. 20,566, for certain improvements on wear plates for railroad ties, which, according to the specification of the patent, consist in a flat, or comparatively flat, body portion, provided at its opposite sides with depend-

ing flat-edge flanges adapted to enter the wooden body of the cross ties without injuring the same, which flanges are relatively parallel and lie in planes approximately at right angles to that of the said body portion. The inventor claimed (1) a wear plate for railroad ties consisting of a body having projecting flanges at its side edges; and (2) the combination with a railroad rail and supporting cross-ties of a wear plate consisting of a body having projecting side flanges; said plate being interposed between the rail and tie with its flanges entered into the tie longitudinally or parallel with the grain or fibres of the tie. The substance of the invention was the projecting or depending flanges at the edges of the plate adapted to enter the wooden body of the cross ties without injuring the same. S. had also obtained an earlier patent in 1882, which only differed from the one above set out in having one or more flanges or ribs placed under the plate for insertion into the tie, its object being the durability of railway ties. Prior to S.'s alleged improvements, iron or steel plates had been used as tie plates, and it was common knowledge that the insertion of such a plate between an iron or steel rail and a wooden tie would give greater durability to the rail. It was also a matter of general knowledge that reduction of the weight of the plate without loss of strength could be effected by using channel iron or angle iron, or by having the plate made with flanges or ribs. It was equally a matter of common knowledge that if such flanges or ribs were sharpened they could be driven into the tie, and that such flanges or ribs would in that position assist in holding the plate in place.—Held, that there was no invention in either of the improvements for which S.'s patents were granted. (2) Costs were withheld because the judgment proceeded upon a defence not raised in the pleadings, but in respect of which defendant was allowed to amend the statement of defence after trial. *Servis Railroad Tie Plate Company v. Hamilton Steel and Iron Company*, 8 Can. Exch. R. 381.

EXPERIMENTAL PUBLIC USE; LIMITED INTEREST OF PUBLIC INVENTION.

The use of an invention by the inventor, or by other persons under his direction, by way of experiment and in order to bring the invention to perfection is not such a public use as, under the statute, defeats his right to a patent. But such use of the invention must be experimental, and what is done in that way must be reasonable and necessary, and done in good faith for the purpose of perfecting the device or testing the merits of the invention otherwise the

use in public of the device or invention for a time longer than the statute prescribes will be a dedication of it to the public; and when that happens the inventor cannot recall the gift. *Conway v. Ottawa Electric Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Exch. R. 432.

EMPLOYEES' INVENTIONS.

Where a form of license to use a patented invention was signed by the employee in whose favour the patent had been issued, to license the employers, a railway company, to use the same for a nominal consideration of one dollar without royalty or further payments being thereby provided, and the railroad company objected to the inclusion of a clause in the license which purported to restrict the license so as to exclude the use of the invention by certain allied railway companies and gave notice of such objection to the proposed licensors, and the license was not executed by the company nor was anything done towards its acceptance further than the retention by the company of the copy forwarded to them, such retention without registration thereof will not be held to be an acceptance of the agreement binding upon the company, if it appears that the alleged invention was perfected in the course of the employee's work for the company and that the licensors knew that the company always demanded from employees who invented a device under such circumstances an absolute license without cost to the company for the use of the invention on their own and all allied lines. *Imperial Supply Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 1 D.L.R. 243, 10 East. L.R. 414, 13 Ex. Ct. R. 507.

[Referred to in 7 D.L.R. 504, 14 Ex. Ct. R. 88.]

LICENSE OF PATENT.

A licensee of a patent of invention is not permitted during the term of such license to shew a failure of consideration therefor by reason of the alleged invalidity of the patent where there was no warranty of the patent and no fraud. *Imperial Supply Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 1 D.L.R. 243, 10 East. L.R. 414, 13 Ex. Ct. R. 507.

[Referred to in 7 D.L.R. 504, 14 Can. Ex. Ct. R. 88.]

SALE; LICENSE; ASSIGNMENT.

Where a servant devises an invention in the time and at the expense of his master and with the use of the master's material, and, having obtained a patent for the invention, assents to its use by the master, the proper conclusion is that he has given the master an irrevocable license to use the invention. *Imperial Supply Co. v. Grand*

Trunk Ry. Co., 7 D.L.R. 504, 11 East. L.R. 340, 14 Can. Ex. 88.

RIGHTS IN PATENTS OBTAINED BY SERVANT WHILE EMPLOYED BY MASTER.

The question of the respective rights of master and servant in patents obtained by the servant must be decided in each particular case upon the facts of that case. *Imperial Supply Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 7 D.L.R. 504, 11 East. L.R. 340.

ESTOPPEL TO DENY VALIDITY OF PATENT.

A master who uses an invention under a license from his servant, the patentee, which license is not express, but is implied by law from their relationship and from the circumstances surrounding the invention is estopped from denying the validity of the patent. *Imperial Supply Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 7 D.L.R. 504, 11 East. L.R. 340, 14 Can. Ex. R. 88.

[*Imperial Supply Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* (No. 1), 1 D.L.R. 243, 13 Can. Ex. R. 507, referred to.]

INVENTION OF SERVANT; OWNERSHIP.

In the absence of a special contract, the invention of a servant, even though made in the master's time and with the use of the master's material and at the expense of the master, does not become the property of the master, so as to justify him in opposing the grant of a patent for the invention to the servant, who is the proper patentee. *Imperial Supply Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 7 D.L.R. 504, 11 East. L.R. 340, 14 Can. Ex. 504.

[*Re Marshall and Naylor's Patent*, 17 R.P.C. 553, referred to; *Worthington Pumping Engine Co. v. Moore*, 20 R.P.C. 41, distinguished.]

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A. Statement of Claim; Particulars.

STATEMENT OF CLAIM ALLEGING MATTERS OF DEFENCE.

In a statement of claim, to anticipate and reply to matters of defence is a highly improper practice. 17 P.R. (Ont.) 224 reversed. Lake Erie and Detroit Ry. Co. v. Sales, 26 Can. S.C.R. 663.

PARTICULARS; CLAIM OF DEDICATION.

In an action by the provincial Attorney-General for a declaration that the public had a right of access to the sea over the embankment of the C.P.R. via certain streets in Vancouver, it was alleged that in 1870, Her Majesty, by the officers of her colony of British Columbia, laid out and planned a town site on Burrard Inlet and dedicated certain parts of the town site to public uses;—Held, that plaintiff must give (1) particulars of the authority under which the town site was laid out; (2) of the nature and dates of dedication and by whom made, and (3) of what portions of the town site were dedicated. Attorney-General v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. (No. 2), 10 B.C.R. 184.

GENERAL ALLEGATION OF ILLEGALITY.

Particulars will be ordered to be given of a paragraph in a contestation, alleging generally the illegality of an issue of debentures, without averring in what the illegality in question consists. Connolly v. Baie Des Chaleurs Ry. Co., 4 Que. P.R. 178 (Davidson, J.)

ORDER FOR PARTICULARS AFTER PLEADINGS CLOSED.

(1) Particulars will not be ordered after the close of the pleadings unless under special circumstances. That was the rule in this Court prior to the Judicature Act, and there is nothing in the King's Bench Act or Rules to change the practice in that regard. (2) Under the English Rules, Order 19, Rules 6 and 7, particulars are treated as amendments of the pleadings, but our Act and Rules contain nothing corresponding to those English Rules. If the party seeking particulars has examined the opposite party for discovery and failed to get them, that might be treated as a special

circumstance warranting the order. Savage v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 16 Man. L.R. 376.

STATEMENT OF CLAIM; DELAY IN MOVING; CON. RULE 268.

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PARTICULARS; NEGLIGENCE; DEATH IN RAILWAY ACCIDENT; RES IPSA LOQUITUR; DISCOVERY.

Madill v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 3 D.L.R. 876, 3 O.W.N. 1333, 22 O.W.R. 233.

STATEMENT OF CLAIM; SUFFICIENCY OF ALLEGATIONS; ANIMAL KILLED.

A statement of claim in writing that on a certain day, near a certain place, plaintiff's horse was killed by the defendant railway company's engine, to his damage in a certain sum, is a fairly comprehensive statement of the facts shewing what the cause of action is for, within the meaning of s. 95 of the County Courts Act, R.S.M. 1902, c. 38, allowing a "simple statement in writing of the cause of action such that it may be known or understood by a person of ordinary intelligence what the action is brought for." Where a statement of claim is defective in that it does not fully disclose a cause of action, but the evidence does shew a cause of action, and there is no surprise of the opposite party, the trial Judge should amend if he thinks an amendment necessary. Stitt v. Can. North. Ry. Co., 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 333, 23 Man. L.R. 43, 10 D.L.R. 544.

B. Pleas.

ACTION OF DAMAGES FOR DEATH; PRESCRIPTION; PLEA OF.

In an action by a widow for compensation for the death of her husband from injuries received in the employ of the defendants;—Held, Fournier, J., dissenting:—"That at the time of the husband's death all right of action was prescribed under Art. 2262, C.C., and the prescription was one to which the Courts were bound to give effect although it was not pleaded. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Robinson, 19 Can. S.C.R. 292.

[Reversed, [1892] A.C. 481; distinguished in The Queen v. Grenier, 30 Can. S.C.R. 42.]

LOSS OF MONEY ORDER; MONEY HAD AND RECEIVED; SPECIAL PLEAS; "NEVER INDEBTED."

An express company gave a receipt or money to be forwarded with the condition indorsed that the company should not be liable for any claim in respect of the package

unless within sixty days of loss or damage a claim should be made by written statement with a copy of the contract annexed:—Held, that in an action to recover the value of the parcel, on the common count for money had and received, the plea of "never indebted," put in issue all material facts necessary to establish the plaintiff's right of action. 10 Man. L.R. 595 reversed. Northern Pacific Express Company v. Martin et al., 26 Can. S.C.R. 135.

[Referred to in *Leroy v. Smith*, 8 B.C.R. 297; relied on in *Fairchild v. Rustin*, 17 Man. L.R. 209.]

EMBARRASSING STATEMENT OF DEFENCE; GENERAL ALLEGATION OF DEFENDANT'S TITLE.

Statement of defence traversed allegations in the claim to the effect that plaintiffs were entitled to mine certain coal under the sea, without shewing the defendants' title in the defence, and further set up laches as an alternative defence:—Held, that the defendants were bound to set forth their title in their statement of defence. *Decision of Irving, J.*, reported in 6 B.C. 306, 1899 C.A. Dig. 335, reversed. *Esquimault and Nanaimo Ry. Co. v. New Vancouver Coal Co.*, 9 B.C.R. 162.

DEFENCE ARISING AFTER ACTION BROUGHT; CONFESSION.

The defendant, under Order 24, Rules 1 and 2, pleaded a defence arising after action brought, which was a good answer to the whole action. The plaintiff confessed this defence and signed judgment against the defendant for costs under Rule 3 of Order 24, which provides that the plaintiff may deliver a confession of such defence, and may thereafter sign judgment for his costs up to the time of pleading such defence, unless the Court or a Judge shall otherwise order. The defendant moved to set aside the judgment because (1) it was entered up by the prothonotary without a Judge's order, and (2) such judgment could not be entered while the other defences remained undisposed of:—Held, that the subsequent defence amounts to a waiver of the original defence pleaded. Motion dismissed with costs. *Ruggles v. M. & V.B. Ry. Co. (Townshend, J. (Nova Scotia), 12th November, 1902).*

DEFENCE ARISING AFTER ACTION; COSTS; JUDGE'S DISCRETION.

Under the provisions of Order 14, Rule 3, where any defendant in his statement of defence alleges any ground of defence which has arisen after the commencement of the action, the plaintiff may deliver a confession of such defence and may thereupon sign judgment for his costs up to the time

of pleading such defence, unless the Court or a Judge otherwise orders. In an action by plaintiff claiming damages for trespass to land taken by defendant company for railway purposes, to which a defence had been pleaded, the defendant company pleaded a defence arising after the commencement of the action, which plaintiff then confessed and entered judgment under the above rule for his costs. An application to set aside the judgment was refused on the ground that the defence necessarily operated as a waiver of the grounds previously set up, and that the judgment should not be set aside and the case sent to trial unless the defendant company agreed to withdraw the subsequent defence. An order having been thereupon made dismissing the application with costs:—Held, that the order should not be disturbed, this matter being one in the discretion of the Judge, and that defendant's appeal, therefore, must be dismissed with costs. *Ruggles v. The Victoria Beach Ry. Co.*, 35 N.S.R. 553.

INSCRIPTION IN LAW; ANSWER; SERVICE.

An inscription in law, coupled with an amendment of plaintiff's answer to plea, being not an amendment to the answer originally filed, but a distinct plea, must be communicated and filed at the same time as said original answer. *Barber v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 8 Que. P.R. 8.

GENERAL ISSUE; SPECIAL PLEA.

Under the Code of Civil Procedure, Art. 202, each party must reply specially and categorically to the allegations of the opposite party, either by admitting or denying them, or by declaring that he is ignorant of them. The party may nevertheless deny generally the said allegations but a general denial excludes any other defence, answer or reply upon the facts of the case. *McLeod v. Montreal Street Ry. Co.*, 20 Que. S.C. 8.

VAGUENESS OF PLEA; CUSTOM OF EMPLOYEES OF RAILWAY COMPANY.

In an action in damages by the widow of an railway conductor against the railway company for the death of her husband, where the defendant pleads that the victim took no steps to protect his own train, as required by the rules and regulations of the company, and that such negligence was the determining cause of the accident, it is not legal for the plaintiff to answer that the deceased "had done all that was customary for the employees of the said railway company defendant," and such allegation being too vague will be rejected on an inscription in law. *Leahay v. Grand Trunk*

Ry. Co., 5 Que. P.R. 350 (Sir M. Tait, A.C.J.).

ALLOWING GENERAL PLEAS WITH OTHER ISSUE.

An order allowing other pleas to be made with a plea of not guilty by statute should not be made *ex parte*. If such an order is made *ex parte*, even inadvertently, the Judge who made it has no jurisdiction to set it aside. Any application for that purpose must be made to the Court *en banc*. *Jackson v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 6 Terr. L.R. 423.

[Reversed, 7 W.L.R. 828, 1 S.L.R. 84.]

REPLY; DEPARTURE; REFORMATION OF CONTRACT.

Briefly, the pleadings were as follows: The plaintiffs alleged that they supplied the defendants, under an agreement, with patent brakes for use on their railway, and that the defendants altered them and infringed the plaintiffs' patent. The defendants alleged that they had a right under their agreement with the plaintiffs to do what they had done. The plaintiffs, by their reply, denied any such agreement, and alleged that if the written agreement did give any such right, it was not the true agreement, and they asked to have it reformed:—Held, that there was no departure in the reply; for the fact that, by mutual mistake, the written agreement did not set forth the true agreement between the parties in this particular respect was a perfectly good answer to the plea of the agreement, and it was not necessary that the agreement should be actually corrected before the mistake could operate as an answer to its terms. Held, also, that, even if the portion of the agreement upon which the defendants relied was contained in the same instrument as the "agreement" mentioned in the statement of claim, the plaintiffs might, consistently with their relying upon one part of it, ask to have another part reformed. *MacLaughlin v. Lake Erie and Detroit River Ry. Co.*, 2 O.L.R. 151.

[Reversed in 3 O.L.R. 706.]

DEFENCE; "NOT GUILTY BY STATUTE."

A railway company cannot be required to give particulars of the defence of "not guilty by statute." The right to plead such a defence, being expressly preserved by Rule 286, the application of Rule 299 is excluded. *Jennings v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* (1880), 11 P.R. 300, overruled. *Taylor v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 2 O.L.R. 148 (D.C.). 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 523.

"NOT GUILTY BY STATUTE"; SPECIFIC DENIAL; NECESSITY OF AMENDMENT AT TRIAL.

The plea of "not guilty by statute" is

not a specific denial of the representative character of the plaintiff alleged in the statement of claim. Where, therefore, a plaintiff, as administratrix of her deceased husband, sued a railway company for damages for causing his death by negligence, and the company pleaded "not guilty by statute," but did not specifically deny the representative character of the plaintiff:—Held, that, although the evidence shewed that the plaintiff was an infant at the time letters of administration were granted, this fact was no answer to a motion for judgment on the verdict of the jury in favour of the plaintiff, no amendment having been asked for at the trial, and the case having been left to the jury on the pleadings as they stood. *Toll v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 291, 1 Alta. L.R. 244.

[Affirmed in 1 A.L.R. 318, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 294; applied in *White v. Grand Trunk Pac. Ry. Co.*, 2 A.L.R. 535; observed in *Winterburn v. Edmonton, Y. & P. Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 8, 1 A.L.R. 311, 8 W.L.R. 795.]

ACTION BY INFANT WITHOUT NEXT FRIEND; GRANT OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO; VALIDITY.

"The Ordinance respecting juries" was not brought into force in this Province by reason of the repeal of the North-West Territories Act by R.S.C. 1906, schedule "A," vol. 3, p. 2941. The effect of 6 and 7 Edw. VII. (Dom.) c. 44, considered. Independently of "The North-West Territories Act, 1905" (4 and 5 Edw. VII. (Dom.) c. 27) the effect of the Alberta Act was not to repeal the former North-West Territories Act, but to prevent its remaining in force *proprio vigore*; and to continue (s. 16) in force, the law therein contained as a body of law, in the same manner as the common and statute law of England, as it stood on July 15th, 1870, was introduced into the Territories. If an infant sues, without naming a next friend, it is a mere irregularity, and may be waived by an unconditional appearance of the defendant. But quite independently of waiver there must in every case be some stage at which it is too late to take advantage of a mere irregularity. In any case the Judge can deal with it under rule 538. Letters of administration granted to an infant are not void, but voidable; and seem to be until revoked the infant can sue, qua administrator, and need not be represented, when so suing by a next friend. In an action for negligence, it is not improper to receive evidence as to what may have been done by the defendants subsequently to remedy the defects or dangers complained of, but the jury should be warned that such evidence taken by itself is no evidence of negligence. If there be no other evidence

of negligence the case should be withdrawn from the jury. The evidence in this case considered, as to whether the case should have been left to the jury or not. It is within the discretion of the trial Judge to submit special questions to the jury or not; but in either case the jury may render a general verdict. The words "the Court may give such damages," in C.O. (1898) c. 48, s. 3, means the Judge at trial, or the Judge and the jury, as the case may be. Semble, a verdict for \$4,500, under the circumstances of this case, cannot seriously be excepted to. *Toll v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 1 Alta. L.R. 318, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 294.

PLEA "NOT GUILTY"; HISTORY OF.

History and effect of the pleas of "Not guilty," and "Not guilty by statute," traced and discussed. The necessity of noting in the margin of the plea, the statute permitting the plea, and the particular statute relied on, discussed, with remarks ab inconvenienti in respect of these pleas: *Toll v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 1 Alta. L.R. 244, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 291, quare; 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 1, 1 A.L.R. 92, affirmed. *Winterburn v. Edmonton, Yukon & Pacific Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 7.

REPLY; AVOIDANCE OF FORMAL RELEASE PLEADED IN DEFENCE.

Where the equitable defence of a release of the cause of action is set up, the Court, on finding that the release was fraudulently obtained, may refuse to give effect to the document without decreeing its cancellation or annulment. (Per Macdonald, C.J.A.) The plaintiff may properly plead in reply that a release, which is set up as a defence in an action for damages for injuries sustained through the alleged negligence of the defendant, was obtained by fraud, since, under the Judicature Act, both legal and equitable questions can be disposed of in the one action; and it is not now necessary, as was the former practice, to file a bill in equity to restrain the defendant from relying on the release as a bar on the ground that it was fraudulently obtained. (Per Macdonald, C.J.A.) *Trawford v. B.C. Electric Ry. Co.*, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 39, 9 D.L.R. 817.

INFRINGEMENT; PLEA OF ESTOPPEL.

If the plaintiff in an action for infringement of patent, in which a defence of invalidity is pleaded, desires to shew at the trial that the defendant is estopped from disputing the validity of the patent, he must specifically plead the estoppel. *Imperial Supply Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 1 D.L.R. 243, 10 Ex. L.R. 414, 13 Ex. C. & R. 507.

[Vide 7 D.L.R. 504, 14 Can. Ex. Ct. R. 88.]

TIME FOR FILING PLEA.

Where a consent to file a pleading is given after the expiry of the legal delays, but before the right to a jury trial is forfeited, such consent has an interruptive effect on these delays and the plaintiff has three days from such consent to move for a jury trial. But a consent to file a pleading after the right to a jury trial has lapsed will not make this right revive. *Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Levine*, 4 D.L.R. 233, 21 Que. K.B. 521.

[*Matthews v. Town of Westmount*, Que. 6 P.R. 52; *Asselin v. Montreal Light, Heat and Power Co.*, Que. 7 P.R. 218; *Anderson v. The Norwich Fire Insurance Co.*, Que. 17 K.B. 361, distinguished; *St. Paul Electric Light and Power Co. v. Quesnel*, Que. 12 P.R. 158, in appeal, followed.]

SPECIAL PLEA BY CONSENT.

Where a plea of general denial is filed in order not to retard the hearing of the case which is to be inscribed for proof and hearing with the understanding that such plea may be replaced later at any time before the trial by a special plea, and the case is inscribed on the roll in the ordinary way, then such agreement precludes the option for a trial by jury on the special plea filed later by consent. *Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Levine*, 4 D.L.R. 233, 21 Que. K.B. 521.

PAYMENT; TENDER; SUFFICIENCY OF PLEA OF; PAYING INTO COURT AMOUNT OF PLAINTIFF'S CLAIM WITH RESERVATION OF RIGHTS; STRIKING OUT AS EMBARRASSING.

Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Trusts and Guarantee Co., Limited, 7 D.L.R. 796.

TAX EXEMPTIONS; DEFENCE OF.

In an action by a city corporation against a railway company for the recovery of taxes assessed against certain property belonging to the company within the city limits, the company may set up as a defence the exemption privilege provided in s. 14, c. 40, R.S.S., notwithstanding an unsuccessful appeal by them from the assessment to the Court of Revision and the dismissal of a subsequent appeal to a Judge of the District Court on this very ground. *City of Prince Albert v. Can. North. Ry. Co.*, (Sask.) 10 D.L.R. 121, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 87.

[See *Nickle v. Douglas*, 37 U.C.Q.B.

C. Amendments.

AMENDMENT; DEFENCES ARISING AFTER DELIVERY; STATEMENT OF DEFENCE.

Defences arising after the delivery of the statement of defence should be allowed on the defendant's application to amend if they are such that they may be fully met by facts set up by the plaintiff in reply. If, however, an amendment sought to be made to the statement of defence is of such a nature that it would, if made, put the plaintiff in such a position that he could not be compensated by costs or otherwise, it should be refused upon an application made for leave to make it after the lapse of the eight days from the delivery of the statement of defence within which, by Rule 339 of the King's Bench Act, the defendant may of right make such an amendment. *City of Winnipeg v. Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co.*, 19 Man. L.R. 279, 13 W.L.R. 21.

AMENDMENT OF PLEADING.

(1) Where, in an action for the price of piles of red pine, sold and delivered to the defendant, the plea in addition to a general denial of delivery, was to the effect that the plaintiff had accepted other parties as his debtors instead of the defendant, thereby creating novation, evidence of the inferior quality of the goods supplied is irrelevant to the issue, and inadmissible. (2) Amendment of the plea at the trial, in order to allege that the goods supplied were not in conformity to the contract, ought not to be allowed, more particularly where the evidence did not shew objection, or refusal to accept on this ground at the time of delivery. *Veilleux v. Atlantic and Lake Superior Ry. Co.*, 23 Que. S.C. 217 (Archibald, J.).

MOTION TO STRIKE OUT AMENDMENT.

A motion to have an amendment struck out on the ground that it was not authorized by the Court where such authority was necessary is an exception to the form and subject to the formalities prescribed by Art. 164 C.P.Q. *Pizzuto v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 3 Que. P.R. 471 (S.C.).

AMENDMENT OF STATEMENT OF CLAIM.

Leave to amend a statement of claim from which was inadvertently omitted particulars of the plaintiff's damages, will be granted by the Supreme Court of Alberta, on an application to vary the findings of the clerk of the Court as to assessment of damages, where such omission was not discovered until the hearing of such application. *Lavallee v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.* (No. 2), 4 D.L.R. 376, 20 W.L.R. 547, 4 A.L.R. 245.

AMENDMENTS.

An application to amend a pleading should be refused if the matter proposed to be pleaded would constitute no ground of action or defence as against the other side. *Attorney-General v. Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co.*, 5 D.L.R. 823, 21 W.L.R. 906.

AMENDMENTS.

An application to amend a pleading should be refused where the application is made at the conclusion of the evidence and the truth of the allegations sought to be introduced is not borne out by the evidence. *Attorney-General v. Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co.*, 5 D.L.R. 823, 21 W.L.R. 906.

AMENDMENTS.

No admissible amendment to pleading material to the case of the party applying therefor should be refused unless the opposite party cannot be compensated by costs. *Attorney-General v. Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co.*, 5 D.L.R. 823, 21 W.L.R. 906.

AMENDMENT OF STATEMENT OF CLAIM.

An amendment of the statement of claim consisting of the substitution of the word "train" for "motor-car" will be allowed if the defendant is not thereby prejudiced in going to trial on the date fixed. *Mercer v. British Columbia Electric Ry. Co., Ltd.*, 7 D.L.R. 450, 22 W.L.R. 234.

[Reversed in 8 D.L.R. 144, 17 B.C.R. 465.]

AMENDMENT OF STATEMENT OF CLAIM.

A plaintiff will not be allowed to amend his statement of claim in an action for personal injuries by inserting an alternative claim under the Employers' Liability Act after the statutory period, within which an action under that Act must be brought has expired. *Weldon v. Neal*, 19 Q.B.D. 394; *Morris v. Carnarvon County Council*, [1901] 1 K.B. 159, followed; *Hosking v. Le Roi*, 9 B.C.R. 551, 34 Can. S.C.R. 244, referred to. *Mercer v. British Columbia Electric Ry. Co., Ltd.*, 7 D.L.R. 405, 22 W.L.R. 234.

[Reversed in 8 D.L.R. 144, 17 B.C.R. 465.]

AMENDMENT OF STATEMENT OF CLAIM.

A plaintiff will be allowed to amend his statement of claim in an action for personal injuries by amplifying an alternative claim made therein under the Employers' Liability Act, although the statutory period within which an action under that Act must be brought has expired. *Mercer v. British Columbia Electric Ry. Co.* (No. 2), 8 D.L.R. 144, 22 W.L.R. 691, 17 B.C.R. 465.

[Mercer v. B.C. Electric Ry. Co., 7 D.L.R. 405, reversed.]

D. Parties; Joinder; Names.

JOINDER OF PARTIES; ALTERNATIVE DEFENDANTS.

(1) Under Rule 29 of the Judicature Ordinance an action may be brought against two persons, seeking to fix them with liability only alternatively upon one contract or one tort even though the alternative relief sought is not the same. (2) If two or more persons may be joined under Rule 29 of the Judicature Ordinance, leave need not be obtained under Rule 32. White v. Grand Trunk Pacific, 2 Alta. L.R. 34.

JOINDER OF DEFENDANTS; ELECTION TO PROCEED AGAINST.

In an action brought against the Guelph and Goderich Ry. Co., the Canadian Pacific Ry. and the Canada Foundry Co., jointly, in which it was alleged that the plaintiff was employed by the Canadian Pacific Ry., to work upon the construction of a line of railway being constructed by the Canadian Pacific Ry. under the name of the Guelph and Goderich Ry. Co., leased and operated by the Canadian Pacific Ry., on which the Canada Foundry Co. agreed to construct a steel bridge, and the plaintiff was ordered by his employers to assist in that work and did so; that "the defendants" undertook the placing of a necessary girder and the plaintiff assisted on his employers' orders; that the work of placing the girders was so negligently done that he was injured; that the apparatus used, including the roadbed, was under the control of "the defendants"; that they were negligent in not providing a safe roadbed and efficient apparatus; that there were defects in the derrick and plan adopted, and that "the said accident happened by reason of the said negligence of the said defendants, and by reason thereof the plaintiff suffered the injuries herein complained of":—Held, that the statement of claim sufficiently alleged a joint cause of action, and the plaintiff was not bound to elect against which of the several defendants he would proceed. Symon v. Guelph and Goderich Ry. Co., 13 O.L.R. 47.

PARTIES; TENANTS IN COMMON; INFANT.

The plaintiff, having when he came of age repudiated a lease to the defendants of land of which he and his brother and sister were tenants in common, made when he was an infant, and having made a partition by deed with his brother and sister, to which the defendants were not parties:—Held, Maclellan, J.A., dissenting, that the brother

and sister were necessary parties to the plaintiff's action for a partition as against the defendants in respect of their possession under the lease. Judgment of a Divisional Court, 4 O.L.R. 36, reversed, and judgment of Meredith, C.J., *ib.*, restored. Monro v. Toronto Ry. Co., 5 O.L.R. 483 (C.A.).

NEGLIGENCE; OPERATING TRAIN ON LINE OF OTHER COMPANY; SUBSEQUENT AMALGAMATION; NAME OF AMALGAMATED COMPANY.

An engine and train was operated over the road of the E. & H.R.W. Co. by the servants of the defendants, the two companies subsequently becoming amalgamated by agreement confirmed by 2 Edw. VII. c. 69 (D.), as the L. E. & D. Ry. Co., which succeeded to the rights and became subject to the liabilities of both companies:—Held, that an action for negligence for injuries to the plaintiff caused while crossing the track, before amalgamation, was rightly brought against the defendants, and an order to amend or revive was superfluous. The jury awarded the plaintiff \$1,600 for his personal injuries (dislocation or fracture of collar bone):—Held, excessive, and a new trial ordered unless the plaintiff agreed to accept \$1,200. Brewer v. Lake Erie and Detroit River Ry. Co., 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 257, 2 O.W.R. 125.

JOINDER OF PARTIES; HUSBAND AND WIFE; PERSONAL INJURIES; LOSS OF SERVICE.

Per Stuart, J.:—Where a married woman sues in tort to recover damages for personal injuries, and not in respect of either her separate, real or personal property, it is not only proper to join the husband as a party plaintiff, but if he is not joined the defendant can insist upon the joinder, either by motion in Chambers or summarily at the trial of the action. The husband has a right of action in himself alone for the loss of the services of his wife occasioned by such injury. The wife herself has no cause of action arising from such loss, and she cannot be joined as a party plaintiff with the husband in such form of action. The individual action of the husband for loss of services can be joined with the action of the husband and wife jointly for general damages for the injury suffered by the latter. Semble, that the Common Law Procedure Act, 1852, s. 40, is in force in Alberta, and quare whether English Order 18, Rule 4, is in force here or not. Swan v. Can. North. Ry. Co., 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 251, 1 A.L.R. 427.

JOINDER OF ACTION; PARTIES; IRREGULARITY; PRELIMINARY PLEA; ESTOPPEL.

Two navigation companies which enter into a covenant with a railway company to

furnish ships to ply regularly between two ports, the consideration being certain reciprocal obligations assumed by the railway company, can be joined in the same action to claim diverse sums, exigible by each of the two companies from the railway company for breach of its covenants. In any event, the irregularity of this joinder, if irregularity there be, must be raised by the defendant by way of preliminary exception. By proceeding to trial without raising it, the defendant is held to have waived the objection, and is thereby estopped from founding thereupon at the hearing upon the merits of the action. *Furness, Withy & Co. v. Great Northern Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 440, Q.R. 32 S.C. 121.

[Affirmed on this point in 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 453 (Que. K.B.), 42 Can. S.C.R. 234, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 479.]

JOINT ACTION; PARTIES; IRREGULARITY; PRELIMINARY EXCEPTION.

Two steamship companies who agree to provide a railway company with steamers for a regular service between two ports, subject to reciprocal obligations, may join in the one action to recover from the railway company, for non-execution of its obligations, different sums of money due to each of them. In any event, if such action is irregular, the point should be raised by preliminary exception; by proceeding with the contestation of the case without objection on its part, the railway company is presumed to have acquiesced in the action and the point cannot be raised at the hearing of the case on its merits. *Furness, Withy & Co. v. Great Northern Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 453.

[Affirmed on this point in 42 Can. S.C.R. 234, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 479.]

PARTIES; MUNICIPALITY; ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

The Attorney-General, suing on the relation of a city and an officer thereof, if he has independent rights in the action, is not bound by the proceedings in a former action by the city against the same defendant in which similar issues were involved and the judgment was rendered against the city, upon the ground that such officer represents the Crown alone and could have sued without a relator as well, there being no difference except for the purpose of costs between an ex officio information and an information on the relation of a corporation or a private person. *Attorney-General v. Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co.*, 5 D.L.R. 823, 21 W.L.R. 906, 22 Man. L.R. 761.

[*Attorney-General v. Logan*, [1891] 2 Q.B. 100, per Vaughan Williams, J.; *Attorney-General v. Cockermonth*, L.R. 18 Eq. Cas.

172, per Jessel, M.R., at p. 176, specially referred to; *Fonseca v. Attorney-General*, 17 Can. S.C.R. 612 (reversing, on other grounds, *Attorney-General v. Fonseca*, 5 Man. L.R. 173), at p. 619, distinguished.]

E. Service; Appearances; Venue.

IRREGULAR APPEARANCE OF SOLICITOR.

A solicitor, whose name appeared on the roll of the Law Society of Saskatchewan, but who resided in Winnipeg, entered an appearance in this action on behalf of the defendant. The solicitor's address was not stated, but a proper address for service was given. On a motion to strike out the appearance on the grounds that no address was given, and that a solicitor resident out of the jurisdiction was not entitled to practise as such in the province:—It was held, omission to give an address was an irregularity which could be cured by amendment. (2) That anyone duly enrolled as a solicitor by the Law Society of Saskatchewan and in good standing is entitled to practise as such, notwithstanding that he may reside out of the Province. *Frazer v. Grand Trunk Pacific Branch Lines Company*, 4 S.L.R. 311.

SERVICE OF MOTION; PLACE OF SERVICE.

A motion for peremption of a suit must be served upon the opposite party at the elected domicile of his attorney and not at the office of the Court. *St. Louis v. Montreal Street Ry. Co.*, 7 Que. P.R. 373.

PEREMPTION OF SUIT; FIRM OF ATTORNEYS DISSOLVED.

(1) If a firm of attorneys is dissolved, and of its members two firms constituted with different offices, service of a motion for peremption at both offices is sufficient. (2) A motion for peremption which is dismissed as premature is not a useful proceeding interrupting subsequent peremption. *Standard Trust Co. v. South Shore Ry. Co.*, 8 Que. P.R. 296.

SERVICE UPON RAILWAY; JUDICATURE ACT.

44 Vict. (1881), c. 1 (D.), intitled "An Act Respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway Company," Schedule A., s. 9 (1), providing for a place of service in each Province or Territory is special legislation, and is mandatory, and quoad the C.P.R. Co., it overrides the general provisions as to service of s. 14 (3) of the Judicature Ordinance. Judgment of McGuire, J., reversed. *Lamont v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 124, 5 Terr. L.R. 60.

[Discussed in *R. v. Massey-Harris Co.*, 6 Terr. L.R. 130.]

CHANGE OF VENUE; FREE TRANSPORTATION.

Where the defendant seeking a change of venue was a railway company the order granting the change should be made conditional upon the defendant affording free transportation for the plaintiff and his witnesses upon their line of railway to and from the place to which the venue was changed. *Starratt v. Dominion Atlantic Ry. Co.*, 5 D.L.R. 641, 46 N.S.R. 272.

[Followed in *Carruthers v. Nova Motor Co.*, 8 D.L.R. 689, 46 N.S.R. 514.]

CHANGE OF VENUE.

Where it appears from the affidavits read that a strong feeling exists in the county in which the venue is laid which will make it difficult to obtain a jury with no interest in the matters involved, the Court will order the venue to be changed to a county in respect to which no such difficulty exists. *Starratt v. Dominion Atlantic Ry. Co.*, 5 D.L.R. 641, 46 N.S.R. 272.

[Followed in *Carruthers v. Nova Motor Co.*, 8 D.L.R. 689, 46 N.S.R. 514.]

F. Adjournalment.**MOTIONS; DATE OF ADJOURNMENT.**

The Court may extend the time for renewing a motion if it has lapsed through a misunderstanding as to the date to which the previous motion was enlarged, particularly where the enlargement was not recorded. *Lavallee v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.* (No. 1), 4 D.L.R. 375, 21 W.L.R. 180, 4 A.L.R. 188.

POSTPONEMENT AND ADJOURNMENT.

Where there are no fixed days for holding Chambers, and an enlargement is made of a summons upon an application to vary the clerk's report, and for other purposes, until after vacation, without a date being fixed for hearing the application, it need not be taken up on the first day after vacation when Chambers may be held, but may be heard at any time upon giving the opposite party two clear days' notice. *Lavallee v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.* (No. 1), 4 D.L.R. 375, 21 W.L.R. 180, 4 A.L.R. 188.

G. Trial; Jury; Findings.**SUFFICIENCY OF FINDINGS.**

In a contested action for damages arising out of an accident, alleged to be due to defendant's negligence, which resulted in death, the judgment sufficiently states the holding on the question of negligence in these terms: "Considering that the plaintiffs have proved that the accident which

caused their son's death happened through the fault of employees of the defendant." It is not necessary to state in what such fault consisted to satisfy the requirements of Art. 541 C.P.Q. On a question of liability for an accident causing death negligence can be imputed from weighty presumptions notwithstanding a conflict of testimony, and a Court of Appeal in such a case should accept the appreciation of the evidence by the Judge of first instance who tried the action.

[*Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Riccio*, Q.R. 18 K.B. 337, affirmed by Supreme Court of Canada, May session, 1909.]

RIGHT TO JURY TRIAL; LORD CAMPBELL'S ACT.

S. 3 of the Act respecting Compensation to Families of Persons Killed by Accident, R.S.M. 1902, c. 31, contemplates that an action by a representative of a person killed by accident against the person charged with negligence may be tried by a jury, and if a jury trial would have been ordered in case the person injured had brought the action, then the order should not be refused because the person died and the personal representative brings the action. *Marion v. Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co.*, 21 Man. L.R. 757.

CHALLENGE TO JURY.

The only grounds upon which a challenge to the array can be made in a jury trial, in a civil case, are partiality, fraud or misconduct on the part of the officer by whom the panel is returned, or causes of nullity in the summoning of the jurors, or in the making up of the panel. The summoning of a juror whose name had been struck from the list, of a French juror, who does not understand English, as English-speaking, and the failure to summon one of the jurors on the list, are not grounds of that kind. *Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Girard*, 21 Que. K.B. 121.

RIGHT TO JURY TRIAL.

To avoid being deprived of his right to a trial by jury, the party who has obtained it must within thirty days after the time issue was joined, take not only some but all of the proceedings necessary to bring his case to trial. Otherwise an inscription at enquête and merits by the adverse party will be maintained. *Cianfagna v. Atlantic, Quebec and Western Ry. Co.*, 13 Que. P.R. 117.
[*Landrieux and Heard*, 12 Q.P.R. 198, followed.]

RIGHT TO JURY TRIAL.

If an amended defence is filed according

to a previous agreement of the parties, no option for a jury trial can then be made, when there is already in the record an inscription for enqûete and merits. Canadian Northern Ry. Co. and Levine, 13 Que. P.R. 417 (Sup. Ct.).

NEGLIGENCE; GENERAL VERDICT; ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

Where a jury returns a verdict in favour of the plaintiff and then at the request of the trial judge verbally give their reasons for the result, their finding is nevertheless a general verdict and their reasons may be disregarded if there is sufficient evidence to support the finding. Quere, whether a jury's answers to questions must be in writing. *Balfour v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 325, 5 O.L.R. 735.

[Affirmed in 32 Can. S.C.R. 239. 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 330.]

APPEAL; QUESTION OF PROCEDURE; VERDICT; WEIGHT OF EVIDENCE.

The Supreme Court of Canada refused to interfere with a decision of the Court of Appeal for Ontario in a matter of procedure, namely, whether a verdict of a jury was a general or special verdict. The Court also refused to disturb the verdict on the ground that it was against the weight of evidence after it had been affirmed by the trial Judge and the Court of Appeal. *Toronto Ry. Co. v. Balfour*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 330, 32 Can. S.C.R. 239.

[Commented on in *Jamieson v. Harris*, 35 Can. S.C.R. 643.]

CAUSE OF INJURY; PROVINCE OF JURY; SPECIFIC QUESTIONS.

Where on the trial of an action based on negligence questions are submitted to the jury, they should be asked specifically to find what was the negligence of the defendants which caused the injury; general findings of negligence will not support a verdict unless the same is shewn to be the direct cause of the injury. *Mader v. Halifax Electric Tramway Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 434, 37 Can. S.C.R. 94.

[Referred to in *Toll v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 1 A.L.R. 332.]

CHARGE TO JURY; MISDIRECTION; OBJECTION AT TRIAL; FAILURE, EFFECT OF.

Per Osler, J.A.:—There is no hard and fast rule which absolutely prohibits the Court from entertaining an objection on the ground of misdirection when the party has omitted to take it at the trial. *Brenner v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 210, 15 O.L.R. 195.

[Affirmed in 40 Can. S.C.R. 540, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 108.]

MISDIRECTION; CORRECTION AFTER SPECIFIC OBJECTION; REVIEW ON APPEAL.

Where, on a specific objection to his charge, the trial Judge recalled the jury and directed them as requested, the contention that the directions thus given were erroneous should not be entertained on an appeal. *Can. Pac. Ry. Co. v. Hassen*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 441, 40 Can. S.C.R. 194.

REMEDYING DEFECTS OF DANGER; EVIDENCE.

In any action for negligence, it is not improper to receive evidence as to what may have been done by the defendants subsequently to remedy the defects or dangers complained of, but the jury should be warned that such evidence taken by itself is no evidence of negligence. If there be no other evidence of negligence the case should be withdrawn from the jury. The evidence in this case considered, as to whether the case should have been left to the jury or not. It is within the discretion of the trial Judge to submit special questions to the jury or not; but in either case the jury may render a general verdict. The words "the Court may give such damages," in C.O. (1898) c. 48, s. 3, means the Judge at trial, or the Judge and the jury, as the case may be. *Semble*, a verdict for \$4,500, under the circumstances of this case, cannot seriously be excepted to. *Toll v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 294, 1 A.L.R. 318.

[Applied in *White v. Grand Trunk Pac. Ry. Co.*, 2 A.L.R. 535; observed in *Winterburn v. Edmonton, Y. & P. Ry. Co.*, 1 A.L.R. 311, 8 W.L.R. 795.]

SPECIFIC FINDING ON ONE GROUND OF NEGLIGENCE ONLY.

Where several grounds of negligence are alleged, and the jury make a finding on one only, the allegations in the other grounds are negative by implication. *McEachen v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 2 D.L.R. 588, 3 O.W.N. 628, 21 O.W.R. 187.

ELECTION OF JURY TRIAL.

Where the option for a trial by jury should be made within three days after issue joined (423 C.P.) and the defendant after filing a plea of general denial is subsequently allowed to file a special detailed plea, then the plaintiff may move for a trial by jury on such special plea, although he did not do so on the plea of general denial. *Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Levine*, 4 D.L.R. 233, 21 Que. K.B. 521.

NOTICE OF JURY TRIAL.

Prima facie a party who has given a jury notice has a right to a jury trial subject to deprivation of such right if a Judge so orders, but this order will not be made except upon good cause shewn by the party attacking the notice, as, for instance, that only questions of law are involved. *Starratt v. Dominion Atlantic Ry. Co.*, 5 D.L.R. 641.

[Followed in *Carruthers v. Nova Motor Co.*, 8 D.L.R. 689, 46 N.S.R. 514.]

NOTICE OF JURY TRIAL.

British Columbia Supreme Court Rule 967, 1906, empowering the Court or Judge, save as otherwise provided by the rules or any Act, to enlarge or abridge the time appointed by these rules for doing any act or taking any proceeding upon such terms (if any) as the justice of the case may require and permitting any enlargement to be ordered though the application for the same is not made until after the expiration or the time appointed or allowed, gives a Judge the power to extend the time for serving a jury notice under British Columbia Supreme Court Rule 430, 1906, as amended 1908, which provides that in any other cause or matter than those in which the Court or Judge might direct the trial without a jury, upon the application within four days after notice has been given to any party thereto for a trial with a jury an order shall be made accordingly. *Williams v. B.C. Electric Ry. Co.*, 6 D.L.R. 7, 22 W.L.R. 4, 17 B.C.R. 338.

[*Moore v. Deakin* (1886), 53 L.T.N.S. 858, and *Clarke v. Ford McConnell*, 16 B.C.R. 344, referred to.]

VAGUENESS OF VERDICT; PERSONAL INJURIES.

Where the answers of a jury to questions put to them are indefinite and inconclusive, it is a wise practice for the trial Judge to send the jury back, for the purpose of making their meaning plain. *Dart v. Toronto Ry. Co.* (No. 2), 8 D.L.R. 121, 4 O.W.N. 315, 23 O.W.R. 380.

SPECIFIC FINDINGS OF JURY.

Where the jury, in answer to the question whether the defendant could, by the exercise of reasonable care, have avoided the accident, answer, "Yes, to a certain extent," and further state that his want of reasonable care consisted in "lack of judgment," these answers do not amount to a definite finding of contributory negligence, but the proper course is to send the case back for a new trial. *Dart v. Toronto Ry. Co.* (No. 2), 8 D.L.R. 121, 4 O.W.N. 315, 23 O.W.R. 380.

REVIEW OF VERDICT; FINDING AS TO CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

Where the verdict of a jury was not only against the weight of the evidence, but also was one which a jury, reasonably viewing the whole of the evidence, could not properly find, it should be set aside. *Mournt v. B.C. Elec. Ry. Co.*, 9 D.L.R. 569, 18 B.C.R. 91.

[*Metropolitan v. Wright*, L.R. 11 A.C. 152, applied; see also *Solomon v. Bitton*, 8 Q.B. D. 176.]

TAKING CASE FROM JURY.

Where, from all the evidence submitted, the jury might reasonably have found the existence of the contract for the breach of which damages were claimed, it is error for the judge to take the case from the jury and to direct judgment for the defendant. *Starratt v. The Dominion Atlantic Ry. Co.*, (N.S.) 11 D.L.R. 607.

STATUTORY RIGHT; JOINDER OF SEVERAL CAUSES OF ACTION.

Where a statement of claim sets up several causes of action properly joined, one of which is akin to or within the general principles of the classes of actions which under s. 59 of the King's Bench Act, R.S.M. 1902, c. 40, are to be tried by a jury, the Court will direct trial of the whole case to be with a jury. *Griffiths v. Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co.*, 16 Man. L.R. 512, applied. *Robinson v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co.*, 11 D.L.R. 67, 23 Man. L.R. 408.

[Affirmed in 11 D.L.R. 835.]

JURY; LOSS OR WAIVER OF RIGHT; PLACING CASE ON NON-JURY TRIAL LIST.

Motion by plaintiff under the King's Bench Act, R.S.M. 1902, c. 40, s. 59, sub-s. (b), for an order for a jury trial. That sub-section enacts in effect that all actions etc., as to which no other provision is made shall be tried by a Judge without a jury "unless otherwise ordered by a Judge." Prior to the application, the applicant had set the case down for trial without a jury, but not being ready to proceed when the case was called it had been struck off the non-jury trial list:—Held, that the plaintiff has chosen his forum and cannot now succeed in his application for a jury trial. The motion is dismissed with costs. *McConnell v. Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co.*, (Ont.) 11 D.L.R. 837.

JURY; NOTICE OF TRIAL BY JURY; MOTION TO STRIKE OUT.

Simonson v. Can. North. Ry. Co., 12 D.L.R. 842.

H. Evidence; Witnesses.**EVIDENCE; EXPERT TESTIMONY.**

Section 10 of the Alberta Evidence Act, 1910, 2nd sess., c. 3, is an attempt to put a limit to what is commonly known as expert evidence, and it should not be extended to all evidence which might literally be called opinion evidence, but should be given a fair interpretation so as to make it reasonable and workable. *Re Scamen v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 6 D.L.R. 142, 22 W.L.R. 105.

EVIDENCE; EXPERT TESTIMONY.

Upon the proper interpretation of s. 10 of the Alberta Evidence Act, 1910, 2nd sess., c. 3, in the event of a trial or inquiry involving several facts, upon which opinion evidence may be given, a party is entitled to call three witnesses to give such evidence upon each of such facts, and he is not limited to three of such witnesses for the whole trial. *Re Scamen v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 6 D.L.R. 142, 22 W.L.R. 105.

EVIDENCE; COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SOLICITOR AND CLIENT.

The privilege attached to communications between solicitor and client is given in favour of the client and not of the solicitor, and is a matter of public order both under French law and English law. *Montreal Street Ry. v. Feigleman*, 7 D.L.R. 6, 22 Que. K.B. 102.

WITNESSES; REFRESHING RECOLLECTION; REFERENCE TO NOTES MADE AT TIME OF TRANSACTION.

A witness may refresh his recollection from notes made by him at the time of a transaction in question and then make a statement as to the truth of that memorandum. The rule is that the memorandum proposed to be looked at must be made by the witness, or adopted as a correct account by him at or about the time when it was made. (Per Irving, J.A.) Where the loss of original notes of a certain transaction in question has been proved, and that a transcript thereof has been made on the following day, and that this copy was accurate, and the memory of the witness has been exhausted on the subject, he has a right to refresh his memory by reference to the copy. (Per Martin, J.A.) *Daynes v. B.C. Electric Co.*, (B.C.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 309, 7 D.L.R. 767.

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF WITNESS BY REFERENCE TO DEPOSITION TAKEN ON DISCOVERY; FALSE IMPRESSIONS DRAWN THEREFROM; DISCRETION OF TRIAL JUDGE.

Where a witness is cross-examined by ref-

erence to his deposition taken on discovery, it is not permissible to conduct the proceedings in such a way as to give to the jury a false impression of the evidence given by the witness on discovery, and where that is attempted, the trial Judge, in his discretion, may allow the whole of the discovery evidence to be read, or permit such other steps to be taken as may be necessary to remove the false impression. (Per Irving, J.A.) *King Lumber Co. v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, (B.C.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 313, 7 D.L.R. 733.

[Appeal to Privy Council withdrawn by consent.]

EVIDENCE; ADMISSIBILITY; HOSPITAL CHART.

A chart made by hospital nurses, one of whom was not available as a witness at the trial, shewing the plaintiff's condition while an inmate of a hospital, is not admissible against him in an action for negligent injuries, but may be used to refresh the memory of the nurse as to entries thereon which she herself made. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Quinn*, (Que.) 11 D.L.R. 600.

I. Stay of Proceedings; Security.**STAY OF PROCEEDINGS; APPEAL PENDING.**

The Court in its discretion may always grant a stay of proceedings pending an appeal to the Supreme Court, but where there is no express rule permitting such an appeal such discretion should only be exercised on account of the existence of special circumstances which must be shewn by the applicant. *Hockley v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, *Davis v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 252, 7 O.L.R. 186.

[Affirmed in 7 O.L.R. 658.]

STAY OF PROCEEDINGS PENDING APPEAL.

Until a judgment of the Supreme Court of Canada has been certified to the Court below, a Judge of the Supreme Court has jurisdiction to order a stay of proceedings pending an appeal to the Privy Council. (Per Beck, J.) *Alfred & Wickham v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co.*, 6 D.L.R. 147, 22 W.L.R. 65.

[*Union Investment Co. v. Wells*, 41 Can. S.C.R. 244; and *Peters v. Perras*, 42 Can. S.C.R. 361, referred to.]

STAY OF PROCEEDINGS; TEST CASE; CHAMPERTY AND MAINTENANCE.

Where an action is stayed by order until the disposal of another independent action against the same defendant upon the same state of facts, with the result of which action the plaintiff in the stayed action was

to be bound, but no stipulation was made in the order as to payment of costs in the contested action, a summary order cannot be made, on the dismissal of the latter, for payment of defendant's costs by the plaintiff in the stayed action on the ground that he former had been carried on for his benefit. Champerty or maintenance is not shown by an agreement of a plaintiff in a similar action against the same defendant to pay the costs of another plaintiff's solicitor in proceeding with a test action in the name of such other plaintiff, leaving the action of the person so paying the solicitor in abeyance under an order of stay to abide the result of the contested action, even although the plaintiff in the contested action had no means to carry on the litigation alone, if the latter's cause of action was an independent one and the other plaintiff had no share in the possible proceeds of the contested action. *Stokes v. B.C. Electric Ry. Co.*, (B.C.) 12 D.L.R. 379.

SECURITY FOR COSTS; RENEWAL OF APPLICATION TO SUPREME COURT.

An appellant is not estopped from applying to a Judge of the Supreme Court under s. 46, for a rule of security for costs, merely by having already applied to a Judge of the Court below who has refused the application. *Ontario and Quebec Ry. Co. v. Marchette*, 17 Can. S.C.R. 141.

J. Judgments; Motions.

JUDGMENT NUNC PRO TUNC.

On motion of counsel for respondent, supported by affidavit shewing that respondent had died between the date of hearing and the date upon which judgment delivered, the Court directs judgment to be entered nunc pro tunc as of the day of hearing. *Ontario and Quebec Ry. Co. v. Philbrick* (1886), *Cass. Can. S.C.R. Dig.* 1893, p. 688.

FAILURE TO MOVE FOR JUDGMENT; VERDICT OF SPECIAL JURY; LAPSE OF TIME.

Held (by the whole Court):—The provisions of Art. 494, C.C.P., are not on pain of nullity, and a failure to move for judgment in accordance with the verdict of a special jury until after the lapse of the time prescribed by this article, does not deprive the party of the right to a judgment, unless the action itself has been declared preempted for failure to proceed therein during two years. *Miller v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 449, Q.R. 21 S.C. 346.

[Affirmed in *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Miller*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 490, Que. R. 12

K.B. 1; reversed on other grounds in 34 Can. S.C.R. 45, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 147.]

SHORT NOTICE OF MOTION; SERVICE OF; CONTENTS OF NOTICE.

Where a party applies for special leave to serve short notice of motion, he must distinctly state to the Court that the notice applied for is short; and the same fact must distinctly appear on the face of the notice served on the other party. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Vancouver, Westminster and Yukon Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 273.

INTERLOCUTORY JUDGMENT ON STRIKING OUT DEFENCE.

Where an order has been made by a local Judge striking out the statement of defence in an action because of the failure on the part of the defendant to answer proper interrogatories, the same Judge has no jurisdiction, under the Manitoba practice, to set aside an interlocutory judgment signed against the defendant and to reinstate the statement of defence, notwithstanding that the defendant finally decided to answer the interrogatories and deliver answers thereto prior to the signing of such judgment against him, but subsequent to the granting of the order striking out the defence. *Preston Banking Co. v. Allsup*, [1895] 1 Ch.D. 141; *Re St. Nazaire Co.*, 12 Ch.D. 88; *Walker v. Robinson*, 15 Man. L.R. 445, and *Munroe v. Heubach*, 18 Man. L.R. 547, referred to. *Douglas v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, (Man.) 12 D.L.R. 134.

[Reversed in 13 D.L.R. 800, 23 Man. L.R. 490.]

INTERLOCUTORY JUDGMENT ON STRIKING OUT DEFENCE; RELIEF AGAINST.

Where an order has been made by a local Judge striking out the statement of defence in an action because of the failure on the part of the defendant to answer proper interrogatories, the same judge has jurisdiction, under the Manitoba practice, on a substantive application on fresh material, to set aside an interlocutory judgment signed against the defendant and to reinstate the statement of defence upon the defendant finally consenting prior to the signing of such judgment against him but subsequent to the granting of the order striking out the defence to answer the interrogatories. The restriction upon the powers of local Judges under Rules 27 and 34 of the King's Bench Act, R.S.M. 1902, c. 40, whereby neither a local Judge nor the Referee in Chambers may vary or rescind "an order made by a Judge," does not apply to prevent a local Judge rescinding or varying

his own order. *Douglas v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 13 D.L.R. 800, 23 Man. L.R. 490.

[*Douglas v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 12 D.L.R. 134, reversed.]

K. New Trial; Misdirection; Nonsuit.

NEW TRIAL; DISAGREEMENT OF JURY.

In an action brought to recover damages for the loss of certain glass delivered to defendants for carriage the Judge left to the jury the question of negligence only, reserving any other questions to be decided subsequently by himself. On the question submitted the jury disagreed. Defendant then moved in the Divisional Court for judgment, but pending such motion the plaintiffs applied for and obtained an order of the Court amending the statement of claim, and charging other grounds of negligence. The defendants submitted to such order and pleaded to such amendments, and new and material issues were thereby raised for determination. The action as so amended was entered for trial but was not tried before the Divisional Court pronounced judgment on the motion, dismissing plaintiff's action. On appeal to the Court of Appeal from this judgment of the Divisional Court it was reversed and a new trial ordered. On appeal to the Supreme Court:—Held, affirming the judgment of the Court of Appeal, that the action having been disposed of before the issues involved in the case, whether under the original or amended pleadings, had ever been passed upon or considered by the trial Judge or the jury, a new trial should be ordered, and that this was not a case for invoking the power of the Court, under Rule 799, to finally put an end to the action:—Held, also, that the judgment of the Court of Appeal ordering a new trial in this case was not a final judgment nor did it come within any of the provisions of the Supreme Court Act authorizing an appeal from judgments not final. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Cobban Mfg. Co.*, 22 Can. S.C.R. 132.

NEW TRIAL; CONSENT ORDER.

The plaintiff was injured by a car striking him while at his work on the track. In an action for damages the company defended on the ground that he had not been reasonably careful in looking out for the cars. The trial Judge held that plaintiff was the cause of his own misfortune and could not hold defendants liable. This judgment was affirmed by the Divisional Court but reversed by the Court of Appeal for Ontario, which ordered a new trial, and this latter decision was affirmed by the Supreme Court of Canada, Gwynne, J., dissenting.

On counsel for the company stating that a new trial was not desired, judgment was ordered to be entered for plaintiff with \$500 damages, the amount assessed by the jury at the trial, and the appeal was dismissed with costs. *Hamilton Street Ry. Co. v. Moran*, 20th May, 1895, 24 Can. S.C.R. 717.

[Distinguished in *O'Hearn v. Port Arthur*, 4 O.L.R. 209; referred to in *Preston v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 11 O.L.R. 56.]

NEW TRIAL; IMPROPER FINDINGS OF JURY.

Where it appeared on the argument before the Supreme Court of Canada, that the jury had not properly answered some of the questions submitted to them at the trial, a new trial was ordered. *Pudsey v. Dominion Atlantic Ry. Co.*, 25 Can. S.C.R. 691.

[In other respects the judgment of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia (27 N.S. Rep. 498), was affirmed; referred to in *Higgins v. Clish*, 34 N.S.R. 139.]

NEW TRIAL; MISDIRECTION; RIGHT TO RE-EXAMINATION.

By 60 Vict. c. 24, s. 370 (N.B.), "A new trial is not to be granted on the ground of misdirection, or of the improper admission or rejection of evidence unless in the opinion of the Court some substantial wrong or miscarriage has been thereby occasioned in the trial of the action." On the trial of an action against the Electric Street Ry. Co. for damages on account of personal injuries, the vice-president of the company, called on plaintiff's behalf, was asked on direct examination the amount of bonds issued by the company, the counsel on opening to the jury having stated that the company was making large sums of money out of the road. On cross-examination the witness was questioned as to the disposition of the proceeds of debentures, and on re-examination plaintiff's counsel interrogated him at length as to the selling price of the stock on the Montreal Exchange, and proved that they sold at about 50 per cent. premium. The judge, in charging the jury, directed them to assess the damages as "upon the extent of the injury plaintiff received, independent of what these people may be, or whether they are rich or poor." The plaintiff obtained a verdict with heavy damages:—Held, that on cross-examination of the witness by defendant's counsel, the door was not open for re-examination as to the selling price of the stock; that in view of the amount of the verdict it was quite likely that the general observation of the Judge in his charge did not remove its effect on the jury as to the financial ability of the company to respond well in damages. 35 N.B.R. 1 varied. *Hesse v. Saint John Ry. Co.*, 30 Can. S.C.R. 218.

[Considered in *Sinclair v. Ruddell*, 16 Man. L.R. 60.]

NON-SUIT; NEW TRIAL.

On the trial of an action in Nova Scotia the plaintiff was non-suited, and on the argument of a rule to set such non-suit aside, and for a new trial, it was contended that the non-suit was voluntary. The minutes of the judge who tried the cause merely stated that a non-suit was moved for, that the plaintiff's counsel replied, and that judgment of non-suit was entered, and the Judge himself said that he believed the understanding to be that a rule was to be granted. The Supreme Court of Nova Scotia held the judgment of non-suit to be voluntary, and discharged the rule. On appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada:—Held, that as there was a doubt as to what took place at the trial, the parties were entitled to the benefit of that doubt, and the rule to set aside the non-suit must be made absolute. Appeal allowed with costs. *Levy v. Halifax & Cape Breton Ry. & Coal Co.* (1886), Cass. Can. S.C.R. Dig. 1893, p. 579.

NEW TRIAL; GENERAL VERDICT; DOUBT AS TO MEANING OF JURY.

In an action for damages for injury to a child who was run over by a car of the defendants, in which negligence was alleged, several questions were submitted to the jury by the trial Judge, but he also told them that they might, if they chose, find a general verdict. When the jury returned into Court, the foreman announced, "We award the plaintiff \$300 damages." On being asked by the trial Judge whether they had answered the questions, they said they had answered three, as follows: "1. Q. Was the company guilty of negligence? A. Yes. 2. Q. If so, in what did such negligence consist? A. Over-speed. 3. Q. Was the plaintiff guilty of contributory negligence? A. Yes." On this the trial Judge dismissed the action.—Held, that there should be a new trial; it was probable that the verdict was intended to be a general one, but the matter was not free from doubt; and the jury should have been asked to make the matter plain before being discharged. Among the questions that were not answered by the jury was the following: "Could the motorman, after it became apparent to him that the boy was going to cross the track, by the exercise of reasonable care and skill, have prevented the accident, if he had been running at a reasonable rate of speed." In leaving this question, the trial Judge said: "I want you to consider that last element, because it is not, 'Could he have prevented

the accident if running at an unreasonable rate of speed?'"—Held, that this question was not properly framed, and the jury were not properly directed. The unreasonable rate of speed was the original negligence, and the question which the jury had to consider, after finding such negligence, was whether, notwithstanding that unreasonable rate of speed, the motorman, after seeing the child committing or about to commit a negligent act, could, by the exercise of reasonable care, have avoided the consequences of it.—Held, that the defendants should pay the costs of the plaintiff's appeal from the judgment dismissing the action (*Martin, J.A.*, dissenting as to this); and that the costs below should abide the result of the new trial. *Rayfield v. British Columbia Electric Ry. Co.*, 14 W.L.R. 414 (B.C.).

NEW TRIAL; INSUFFICIENCY OF DAMAGES; COMPROMISE VERDICT.

A new trial on the ground of the insufficiency of the damages will not be granted unless it appears clearly to the Court that the smallness of the damages has arisen from mistake upon the part of either the Court or jury, or from some unfair practice on the part of the defendant. A verdict will not be set aside on the ground that it is a compromise verdict if it can be justified upon any hypothesis presented by the evidence. *Currie v. Saint John Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 280; 36 N.B.R. 194.

NEW TRIAL; INVALID GRANTING OF.

It is not a valid ground for ordering a new trial that the Judges differ from the conclusions at which the jury have arrived or consider that the findings show that the defendants had not had a fair and unprejudiced trial. Hence, in an action for damages for loss of life occasioned by the negligent management of a street car where the jury finds that the defendant was guilty of negligence in causing the accident and that the deceased was not guilty of contributory negligence, it is error in setting aside a judgment entered upon such verdict and ordering a new trial, where the evidence of both sides was properly submitted to the jury. *Toronto Ry. Co. v. King*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 408, [1908] A.C. 260.

[Commented on in *Brenner v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 40 Can. S.C.R. 552; followed in *Tinsley v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 17 O.L.R. 74; referred to in *Berthelot v. Salesses*, 39 N.B.R. 149; *White v. Victoria Lumber, etc., Co.*, 14 B.C.R. 374; distinguished in *Milligan v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 17 O.L.R. 530.]

NEW TRIAL; MISDIRECTION; VERDICT ON ISSUES.

An order for a new trial should not be granted merely on account of error in the form of the questions submitted to the jury where no prejudice has been suffered in consequence of the manner in which the issues were presented by the charge of the Judge at the trial and the jury has passed upon the questions of substance. The judgment appealed from (18 Man. L.R. 134, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 126) was affirmed, the Chief Justice dissenting, and Davies, J., hesitante, as to the quantum of the damages awarded. *Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co. v. Wald*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 129, 41 Can. S.C.R. 431.

NEW TRIAL; JURY FINDINGS; PERPLEXED JURY; UNCERTAINTY.

Where the result of jury findings and what takes place at the trial with reference to their answers and to questions put by trial Judge (both written and oral) leaves uncertainty as to what they meant, a new trial will be granted. *Herron v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, (Ont.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 124, 6 D.L.R. 215.

[Reversed in 11 D.L.R. 697, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 373.]

NEW TRIAL; JURY FINDINGS; UNCERTAINTY.

Where a jury's original written findings of answers to questions submitted are inconsistent, and, in an answer to an enquiry by the trial Judge, the jury orally explains and harmonizes the various answers in open court, the result from this course is, that the earlier written findings are displaced pro tanto by the final verbal findings, and the inconsistency of the findings may thereby be cured. *Herron v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 373, 11 D.L.R. 697, 28 O.L.R. 59.

[*Herron v. Toronto Ry. Co.* (No. 1), 6 D.L.R. 215, reversed.]

NEW TRIAL; VAGUE AND AMBIGUOUS FINDINGS.

In a personal injury case arising from a street car colliding with a rig, where the jury, upon their first return into court, found under one question that, after defendants' motorman saw that the plaintiff was about to drive across the tracks, the motorman could not by reasonable care have avoided the accident, while finding under another question that the motorman was guilty of negligence in waiting too late before applying the brakes, and while finding under a third question that the motorman was negligent in not applying the brakes when he first noticed the plaintiff

heading across the tracks, and where, upon proper comment by the trial Judge on such contradictory findings, the perplexed jury struck out the answers to the two questions first mentioned, still leaving doubt as to what they meant by the answer to the third question, such findings are vague and ambiguous and a ground for a new trial. *Herron v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, (Ont.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 124, 6 D.L.R. 215.

[Reversed in 11 D.L.R. 697, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 373, 28 O.L.R. 59.]

NEW TRIAL; INCONSISTENT AND UNCERTAIN FINDINGS OF JURY.

In a personal injury action arising from a car colliding with a rig, where the jury finds (a) that by reasonable care plaintiff had he seen that he had sufficient time to cross the tracks, could have avoided the accident, (b) that by reasonable care defendant's motorman had he applied the brakes when he first noticed plaintiff heading across the tracks could have avoided the accident, (c) that the accident was caused by negligence of both plaintiff and defendant, such findings are inconsistent and uncertain and a ground for a new trial. *Herron v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, (Ont.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 124, 6 D.L.R. 215.

[Reversed in 11 D.L.R. 697, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 373, 28 O.L.R. 59.]

NEW TRIAL; VERDICT; EXCESSIVE DAMAGES.

A new trial may be granted by an appellate Court where the jury in assessing damages for pollution of a stream on plaintiff's land by reason of material used in the construction of defendant's railway fixed such damages at a sum which, in the opinion of such appellate Court had not been satisfactorily proved. *Ball v. Sydney and Louisburg Ry. Co.*, 9 D.L.R. 148.

NEW TRIAL; MISDIRECTION.

The judge's charge to the jury is to be read as a whole, and if in view of its general meaning and effect, the jury were not left under any erroneous impression as to the real nature of the issues to be determined or as to the law applicable, misdirection cannot be predicated upon an isolated portion of the charge when read apart from the other portions, so as to constitute a ground for ordering a new trial. *Jones v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 13 D.L.R. 900, 24 O.W.R. 917.

[*Jones v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 5 D.L.R. 332, 3 O.W.N. 1404, reversed.]

Note on "Not guilty by statute." 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 526.

Note on Third Party Procedure. 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 532.

Note on jury findings and general verdict in cases of negligence. 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 337.

Note on practice in proceedings upon examination for discovery. 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 405.

Note on practice in service of process on railway companies. 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 134.

Note on findings and functions of jury. 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 301.

Note on inference and permissible probability. 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 319.

Note on general issue and plea of not guilty by statute. 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 512.

POLICE.

See False Arrest.

PRIORITIES.

See Railway Crossings, Highway Crossings, Wire Crossings.

PROTECTION OF CROSSINGS.

See Highway Crossings; Railway Crossings; Crossings, Injuries at; Wire Crossings; Farm Crossings.

PROTECTION OF PASSENGERS.

See Carriers of Passengers.

PROVISIONAL DIRECTORS.

For statutory prohibition of officers and directors as parties to railway construction contracts, see Contracts; Constitutional Law.

For power of Provisional Directors to execute bond for the performance of conditions in consideration of a bonus, see Railway Subsidy.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY; POWERS OF PROVISIONAL DIRECTORS; CONTRACT.

The provisional directors of the defendant company, incorporated by 1 Edw. VII. c. 92 (O.), to build an electric railway, gave power to their president and secretary to make a bargain with the plaintiffs, who were promoting a rival electric railway. A bargain was made, and the result reported to the provisional directors, who ratified what had been done. The contract purported to be made between the defendant company and the plaintiffs; the plaintiffs were to cease operations in support of any other rival railway and to assist the defendant company in securing franchises, etc., and were to receive \$1,000. The plaintiffs carried out their part of the bargain, and now sued the company for the \$1,000, asking in the alternative damages for misrepresentation against the president and secretary, who were joined as de-

fendants. The defendant company had not been organised at the time of the contract; but the president and secretary believed that the company had power to enter into the contract; and they represented to the plaintiffs, and the plaintiffs believed, that they had power to make the contract. The president and secretary were guilty of no fraud. The Act of incorporation provided (sec. 12) that the several clauses of the Railway Act should be incorporated with and be deemed to be part of the Act of incorporation:—Held, having regard to the provisions of s. 44 of the Electric Railway Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 209, that the provisional directors had no power to enter into the contract, and the contract was not binding on the company, nothing having been done to ratify it.—Held, however, that, as the power of the company to enter into such a contract was not excluded by its Act of incorporation, but depended upon facts as to organization, etc., the representation of the president and secretary was not as to law, but as to fact, and they were liable to the plaintiffs therefor. *Struthers v. Mackenzie* (1897), 28 O.R. 281, distinguished. *Selkirk v. Windsor Essex and Lake Shore Rapid Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 273, 20 O.L.R. 290.

[Reversed in 21 O.L.R. 109; 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 279, 22 O.L.R. 250, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 282.]

ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY; POWERS OF PROVISIONAL DIRECTORS; CONTRACT.

Section 9 of the special Act 1 Edw. VII. c. 92 (O.), incorporating the defendant company, enacts that the provisional directors may agree to pay for the services of persons who may be employed by the directors for the purpose of assisting the directors in furthering the undertaking, or for the purchase of the right of way, and any agreement so made shall be binding on the company:—Held, that the express language of the special Act prevails over the general provision (s. 44) of the Electric Railway Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 209, all the clauses of which, except so far as inconsistent, were, by s. 12 of the special Act, incorporated with and deemed to be a part of the special Act; and, therefore, the provisional directors had power to bind the company by making the contract sought to be enforced, a contract to pay the plaintiffs for services in furthering the company's undertaking. The special Act, s. 9, says that this can be done by the provisional directors "when sanctioned by a vote of the shareholders at any general meeting":—Held, approving and following *McDougall v. Lindsay Paper Mill Co.* (1884), 10 P.R. 247, 252, that the plaintiffs' contract was

not affected by the non-observance of this direction; and, apart from that, the contract was approved, before and after it was made, by the whole body of shareholders, though not formally assembled in general meeting. Judgment of Riddell, J., 20 O.L.R. 290, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 273, which was in favour of the plaintiffs against the individual defendants, reversed, and judgment directed to be entered for the plaintiffs against the company. *Selkirk v. Windsor Essex and Lake Shore Rapid Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 279, 21 O.L.R. 109.

[Affirmed in 22 O.L.R. 250, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 282.]

ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY; POWERS OF PROVISIONAL DIRECTORS; CONTRACT.

Section 9 of the special Act, 1 Edw. VII. c. 92 (O.), incorporating the defendant railway company, is an enabling enactment, enlarging the powers of the provisional directors, and authorising them to act for and on behalf of the company to an extent much beyond the scope to which provisional directors are limited by s. 44 of the Electric Railway Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 209. The language of s. 9 distinctly implies that the provisional directors are authorised, with the sanction of the shareholders, to engage the services of promoters or other persons for the purpose of assisting them in furthering the undertaking; and the power to engage services implies the power to pay or agree to pay for such services. The services of the plaintiffs which were engaged under the agreement sued upon were within the class of purposes requiring the sanction of the shareholders if the agreement had been to pay in paid-up stock or bonds. If the sanction of the shareholders was necessary in order to make the agreement binding upon the company, it was given in substance. *Monarch Life Assurance Co. v. Brophy* (1907), 14 O.L.R. 1, distinguished. Apart from these considerations, the agreement being under the seal of the company, and the services having been rendered in fact by the plaintiffs and accepted in fact by the company, there was ample consideration to support the claim against them for the sum mentioned in the agreement. The defendant company having appealed from the judgment against them, and the plaintiffs, as the direct result of the company's appeal, having appealed from the dismissal of the action as against the individual defendants, both appeals were dismissed with costs, but the company were ordered to pay to the plaintiffs the costs to be paid by the latter to the individual defendants. *Selkirk v. Windsor, Essex and Lake Shore Rapid Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 282, 22 O.L.R. 250.

[Lawford v. Billerica Rural District

Council, [1903] 1 K.B. 772, and *Township of East Gwillimbury v. Township of King* (1910), 20 O.L.R. 510, followed; judgment of a Divisional Court, 21 O.L.R. 109, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 279, affirmed.]

PROVISIONAL DIRECTORS; POWERS OF; CONDUCTING BUSINESS.

Under the Railway Act, provisional directors of a railway company have no right to carry on the business of the undertaking, their powers being limited to those specifically defined by s. 81, sub-s. 3 of that Act, to merely opening stock books, receiving and safely depositing stock subscriptions, making plans and surveys. *Re Burrard Inlet Tunnel & Bridge Co.*, 10 D.L.R. 723.

PUBLIC AID.

See *Railway Subsidy*.

RAILS AND ROADBED.

For injuries resulting by reason of defective rails or roadbed, see *Carriers of Passengers; Crossings, Injuries to; Employees; Negligence; Street Railways*.

For jurisdiction of Railway Committee to exonerate railway company from filling in spaces, see *Board of Railway Commissioners*.

ROADBED; FILLING IN SPACES.

Held, that under the true construction of the Railway Act (Canada), 51 Vict. c. 29, the power conferred by sub-s. 4 of s. 262, upon the Railway Committee of the Privy Council to exonerate a railway company during a specified portion of the year from the duty of filling certain spaces specified in sub-s. 4, did not apply to the duty imposed by sub-s. 3 of filling certain other spaces specified by sub-s. 3. Such extension of power was not authorized by the grammatical construction of the sub-sections, nor rendered imperative by the context. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Washington*, [1899] A.C. 275.

DEFECTIVE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADBED; DERAILMENT; LATENT DEFECT.

The roadbed of applicants' railway was constructed, in 1893, at a place where it followed a curve round the side of a hill, a cutting being made into the slope and an embankment formed to carry the rails, the grade being one and one-half per cent. or 78.2 feet to the mile. The whole of the embankment was built on the natural surface, which consisted as afterwards discovered, of a layer of sandy loam of three or four feet in depth resting upon clay sub-soil. No borings or other examinations were made in order to ascertain the nature of the subsoil

and the roadbed remained for a number of years without shewing any subsidence except such as was considered to be due to natural causes and required only occasional repairs; the necessity for such repairs had become more frequent, however, for a couple of months immediately prior to the accident which occasioned the injury complained of. Water, coming either from the ditch, or from a natural spring formed beneath the sandy loam, had gradually run down the slope, lubricated the surface of the clay and, finally, caused the entire embankment and sandy layer to slide away about the time a train was approaching, on the evening of 20th September, 1904. The train was derailed and wrecked and the engine-driver was killed. In an action by his widow for the recovery of damages:—Held, that in constructing the roadbed, without sufficient examination, upon treacherous soil, and failing to maintain it in a safe and proper condition, the railway company was, *prima facie*, guilty of negligence which cast upon them the onus of shewing that the accident was due to some undiscoverable cause; that this onus was not discharged by the evidence adduced from which inferences merely could be drawn and which failed to negative the possibility of the accident having been occasioned by other causes which might have been foreseen and guarded against, and that, consequently, the company was liable in damages. Judgment appealed from affirmed, following *Great Western Ry. Co., v. Braid*, 1 Moo. P.C. (N.S.) 101. *Quebec and Lake St. John Ry. Co. v. Julien*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 54, 37 Can. S.C.R. 632.

[Referred to in *Ibister v. Dominion Fish Co.*, 19 Man. L.R. 449.]

RAILWAY ACT.

For construction and constitutionality of the Railway Act, see *Constitutional Law*.

RAILWAY BOARD.

See *Board of Railway Commissioners*.

For *Provincial Railway and Municipal Boards*, see *Board of Railway Commissioners*; *Street Railways*.

RAILWAY COMMITTEE.

See *Board of Railway Commissioners*.

RAILWAY CROSSINGS; JUNCTIONS.

A. Leave to Cross.

B. Junctions.

C. Protection; Signal Stations; Costs.

For railway across highway, see *Highway Crossings*.

For *fath crossings*, see *Farm Crossings*.

For connection of railways for interchange of traffic, see *Interchange of Traffic*.

For distinction between crossing and junction, see *Junction*.

For crossing railway by overhead bridge see *Bridges*.

A. Leave to Cross.

PERMISSION OF RAILWAY COMMITTEE; APPEAL FROM; INJUNCTION; COSTS.

The defendant company had obtained from the Railway Committee of the Privy Council an order permitting it to cross the C.P.R. track. Pending an appeal by the C.P.R. Company from the order to the full Cabinet, the defendant company proceeded to lay the crossing and the C.P.R. Company applied for an injunction:—Held, that defendant company was not exceeding the terms of the order, which was binding on the Court until reversed on appeal to a competent authority, and therefore an injunction could not be granted. Before laying a crossing notice should be given of the time at which it is intended to commence work. Failure by a company to give such notice constitutes good cause for depriving it of the costs of successfully resisting a motion for an injunction. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Vancouver, Westminster and Yukon Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 273, 10 B.C.R. 228.

PROVINCIAL RAILWAY; MUNICIPAL FRANCHISES.

The *Preston and Berlin Street Ry. Co.*, operating a provincial railway under municipal franchises, applied to the Board, under s. 177 of the Railway Act, 1903, for authority to construct two crossings over the *Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*'s tracks, or in the alternative for an order directing the *Grand Trunk* to shift its tracks so as to afford the applicants access to their freight terminals in the town of Waterloo. It was suggested on behalf of the town of Waterloo that an order might be made for this purpose under s. 187:—Held, (1) That the application for the crossings must be refused as not proper in the public interest. (2) And that the Board, under the Railway Act, 1903, has no authority to compel the *Grand Trunk*, a Dominion railway, to shift its tracks for the convenience of the applicants, a Provincial railway. (3) And that the Board, under s. 137 of the Railway Act, 1903, had not jurisdiction to grant to a Provincial railway company power to take, use or occupy the lands of a Dominion railway company. *Preston and Berlin*

Street Ry. Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 142.

[Followed in St. John and Quebec Ry. Co. v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 360.]

LEVEL CROSSING; PROVINCIAL RAILWAY; WORK FOR THE GENERAL ADVANTAGE OF CANADA; APPROVAL OF ROUTE.

The Windsor, Essex and Lake Shore Rapid Ry. Co. applied to the Board to rescind or vary its order for a subway under the tracks of the Michigan Central Ry. Co. at Essex, and substitute a level crossing. Upon the evidence the Board reluctantly accepted the recommendation of the chief engineer in favour of a level crossing. The applicants were originally incorporated under the provisions of the Ontario Electric Railway Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 209. After obtaining an order for a crossing, their railway and works were declared by 6 Edw. VII. c. 184 (Dom.), to be works for the general advantage of Canada:—Held, that the route and location plans need not be approved by the Board under the Railway Act, 1903, before the variation of the former order for a crossing could be made. Windsor, Essex and Lake Shore Rapid Ry. Co. v. Michigan Central Ry. Co., 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 152.

A MUNICIPALLY OWNED STREET RAILWAY; APPLICATION TO CROSS TO LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL.

An application of a street railway to cross the tracks of a steam railway company at a place where the latter crosses a city street, need not be submitted to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-council for approval, under s. 122 of c. 8, of the Alberta Statutes of 1907, as to steam railways under federal control, since such application falls within s. 227 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. (1906), c. 37. Edmonton Street Ry. Co. v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co., 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 93, 4 D.L.R. 472.

[Vide 7 D.L.R. 888, 22 W.L.R. 45.]

B. Junctions.

JUNCTIONS; GENERAL ADVANTAGE OF CANADA.

The railways of the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., the Great Northern Ry. Co., the Quebec Ry. and Light and Motive Force Co., all enterprises for the general advantage of Canada and under control of Parliament, and also the railway of the Quebec and Lake St. John Ry. Co., an enterprise of a purely provincial nature under control of the Legislature of Quebec, all four enter the city of Quebec; and the Quebec Harbour Commission, which is under the control of

Parliament, in order to facilitate the access of these four railways to the Louise dock, constructed on their property a railway siding about 300 feet in length, which forms in no manner any part of the systems of any of these four railways, but by the means of which the trains of the Quebec and Lake St. John Ry. transfer to the Canadian Pacific Ry. and vice versa:—Held, reversing the judgment of Cimon, J., (1) That this does not constitute on the part of the Quebec and Lake St. John Ry., a connection with the Canadian Pacific Ry., nor a required crossing within the meaning of s. 306 of the Railway Act of Canada, 1888, so as to make the Quebec and Lake St. John Ry. an enterprise for the general advantage of Canada and place it under the control of Parliament; that the connection or crossing referred to in said s. 306 must be a physical and immediate connection without any intermediary rails:—(2) Held, further, that the general language of said s. 306 is insufficient to make the railways which are not expressly and specifically mentioned enterprises for the general advantage of Canada:—(3) Held, also, that construing the said s. 306 and s. 177 of the same Act, the said s. 306 should be interpreted as applying only to any branch line or line of railway which, on account of the junction, should become part of the system of railways enumerated in the section, and, consequently, a branch line of one of these railways. Garneau v. Quebec and Lake St. John Ry. Co., 12 Que K.B. 205.

CONNECTION OF TRACKS; PROVINCIAL RAILWAY.

The St. John and Quebec Ry. Co., a provincial railway company, having applied to the Board under ss. 227 and 229 of the Railway Act for authority to connect its tracks with those of the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. and operate its trains over them between certain points, to rearrange certain tracks of the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., construct and operate switches from its lines at certain points, and make other physical changes. The Board refused the application on the ground that the benefits of the provisions of the Railway Act allowing one railway company to use the lines and appliances of another can only be given to Dominion railways, and that the statutes 1 and 2 Geo. V. (1911), c. 11, and 2 Geo. V. (1912), c. 49, do not place the applicant railway under the jurisdiction of the Board. St. John and Quebec Ry. Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 360.

[Preston and Berlin Street Ry. Co. v.

Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 142, followed.]

C. Protection; Signal Stations; Costs.

PACKING RAILWAY FROGS.

The proviso of the fourth sub-section of s. 262 of the Railway Act, 51 Vict. c. 29 (D.), does not apply to the fillings referred to in the third sub-section and confers no power upon the Railway Committee of the Privy Council to dispense with the filling in of the spaces behind and in front of railway frogs or crossings and the fixed rails of switches during the winter months. Judgment of the Court of Appeal for Ontario (24 Ont. App. R. 183) reversed. *Washington v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 28 Can. S.C.R. 184.

[Affirmed [1899] A.C. 275; applied in *Weddell v. Ritchie*, 10 O.L.R. 5; commented on in *Fralick v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 43 Can. S.C.R. 515; distinguished in *Grant v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 36 N.B.R. 533; followed in *Curran v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 25 A.R. (Ont.) 407.]

CROSSINGS OF TWO RAILWAYS; INTERLOCKING SIGNAL SYSTEM; CONTRIBUTION.

Where two railway companies differ as to the nature and extent of the protection prescribed by an order of the Railway Committee to be furnished at a crossing of two railways, and one company voluntarily provides the additional protection which it claims the other company should supply according to the terms of such order, the Board will not, by an *ex post facto* order, direct repayment by the other company of the expenditure thereby incurred, and in default of payment order that the crossing be discontinued. In such cases the proper course is to apply to the Courts for an interpretation of the order. The order of the Railway Committee directed that an interlocking signal system and all the necessary works and appliances for properly operating the same be provided at such crossing.—Held, that derails do not form part of the appliances required by such order, and a permanent watchman is not necessarily required. Compensation is not allowed, (1) For the use of the land of the Senior Company occupied by the crossing tracks of the Junior Company, where no substantial injury is done to the lands of the Senior Company; nor (2) for interference with the business of the Senior Company, or for any other delays in the use of its railway due to precautions taken in the use of the crossing required for public safety. (S. 177, Railway Act, 1903.) The Board fixed \$90 as the annual compensa-

tion to be paid by the Junior Company for the use of two sidings belonging to the Senior Company, having lengths of 1,200 and 661 feet respectively, the cost of maintenance of such siding to be borne by the two companies upon wheelage basis. *Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Ry. Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* (The Merriton Crossing Case), 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 263.

RAILWAY INTERSECTION; PROTECTION; COSTS; PRIORITY.

The G. & G. Ry. Co. was incorporated on 6th June, 1904, by 4 Ed. VII. c. 81 Dom. a plan shewing the location of its line across the Elora road, outside the city of Guelph, was approved by the board on 2nd July, 1904, filed in the Registry office on 8th July, 1904, and notice thereof given in the local newspapers in August, 1904. The G.R. Ry. Co. on 25th May, 1905, by 5 Ed. VII. c. 91 Ont. was empowered to build and operate an extension of its railway on the Elora road outside the city of Guelph. Its location had been authorized by a by-law passed by the council of the county of Wellington on 4th June, 1904, when the rails were laid and the line put into operation.—Held, upon an application by the G. & G. Ry. Co. to cross the G.R. Ry. Co., that the location and operation of the Radial Co. had, under the circumstances, become authorized on 25th May, 1905, and was prior to that of the applicant company, who, according to the usual rule, must bear the expense of crossing and maintenance of the necessary protection. *Guelph & Goderich Ry. Co. v. Guelph Radial Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 180.

INTERLOCKING APPLIANCES; ORDER OF THE BOARD.

Under an agreement dated May 22nd, 1887, it was agreed between the Grand Trunk Ry. Co. and the International Ry. Co. (whose successor is the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.) that the said International Ry. Co. should bear the cost of providing, maintaining, equipping and working an ordinary level railway crossing together with all risk arising from such constructions and operations. The agreement also contained the following provision: "In the event of the Government of this Dominion passing any Act whereby certain signals, interlocking switches or other appliances shall be used on level railway crossings, it is hereby understood and agreed that the party of the second part" (being the International Company) "will provide, work and maintain such at their own expenses";—Held, that the said clause of the agreement should not be narrowly construed, that the Board had authority under the Rail-

way Act, 1903, to order an interlocking system at this crossing for the protection of the public. Ordered, that the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. do install, maintain and operate the ordinary interlocking, derailing and signal system at its own expense at the said crossing. Re Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. and Grand Trunk Ry. Co. (Lennoxville Crossing Case), 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 77.

DOUBLE TRACK; PRIORITY; EXPENSE OF PROTECTING CROSSING; SENIOR AND JUNIOR COMPANIES.

A railway company having the right, under its charter to construct one or more sets of tracks becomes the senior company not only when its line is crossed by the line of a junior company, but also in respect of the crossing of any additional tracks subsequently laid by it, and the junior company must bear the expense of making and protecting all such crossings, as new tracks are laid by the senior company:—Held, that under the circumstance of this case, the United Counties Ry. Co. should bear the expense of protecting the crossing of its line by the intended double track of the Grand Trunk Ry. Co. Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. United Counties Ry. Co. (St. Hyacinthe Crossing Case), 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 294.

[Followed in City of Fort William v. Copp Bros., 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 149.]

PRIORITY OF APPROVAL; REGISTRATION; OWNERSHIP.

The map shewing the location and the plan of a branch line of the applicant were approved under ss. 157 and 159 and registered as required by s. 160, Railway Act, prior to the respondent. The respondent owned in fee the land at the point of crossing of the two locations prior to the approval of any plans. The respondent's line at the point of crossing was built first and the railway was in operation when construction work upon the applicant's railway reached the crossing:—Held, that the respondent was senior to the applicant at the crossing. Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. (Kaiser Crossing Case) 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 297.

[Followed in Can. North. Ry. Co., Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 432; distinguished in Qu'Appelle, etc. Ry. Co. v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 131.]

PRIORITY OF APPROVAL; OWNERSHIP; SENIORITY.

The respondent, prior to the applicant, obtained approval of the location and proceeded with the construction of a branch line under 44 Viet. c. 1, s. 14. The applicant

pending an application to cross said line, obtained a grant from the Crown (Dominion) of the land at the crossing pursuant to 3 Edw. VII. c. 7, s. 46. Held, that the respondent was senior to the applicant at the crossing. Re Branch Lines, 36 Can. S.C.R. 42, followed. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. (Nokomis Crossing Case), 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 299.

[Distinguished in Qu'Appelle, etc. Ry. Co. v. C.P.R. Co., 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 131.]

INDUSTRIAL SPUR; STREET RAILWAY; LEAVE TO CROSS; EXPENSE OF; PROTECTING CROSSING; SENIOR AND JUNIOR COMPANY.

Application for an order under s. 227 of the Railway Act, to cross the spur or branch line of the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., known as the Copp Foundry Industrial Spur with a second street railway track. By agreement with Copp Brothers made in 1902 the town of Port Arthur permitted its street railway to be crossed by a spur from the main line of the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. at the expense of Copp Brothers. The city of Fort William subsequently became the owners of the street railway. By agreement with Copp Brothers the city constructed a second street railway track across the spur and applied to the Board for an order directing whether Copp Brothers or the city should pay the expense of constructing and protecting the second crossing. The Board refused to entertain the application because the city had no right to construct this crossing without first having obtained leave to cross. A further application was then made as above stated.

The real object of the city, although not stated in the application was to compel Copp Brothers to bear the cost of constructing and protecting the second crossing on the ground that the street railway was the senior company:—Held, that with respect to a steam railway senior as to one line it must continue to be senior when it comes to double track. That if the city had made an application in the regular way for leave to cross, the matter would then have been properly before the Board, but that it was quite irregular for the municipality to construct the crossing without authority and then apply to the Board for the purpose of making Copp Brothers pay the expense incident thereto, and the application must be refused. City of Fort William v. Copp Brothers (Copp Foundry Industrial Spur Case), 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 149.

[Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. United Counties Ry. Co. (St. Hyacinthe Crossing Case, No. 2991), 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 294, followed.]

CROSSING OF STEAM RAILWAY BY MUNICIPALLY OWNED STREET RAILWAY; STREET SENIOR OF RAILWAY; LIABILITY FOR COST.

Where, in point of time, a city street is senior to the tracks of a steam railway that cross it, the tracks of a municipally owned street railway which are subsequently laid across the tracks of the steam railway, are not junior thereto so as to require the whole cost of the installation, maintenance and protection of the crossing to be borne by the city, but it will be divided equally between them. *Edmonton Street Ry. Co. v. Grand Trunk Pac. Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 93, 4 D.L.R. 472.

[Vide 7 D.L.R. 888, 22 W.L.R. 45.]

ORDER OF THE BOARD OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS; CANADA SUPREME COURT; FIXING COST OF INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND PROTECTION OF CROSSING OF RAILWAY BY MUNICIPALLY-OWNED STREET RAILWAY.

Edmonton Street Ry. Co. v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co. (No. 2), 7 D.L.R. 888, 22 W.L.R. 45.

CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION; SUBWAY; CONTRIBUTION.

The Canadian Ontario Ry. crossed under the line of the Grand Trunk Ry. by means of a subway. Subsequently the Campbellford, Lake Ontario and Western Ry. obtained authority from the Board to cross the C.N.O. Ry., using for that purpose the embankment of the same subway.—Held, that the C.N.O. Ry. was not entitled to receive any contribution from the C.L.O. & W. Ry. towards the expense it had already incurred in making the embankment. *Campbellford, Lake Ontario & Western Ry. Co. v. Canadian Northern Ontario Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 220.

Note on power of Railway Board to authorize Railway Crossings. 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 104.

RAILWAY SUBSIDY.

A. Government Subsidy.

B. Municipal Bonus.

A. Government Subsidy.

MISAPPROPRIATION OF SUBSIDY MONIES BY ORDER IN COUNCIL.

Where money is granted by the Legislature and its application is prescribed in such a way as to confer a discretion upon the Crown, no trust is imposed enforceable against the Crown by petition of right. The appellant railway company alleged by petition of right that by virtue of 51 and 52

Vict. c. 91, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council was authorized to grant 4,000 acres of land per mile for 30 miles of the Hereford Ry.; that by an order in council dated 6th August, 1888, the land subsidy was converted into a money subsidy, the 9th section, of said c. 91 of 51 and 52 Vict., enacting that "it shall be lawful," etc., to convert; that the company completed the construction of their line of railway, relying upon the said subsidy and Order in Council, and built the railway in accordance with the Act 51 and 52 Vict. c. 91, and the provisions of the Railway Act of Canada, 51 Vict. c. 29, and they claimed to be entitled to the sum of \$49,000, balance due on said subsidy. The Crown demurred on the ground that the statute was permissive only, and by exception pleaded inter alia, that the money had been paid by Order in Council to the sub-contractors for work necessary for the construction of the road; that the president had by letter agreed to accept an additional subsidy on an extension of their line of railway to settle difficulties, and signed a receipt for the balance of \$6,500 due on account of the first subsidy. The petition of right was dismissed.—Held, that the statute and documents relied on did not create a liability on the part of the Crown to pay the money voted to the appellant company enforceable by petition of right (*Taschereau and Sedgewick, J.J.*, dissenting), but assuming it did, the letter and receipt signed by the president of the company did not discharge the Crown from such obligation to pay the subsidy, and payment by the Crown of the sub-contractors' claim out of the subsidy money, without the consent of the company, was a misappropriation of the subsidy. *Hereford Ry. Co. v. The Queen*, 24 Can. S.C.R. 1.

[Applied in *R. v. Lavery*, Q.R. 5 Q.B. 326; distinguished in *Qu'Appelle, Long Lake & Sask. Ry. Co. v. The King*, 7 Ex. C.R. 115; referred to in *Universal Skirt Mfg. Co. v. Gormley*, 17 O.L.R. 114.]

COST OF CONSTRUCTION; ROLLING STOCK AND EQUIPMENT.

The provisions of the Act, 3 Edw. VII. c. 57, authorizing the granting of subsidies in aid of the construction of railways are not mandatory, but discretionary in so far as the grant of the subsidies by the Governor in Council is concerned. On a proper construction of the said Act it does not appear to have been the intention of Parliament that the cost of rolling stock and equipment should be included in the cost of construction in estimating the amount of subsidy payable to the company in aid of the "Pheasant Hill Branch" of their railway under the provisions of that

Act, notwithstanding that the said Act did not specially exclude the consideration of the cost of equipment in the making of such estimate as had been done in former subsidy Acts with similar objects, and that the Governor in Council imposed the duty of efficient maintenance and equipment of the branch as a condition of the grant of the subsidy. (Judgment of the Exchequer Court, 10 Can. Exch. R. 325, affirmed.) Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. The King, 38 Can. S.C.R. 137.

[Approved in Re Ontario Voters' Lists Act, West York, 15 O.L.R. 303.]

STATUTORY CONTRACT; BONDS OF RAILWAY COMPANY; GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE.

The Government of Canada, in a contract with the Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co., published as a schedule to and confirmed by 3 Edw. VII. c. 71, agreed to guarantee the bonds of the company to be issued for a sum equal to 75% of the cost of construction of the Western division of its railway. By a later contract (sch. to 4 Edw. VII. c. 24) the Government agreed to implement its guarantee, in such manner as might be agreed upon, so as to make the proceeds of said bonds a sum equal to 75% of such cost of construction:—Held, that this second contract only imposed upon the Government the liability of guaranteeing bonds, the proceeds of which would produce a defined amount and not that of supplying, in cash or its equivalent, any deficiency there might be between the proceeds of the bonds and the said 75%. Re Grand Trunk Pacific Bonds, 42 Can. S.C.R. 505. [Vide [1912] A.C. 204.]

BOND GUARANTEE.

The Dominion Government by contract with the appellants in 1903 (confirmed by 3 Edw. VII. c. 71) guaranteed to the extent of 75 per cent. of the cost of construction of a certain section of their railway, the appellants' first mortgage bonds charged on their whole undertaking; the balance of cost to be raised by second mortgage bonds guaranteed by the Grand Trunk Ry. Co. By a supplemental contract in 1904 (confirmed by 4 Edw. VII. c. 24) the Government agreed to implement their guarantee so as to make the proceeds of the guaranteed bonds which had proved to be deficient equal to the said 75 per cent. of the cost of construction. The Supreme Court held that under this contract the appellants were bound to issue additional first mortgage bonds to the extent of the deficit and that the Government should guarantee them:—Held, by the Privy Council, reversing the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada

on a reference made by Order-in-Council, that the appellants had no power to issue bonds other than those authorized by the original contract, and that it would be a breach of faith with the second mortgagee to do so if they could. The Government were bound to implement their guarantee by cash or its equivalent so as to discharge their liability as defined by the first contract and confirmed by the second, without imposing any further liability on the company. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. v. The King, [1912] A.C. 204.

ACTION OF CROWN OFFICERS; COMPROMISE AND PART PAYMENT OF SUBSIDY; PETITION OF RIGHT.

(1) The grant by a statute of a subsidy "to aid in completing and equipping a railway, throughout its whole length for the part not commenced and that not finished, about eighty miles going to or near Gaspé Basin," with a proviso that it shall be payable to a person or persons, etc., establishing that they are in a position to carry out the work, applies exclusively to the eighty miles of the road ending at or near Gaspé Basin. (2) A different construction of the statute by officers of the Crown, the effecting of a compromise in consequence and even a part payment of the subsidy, afford no grounds to recover the balance from the Crown by petition of right. De Galindez v. The King, 15 Que. K.B. 320, affirmed in 39 Can. S.C.R. 682.

SUBSIDY; LAND GRANT; WHETHER MINERALS INCLUDED.

Calgary and Edmonton Ry. Co. v. The King, [1904] A.C. 765 (33 Can. S.C.R. 673, affirming 8 Ex. C.R. 83, reversed).

GRANT OF LANDS; MINERAL CLAIMS.

The legislative intent of the Railway Aid Act (B.C.) was, that the interest of the Crown in lands (already located as mineral claims), which are comprised in a greater block of lands granted as a subsidy to a railway company under the Act, may pass to the railway company, subject to existing and future rights of the persons who prior to the subsidy had made such locations. Farrell v. Fitch, 7 D.L.R. 657, 22 W.L.R. 517, 17 B.C.R. 507.

[Railway Aid Act, B.C. Statutes, 1890, c. 40, construed; Osborne v. Morgan (1888), 13 A.C. 227; Nelson and Fort Sheppard Ry. Co. v. Jerry (1897), 5 B.C.R. 396; Re Demers, 1 B.C.R., pt. 2, 334; Staffordshire Banking Co. v. Emmott, L.R. 2 Ex. 208, referred to.]

B. Municipal Bonus.

BONUS; GRANT TO RAILWAY IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION; MANDAMUS TO ENFORCE.

By 18 Vict. c. 33, the Grand Junction Ry. Co. was amalgamated with the Grand Trunk Ry. Co. of Canada. The former railway, not having been built within the time directed, its charter expired. In May, 1870, an Act was passed by the Dominion Parliament to revive the charter of the Grand Junction Ry. Co., but gave it a slightly different name, and made some changes in the charter. After this, in 1870, a by-law to aid the company by \$75,000 was introduced into the county council of Peterborough. This by-law was read twice only, and, although in the by-law it was set out and declared that the ratepayers should vote on said proposed by-law on the 16th November, it was on the 23rd November that the ratepayers voted on a by-law to grant a bonus to the appellants company, construction of the road to be commenced before the 1st May, 1872. At the time when the voting took place on the by-law, there was no power in the municipality to grant a bonus. On the 15th February, 1871, the Act 34 Vict. c. 48 (O.) was passed, which declared the by-law as valid as if it had been read a third time, and that it should be legal and binding on all persons as if it had been passed after the Act. On the same day of the same year, c. 30 was passed, giving power to municipalities to aid railways by granting bonuses. In 1874 the 37 Vict. c. 43 (O.) was passed, amending and consolidating the Acts relating to the company. In 1871 the company notified the council to send the debentures to the trustees who had been appointed under 34 Vict. c. 48 (O.). In 1872 the council served formal notice on the company, repudiating all liability under the alleged by-law. Work had been commenced in 1872, and time for completion was extended by 39 Vict. c. 71 (O.). No sum for interest or sinking fund had been collected by the corporation of the county of Peterborough, and no demand was made for the debentures until 1879, when the company applied for a mandamus to issue and deliver them to the trustees:—Held, affirming the decision of the Court below, that the effect of the statute 34 Vict. c. 48 (O.), apart from any effect it might have of recognizing the existence of the railway company, was not to legalize the by-law in favour of the company, but was merely to make the by-law as valid as if it had been read a third time, and as if the municipality had had power to give a bonus to the company, and, there being certain other defects in the said by-law

not cured by the said statute, the appellants could not recover the bonus from the defendants. Per Gwynne, J., Fournier and Taschereau, JJ., concurring:—As the undertaking entered into by the municipal corporation contained in by-law for granting bonuses to railway companies, is in the nature of a contract entered into with the company for the delivery to it of debentures upon conditions stated in the by-law, the only way in Ontario in which delivery to trustees on behalf of the company can be enforced, before the company shall have acquired a right to the actual receipt and benefit of them by fulfilment of the conditions prescribed in the by-law, is by an action under the provisions of the statutes in force then regulating the proceedings in actions, and not by summary process by motion for the old prerogative writ of mandamus which the writ of the mandamus obtainable on motion without action still is. Per Henry, J.: That if appellants had made out a right to file a bill to enforce the performance of a contract ratified by the Legislature, they would not have the right to ask for the present writ of mandamus. Grand Junction Ry. Co. v. Peterborough. 8 Can. S.C.R. 76, 6 A.R. (Ont.) 339, reversing 45 U.C.R. 302.

[Commented on in Moulton v. Haldimand, Re., 12 A.R. (Ont.) 503; distinguished in Brussels v. Ronald, 11 A.R. (Ont.) 605; followed in Canada Atlantic Ry. Co. v. Cambridge, 14 A.R. (Ont.) 299; referred to in Re Brandon Bridge, 2 Man. L.R. 17; Canada Atlantic Ry. Co. v. Ottawa, 8 O.R. 201; Jenkins v. Central Ontario Ry. Co., 4 O.R. 593.]

BONUS; GUARANTEEING COSTS OF EXPROPRIATION.

Under 44 and 45 Vict. c. 40, s. 2 (P.Q.), passed on a petition of the Quebec Central Ry. Co., after notice given by them, asking for an amendment of their charter, the town of Lévis passed a by-law guaranteeing to pay to the Quebec Central Ry. Co. the whole cost of expropriation for the right-of-way for the extension of the railway to the deep water of the St. Lawrence River, over and above \$30,000. Appellants, being ratepayers of the town of Lévis, applied for and obtained an injunction to stay further proceedings on this by-law, on the ground of its illegality. The proviso in s. 2 of the Act, under which the corporation of the town of Lévis contended that the by-law was authorized, is as follows: "Provided that within thirty days from the sanction of the present Act, the corporation of the town of Lévis furnishes the said company with its valid guarantee and obligation to pay all excess over \$30,000

of the cost of expropriation for the right-of-way." By the Act of incorporation of the town of Lévis, no power or authority is given to the corporation to give such guarantee. The statute 44 and 45 Vict. c. 40 was passed on the 30th June, 1881; and the by-law forming the guarantee was passed on the 27th July following.—Held, reversing the judgment of the Court of Queen's Bench (L.C.), appeal side, and restoring the judgment of the Superior Court, that the statute in question did not authorize the corporation of Lévis to impose burdens upon the municipality which were not authorized either by their Acts of incorporation or other special legislative authority, and therefore the by-law was invalid, and the injunction must be sustained (Ritchie, C.J., dubitante). Quebec Warehouse Co. v. Lévis (1885), 11 Can. S.C.R. 666.

[Referred to in *Pointe Gatineau v. Hanson*, Q.R. 10 K.B. 371.]

BONUS TO RAILWAY; VALIDITY OF BY-LAW.

A by-law was submitted to the council of the city of O., under 36 Vict. c. 48, for the purpose of granting a bonus to a railway then in course of construction, and after consideration by the council it was ordered to be submitted to the ratepayers for their vote. By the notice published in accordance with the provisions of the statute such by-law was to be taken into consideration by the council after one month from its first publication on the 24th September, 1873. The vote of the ratepayers was in favour of the by-law, and on 20th October a motion was made in the council that it be read a second and third time, which was carried, and the by-law passed. The mayor of the council, however, refused to sign it, on the ground that its consideration was premature; and on 5th November the same motion was made and the by-law was rejected. Nothing more was done in the matter until April, 1874, when a motion was again made before the council that such by-law be read a second and third time, which motion was, on this occasion, carried. At this meeting a copy only of the by-law was before the council, the original having been mislaid and it was not found until after the commencement of this suit. When it was found it was discovered that the copy voted on by the ratepayers contained, by mistake of the printers, a date for the by-law to come into operation different from that of the original. In 1883 an action was brought against the corporation of the city of O., for the delivery of the debentures provided for by the by-law, in which suit the question of the validity of the whole proceedings was raised:—Held, affirming the judg-

ment of the Court below: (1) That the vote of 20th November, 1873, was premature, and not in conformity with the provisions of s. 231 of the Municipal Act; that the mayor properly refused to sign it, and that without such signature the by-law was invalid under s. 226. (2) That the council had power to consider the by-law on 5th November, 1873, and the matter was then disposed of. (3) That the proceedings of 7th April, 1874, were void for two reasons: One, that the by-law was not considered by the council to which it was first submitted as provided by s. 236, which is to be construed as meaning the council elected for the year and not the same corporation; and the other reason is, that the by-law passed in 1874 was not the same as that submitted, there being a difference in the dates. Semble, that the functions of a municipality in considering a by-law after it has been voted on by the ratepayers are not ministerial only, but the by-law can be confirmed or rejected irrespective of the favourable vote. 12 O.A.R. 234, 8 O.R. 201, affirmed. *Canada Atlantic Ry. Co. v. City of Ottawa*, 12 Can. S.C.R. 365.

[The Privy Council granted leave to appeal in this case, but the appeal was not prosecuted to a termination: 11 Can. Gaz. 394; approved in *London Street Ry. Co. v. London*, 9 O.L.R. 439; distinguished in *Re Dewar and East Williams*, 10 O.L.R. 463; followed in *Canada Atlantic Ry. Co. v. Cambridge*, 11 O.R. 392, 14 O.A.R. 299; referred to in *Biekford v. Chatham*, 14 O.A.R. 32.]

BONUS; AGREEMENT BY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION TO TAKE STOCK AND TO PAY FOR IN DEBENTURES.

The Corporation of the County of Ottawa under the authority of a by-law undertook to deliver to the Montreal, Ottawa and Western Ry. Co. for stock subscribed by them 2,000 debentures of the corporation of \$100 each, payable twenty-five years from date and bearing six per cent. interest, and subsequently, without any valid cause or reason, refused and neglected to issue said debentures. In an action brought by the company against the corporation solely for damages for their neglect and refusal to issue said debentures:—Held, affirming the judgment of the Court below, that the corporation, apart from its liability for the amount of the debentures and interest thereon, was liable under Arts. 1065, 1073, 1840 and 1841, C.C., for damages for breach of the covenant. *Ritchie, C.J.*, and *Gwynne* dissenting. *M.L.R.* 1 Q.B. 46, 26 L.C.J. 148, affirmed. *County of Ottawa v. Mont-*

real, Ottawa & Western Ry. Co., 14 Can. S.C.R. 193.

[Applied in *Coghlin v. Fonderic de Joliette*, 34 S.C.R. 158; referred to in *Gignac v. Woodburn Q.R.* 29 S.C. 438; *Zurit v. Great Northern Ins. Co.*, Q.R. 29 S.C. 468.]

BONUS; MUNICIPAL DEBENTURES; FUTURE CONDITIONS.

Held, affirming the judgment of the Court of Queen's Bench for Lower Canada, M.L.R. 2 Q.B. 160, that a debenture being a negotiable instrument, a railway company that has complied with all the conditions precedent stated in the by-law to the issuing and delivery of debentures granted by a municipality is entitled to said debenture, free from any declaration on their face of conditions mentioned in the by-law to be performed in future, such as the future keeping up of the road, etc. Art. 962, Municipal Code. *Fournier, J.*, dissenting. *Mont. L.R.* 2 Q.B. 160 affirmed. *Parish of St. Césaire v. McFarlane*, (1887), 14 Can. S.C.R. 738.

BONUS; AGREEMENT WITH MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

A municipal corporation entered into an agreement with a railway company by which the latter was to receive a bonus on certain conditions, one of which was that the company "should construct at or near the corner of Colborne and William streets (in Toronto) a freight and passenger station with all necessary accommodation, connected by switches, sidings, or otherwise with said road" upon the council of the town passing a by-law granting a necessary right of way:—Held, (1) that such condition was not complied with by the erection of a station building not used, nor intended to be used, and for which proper officers, such as station master, ticket agent, etc., were not appointed. *Strong, J.*, dissenting. (2) *Per Strong, J.*:—That the condition only called for the construction of a building with the required accommodation and connections, and did not amount to a covenant to run the trains to such station or make any other use of it. (3) The words "all necessary accommodation," in the condition, required that grounds and yards sufficient for freight and passenger traffic in case the station were used should be provided. *Bickford v. Town of Chatham*, 16 Can. S.C.R. 235, 14 A.R. (Ont.) 32, 10 O.R. 257.

[Leave to appeal in this case was refused by the Privy Council, see *Canadian Gazette*, Vol. XIV., p. 153; discussed in *Notawasaga v. Hamilton, &c. Ry. Co.*, 16 O.A.R. 52; followed in *Georgetown v. Stim-*

son, 23 O.R. 33; *Kingston v. Kingston, &c. Ry. Co.*, 28 O.R. 399.]

MUNICIPAL AID TO RAILWAY COMPANY; DEBENTURES.

A municipal corporation, under the authority of a by-law, issued and handed to the treasurer of the Province of Quebec \$50,000 of its debentures as a subsidy to a railway company, the same to be paid over to the company in the manner (and subject to the same conditions) in which the Government provincial subsidy was payable under 44-45 Viet. c. 2, s. 19 (P.Q.) viz.: "when the road was completed and in good running order to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council." The debentures were signed by S.M. who was elected warden and took and held possession of the office after the former warden had verbally resigned the position. In an action brought by the railway company to recover from the treasurer of the Province the \$50,000 debentures after the Government bonus had been paid and in which action the municipal corporation was mise en cause as a co-defendant, the provincial treasurer pleaded by demurrer only, which was overruled, and the County of Pontiac pleaded general denial and that the debentures were illegally signed:—Held, (1) affirming the judgment of the Court below, that the debentures signed by the warden de facto were perfectly legal. (2) That as the provincial treasurer had admitted by his pleadings that the road had been completed to the satisfaction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council the onus was on the municipal corporation, mise en cause, to prove that the Government had not acted in conformity with the statute. *Strong, J.*, dissenting. *County of Pontiac v. Ross*, 17 Can. S.C.R. 406.

[Referred to in *Re Trecothick Marsh*, 38 N.S.R. 28.]

BONUS; CONDITION IN BOND FOR REPAYMENT.

The county of H., in 1874, gave to the H. & N. W. Ry. Co. a bonus of \$65,000 to be used in the construction of their railway, and the company executed a bond, one of the conditions of which was that the bonus should be repaid "in the event of the company, during the period of twenty-one years, ceasing to be an independent company." In 1888 the H. & N. W. Ry. Co. became merged in the G.T.Ry. and, as was held on the facts proved by the trial Judge and the Divisional Court, ceased to be an independent line:—Held, affirming the decision of the Court of Appeal for Ontario (19 Ont. App. R. 252), that there had been a breach of the above condition and the county was entitled to recover from the

G. T. Ry. the whole amount of the bonus as unliquidated damages under said bond. Appeal dismissed with costs. Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. County of Halton (1893), 21 Can. S.C.R. 716.

BONUS; CONSTRUCTION OF STREET RAILWAY; VALIDATING ACT.

The corporation of the town of Port Arthur passed a by-law entitled "a by-law to raise the sum of \$75,000 for street railway purposes and to authorize the issue of debentures therefor," which recited, inter alia, that it was necessary to raise said sum for the purpose of building, etc., a street railway connecting the municipality of Neebing with the business centre of Port Arthur. At that time a municipality was not authorized to construct a street railway beyond its territorial limits. The by-law was voted upon by the ratepayers and passed, but none was submitted ordering the construction of the work. Subsequently an Act was passed by the Legislature of Ontario in respect to the said by-law which enacted that the same "is hereby confirmed and declared to be valid, legal and binding on the town . . . and for all purposes, etc., relating to or affecting the said by-law, and any and all amendments of the Municipal Act . . . shall be deemed and taken as having been complied with"—Held, reversing the decision of the Court of Appeal, 19 A.R. 555, Taschereau, J., dissenting, that the said Act did not dispense with the requirements of ss. 504 and 505 of the Municipal Act requiring a by-law providing for construction of the railway to be passed, but only confirmed the one that was passed as a money by-law:—Held, also, that an erroneous recital in the preamble to the Act that the town council had passed a construction by-law had no effect on the question to be decided. 19 A.R. (Ont.) 555 reversed. Dwyer v. Town of Port Arthur, 22 Can. S.C.R. 241.

[Referred to in Bell v. Westmount, Q.R. 15 S.C. 585.]

BONUS; SUBSCRIPTION FOR SHARES; DEBENTURES.

An action en reddition de comptes does not lie against a trustee invested with the administration of a fund, until such administration is complete and terminated. The relation existing between a county corporation under the provisions of the Municipal Code of the Province of Quebec and the local municipalities of which it is composed, in relation to money by-laws, is not that of agent or trustee, but the county corporation is a creditor, and the several local municipalities are its debtors for the amount of the taxes to be assessed upon their rate-

payers respectively. Where local municipalities have been detached from a county, and erected into separate corporations, they remain in the same position, in regard to subsisting money by-laws, as they were before the division, and have no further rights or obligations than if they had never been separated therefrom, and they cannot either conjointly or individually institute actions against such county corporation to compel the rendering of special accounts of the administration of funds in which they have an interest, their proper method of securing statements being through the facilities provided by Art. 164, and other provisions of the Municipal Code. 3 Rev. de Jure 559 affirmed. Township of Assott v. County of Compton; Village of Lennoxville v. County of Compton (1898), 29 Can. S.C.R. 228.

BONUS; PERMANENT EXEMPTIONS; DEBENTURES AND EXEMPTION IN SAME BY-LAW.

By-law No. 148 of the city of Winnipeg, passed in 1881, exempted forever the C.P.R. Co. from "all municipal taxes, rates and levies and assessments of every nature and kind"—Held, reversing the judgment of the Court of Queen's Bench, 12 Man. L.R. 581, that the exemption included school taxes. The by-law also provided for the issue of debentures to the company, and by an Act of the Legislature, 46 & 47 Viet. c. 64, it was provided that by-law 148, authorizing the issue of debentures granting, by way of bonus to the C.P.R. Co., the sum of \$200,000 in consideration of certain undertakings on the part of the said company; and by-law 195, amending by-law No. 148 and extending the time for the completion of the undertaking . . . be and the same are hereby declared legal, binding and valid. . . .—Held, that notwithstanding the description of the by-law in the Act was confined to the portion relating to the issue of debentures, the whole by-law, including the exemption from taxation, was validated. 12 Man. L.R. 581 reversed. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. City of Winnipeg, 30 Can. S.C.R. 558.

[Considered in Balgonie Prot. School v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 5 Terr. L.R. 132; Re Toronto School Board, etc., 2 O.L.R. 727; distinguished in Pringle v. Stratford, 20 O.L.R. 246; followed in North Cypress v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 35 Can. S.C.R. 556; referred to in Toronto School Board v. Toronto, 4 O.L.R. 468.]

BONUS; MUNICIPAL BY-LAW; CONDITION PRECEDENT.

An action to annul a municipal by-law will lie although the obligation thereby incurred may be conditional and the condition has not been and may never be

accomplished. Where a resolatory condition precedent to the payment of a bonus under a municipal by-law in aid of the construction and operation of a railway has not been fulfilled within the time limited on pain of forfeiture, an action will lie for the annulment of the by-law at any time after default, notwithstanding that there may have been part performance of the obligations on the part of the railway company and that a portion of the bonus may have been advanced to the company by the municipality. In an action against an assignee for a declaration that an obligation had been forfeited and ceased to be exigible, on account of default in the fulfilment of a resolatory condition, exception cannot be taken on the ground that there has been no signification of the assignment as provided by Art. 1571 of the Civil Code of Lower Canada. The debtor may accept the assignee as creditor and the institution of the action is sufficient notice of such acceptance. *Bank of Toronto v. St. Lawrence Fire Insurance Co.*, [1903] A.C. 59, followed. *City of Sorel v. Quebec Southern Ry. Co.*, 36 Can. S.C.R. 686.

BONUS; DEBENTURES; COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITIONS; CERTIFICATE OF ENGINEER.

Held, that under Ontario Act 34 Vict. c. 48, the Grand Junction Ry. Co. was recognized as an incorporated company, otherwise that it was actually incorporated by Act 37 Vict. c. 43 (Ont.); the effect of the two Acts being to give to the company so incorporated the benefit of a by-law of the respondent corporation, which, under certain conditions, provided a bonus for the railway:—Held, further, that under the Act of 1871 the said by-law was legal, valid and binding on the corporation, but that the railway company had not, on the evidence, complied with the conditions precedent. The stipulated certificate of the chief engineer had not been produced, and, although under paragraph 8 of the by-law, debentures might be delivered to trustees without a certificate that applied to a time when the debentures or their proceeds were to be held in suspense, not to a time when the trusts were sent and the payment, if made at all, should be made direct to the company. *Grand Junction and Midland Railways of Canada v. Corporation of Peterborough*, 13 App. Cas. 136.

(Judgment of the Court of Appeal, 13 A.R. (Ont.) 420, affirmed.)

BONUS; BOND OF PROVISIONAL DIRECTORS; LIABILITY TO PERFORM; AMALGAMATION WITH OTHER COMPANIES.

By the bond of a railway, executed by its provisional directors in consideration of a

bonus in aid of the railway, the company agreed to erect and maintain workshops in a certain town during the operation of the railway. The company, after certain changes of name, amalgamated with other companies, and formed a larger one under another name, which latter company, although it had agreed to do so, ceased to so maintain the workshops. This last-mentioned company subsequently amalgamated with and became part of the defendants' system, and by the amalgamation the defendants become responsible for all the liabilities of the other companies:—Held, that the bond of the provisional directors was a corporate act binding on its successors, and, by consequence, on the defendants, who had acquired the road; that the road, though it formed part of a larger railway connection represented by the defendants, was still in operation, and as the contract was to maintain the workshops during the operation of the railway, it remained a binding engagement, and a reference to ascertain the damages, if any, for breach of the covenant, was directed. *Town of Whitley v. Grand Trunk Ry. of Canada*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 265, 32 O.R. 99.

[Reversed in 1 O.L.R. 480, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 269; distinguished in *Hamilton v. Hamilton Street Ry. Co.*, 10 O.L.R. 575, 595, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 206, 223.]

BONUS; BOND; RECITAL.

By its Act of incorporation a railway company had power to receive and take grants and donations of land and other property made to it, to aid in the construction and maintenance of the railway, and any municipality was authorized to pay, by way of bonus or donation, any portion of the preliminary expenses of the railway, or to grant to the railway sums of money or debentures by way of bonus or donations to aid in the construction or equipment of the railway. The railway company, in consideration of a bonus by a municipality, agreed to keep for all time its head office and machine shops in the municipality:—Held, that the recital of the agreement in a bond signed by the railway company amounted to a covenant on their part to observe its terms, but that such an agreement was not justified by statutory provisions, and was not enforceable. *Judgment of Boyd, C.*, 32 O.R. 99, reversed. *Corporation of Whitley v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 269, 1 O.L.R. 480.

BONUS OF MUNICIPALITY; COMPENSATION FOR LANDS EXPROPRIATED.

A municipality passed a resolution by which it agreed to pay for lands required for the right of way, station grounds, sidings

and other purposes of a railway as shewn upon a plan filed under the provisions of the general Railway Act. At the time of the resolution there were four such plans filed, each shewing a portion of the land proposed to be taken for these purposes, and including, in the aggregate, a greater area than could be expropriated for right of way and station grounds under the provisions of the Acts applicable to the undertaking of the railway company. The Legislature passed an Act confirming such resolution. To an action by the owner of the land taken, on an award fixing the value of that in excess of what could be so expropriated, the corporation pleaded no liability on account of such excess, and also, that there was no specific plan on file describing the land:—Held, affirming the judgment appealed from, that the first defence failed because of the Act confirming the resolution, and, as to the second, that the four plans should be read together and considered to be the plan referred to in such resolution. 38 N.S.R. 76, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 105, affirmed. County of Inverness v. McIsaac, 37 Can. S.C.R. 75, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 109.

BONUS; SENDING MONEY ON CONDITION; BREACH OF; TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AID.

The Woodstock and Lake Erie Ry. and Harbour Co. gave a bond to the town council of Woodstock, reciting that the council had agreed to lend them £25,000 to assist in constructing their railway, and conditioned that the company should not expend the loan, nor begin to construct their road, until the whole sum necessary to complete it from Woodstock to Port Dover should be obtained:—Held, that there was nothing in the 19 Vict. c. 74 (the provisions of which are set out in the case) to relieve defendants from liability for a previous breach of this condition. Town Council of Woodstock v. Woodstock and Lake Erie Ry. Co., 16 U.C. Q.B. 146.

BONUS; STATUTORY POWERS TO MAKE CONDITIONS; SIDING AND FLAG STATION.

By 33 Vict. c. 36, s. 7, municipalities were authorized to aid the Hamilton and Erie Ry. Co., subsequently incorporated with defendants, by way of bonus, subject to such restrictions and conditions as might be mutually agreed upon between the municipality and the directors of the railway; and by 34 Vict. c. 41, amending this Act, the county were authorized, on the petition of certain townships and villages of the county, to grant such aid, and issue the debentures of the county payable by special rates and assessments in such townships,

&c.:—Held, that the powers given by the first Act to agree as to the conditions on which such aid should be granted, would apply to aid granted under the subsequent Act. The conditions agreed upon in this case were, that the defendants should grant and continue to the Great Western Ry. Co., the Grand Trunk Ry. Co., and the Canada Southern Ry. Co., equal privileges as to working and using defendants' railway; that defendants should have a siding and flag station at or near to two named villages on their line, and should cause or procure the Grand Trunk Ry. Co. to erect a station at or near a named point of intersection:—Held, that these conditions were all legal and valid; and that defendants, having received the debentures for the bonus, could not object that such agreement was ultra vires. County of Haldimand v. Hamilton and North Western Ry. Co., 27 U.C.C.P. 228.

[See City of St. Thomas v. Credit Valley Ry. Co., 7 O.R. 332, 12 A.R. (Ont.) 273; Re Grand Junction Ry. Co. v. County of Peterborough, 8 Can. S.C.R. 76, 6 A.R. (Ont.) 339.]

BONUS; TAX EXEMPTIONS; SUBSEQUENT REPEAL OF BY-LAW.

The corporation of the township of North Cayuga, having power by 33 Vict. c. 33, s. 18, O., "An Act to incorporate the Canada Air Line Ry. Co.," to exempt the property of the company from taxation, passed a by-law providing that all the real property of the company in the township should be rated at \$12 per acre (the then average rate) for fifty years. This by-law was subsequently repealed, but it did not appear that upon the faith of it the applicants had in fact altered their position, or done anything which they otherwise would not have done, and the railway was being constructed through the township before it was passed:—Held, on the application to quash the repealing by-law, that the Court under the circumstances could not interfere. In re Great Western Ry. Co. and The Corporation of the Township of North Cayuga, 23 U.C.C.P. 28.

BONUS.

In 1880, before the passing of 46 Vict. c. 18 (Ont.) a municipal council, with the view of granting a bonus to a railway company, caused to be submitted to the vote of the ratepayers a by-law to raise money for that purpose. At the voting thereon the votes for and against it were equal, and the clerk of the municipality, who also acted as returning-officer, verbally gave a casting vote in favour of the by-law:—Held (reversing the judgment of the C.P.D., 11 O.R. 392), that s. 152 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O.

(1877), c. 174, is not applicable to the case of voting on a by-law, and, therefore, the casting vote of the clerk was a nullity, and the by-law did not receive the assent of the electors of the municipality within the meaning of R.S.O. (1877), c. 174, s. 317, as such a defect could not be cured by promulgation of the by-law:—Held, following *Canada Atlantic Ry. Co. v. Ottawa*, 12 A.R. 234, and S.C. 12 S.C.R., p. 377, that the by-law was bad for non-compliance with s. 330 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. (1877), c. 174, the section corresponding with s. 248 of 36 Vict. c. 48. Per *Burton, J.A.*—The provisions of s. 248 of the Municipal Act of 1873 (36 Vict. c. 48), do not apply to by-laws for granting bonuses to railways, and the judgment of the Supreme Court of Canada in *Canada Atlantic Ry. Co. v. Ottawa*, 12 Can. S.C.R., p. 377, does not so decide. *Canada Atlantic Ry. Co. v. Township of Cambridge*, 14 A.R. (Ont.) 299, 15 Can. S.C.R. 219.

BONUS.

The railway company were bound by their original charter to commence within three years, and to finish the road within eight years, which they failed to do within the specified time:—Held, affirming the decision of the Chancery Divisional Court, 8 O.R. 201, and of *Proudfoot, J.*, *Ib.* 183, that the plaintiffs were not in a position to enforce the delivery of the debentures after the lapse of nine years from the passing of the by-law, when a total change of circumstances had taken place, and when the period fixed by the plaintiffs' charter for the completion of the railway had expired. *Canada Atlantic Ry. Co. v. City of Ottawa*, 12 A.R. (Ont.) 234.

BONUS; CONDITION; BREACH; CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES.

A railway company having obtained a bonus from the plaintiffs upon condition that its machine shops should be "located and maintained" within the city limits, did so erect and maintain them for some years, until authorized by legislation it amalgamated with and lost its identity in another company, all the engagements and agreements of the amalgamating companies being preserved. The amalgamated company was afterwards leased in perpetuity to a much larger railway company, who removed the shops outside the city limits:—Held, that, although all the engagements and agreements made by the original company were preserved, the amalgamation and leasing in perpetuity by the larger company of the smaller, under the authority of Parliament, imposed new relations upon the amalgamated road which

worked a change in the policy as to the site and size of the machine shops, and that the engagement had been satisfied by the maintenance of the said shops by the original company during its independent existence. *City of Toronto v. Ontario and Quebec Ry. Co.*, 22 O.R. 344.

BONUS; BY-LAW; MAJORITY OF ELECTORS.

Held, that a "majority" of the electors referred to in the Railway Act of 1859 (22 Vict. c. 16, ss. 75, 76) and the Municipal Act of 1866, s. 196, sub-s. 6) required to assent to a by-law, is not an absolute majority of all the existing qualified electors, but a majority of those coming forward to vote for the same. *Jenkins v. Corporation of County of Elgin*, 21 U.C.C.P. 325; *Erwin v. Township of Townsend, Ib.* 330. See, also, *McAvoy and the Municipality of Sarnia*, 12 U.C.Q.B. 99.

BONUS; CONDITIONAL DEBENTURES; GRADING OF RAILWAY; MANDAMUS.

A township corporation passed a by-law that the reeve should make out debentures not exceeding \$5,000, which should be sealed by the corporate seal, and signed by him and the treasurer; and that, provided the grading of defendants' railway should be completed to a certain point by a day mentioned, the reeve should subscribe for shares in defendants' company to the extent of \$5,000, on behalf of the corporation, and deliver said debentures to the company in payment therefor. By 36 Vict. c. 98 (O.), the by-law was confirmed. On application for a mandamus to the reeve to make such subscription and delivery:—Held, unnecessary to shew an agreement by the municipality to take the stock, or a written subscription, or to make the treasurer or the corporation parties to the application; and on the affidavits set out below the mandamus was granted with costs. In re *Canada Central Ry. Co. v. Brown*, 35 U.C.Q.B. 390.

BONUS; CONDITIONAL DEBENTURES; MANDAMUS.

A railway charter provided that on receiving certain petitions the corporation of the county, etc., should submit to the electors a by-law to aid the company by a bonus, and should deliver to trustees the debentures for any such bonus when granted. The company, as an inducement to the passing of such a by-law, gave a bond conditioned to build their road within a certain time, and to repay the bonus to the county in the event of their ceasing within twenty-one years to be an independent company. Under the facts of this case, set out in the report, the Court refused a mandamus to compel the corporation to hand over the

debentures to the trustees appointed to receive them, there being ground for apprehension, owing to the delay, that the bond could not be performed; but the rule was discharged without costs, and without prejudice to a further application. In re Hamilton and North-Western Ry. Co. and the Corporation of the County of Halton et al., 39 U.C. Q.B. 93.

BONUS; CONDITIONAL DEBENTURES; RESTRAINING DELIVERY.

Under 31 Vict. c. 4, a township municipality passed a by-law granting a bonus to a railway company, upon the express condition that the debentures securing such sum should be deposited with the treasurer of the Province as custodian for the company, but the same were not to be delivered to the company, unless and until the railway should within two years be fully completed and in running order, and regular trains had passed over the road, and the company had performed certain other stipulated works; in all of which the company made default. In a suit by the municipality seeking to restrain the treasurer from delivering up the debentures to the company:—Held, that time was of the essence of the transaction, and that the company having, no matter from what cause, failed to complete the work in the manner stipulated for, the plaintiffs were entitled to receive back the debentures. *Township of Luther v. Wood*, 19 Gr. Ch. 348.

BONUS; CONDITIONAL DEBENTURES; RESTRAINING DISPOSITION.

A municipal corporation having passed a by-law giving a certain sum in debentures by way of bonus to a railway company, the company executed a bond to the township reciting that the township had agreed to give the bonus on condition (amongst other things) that sixty continuous miles of the road should be built within two years; that the debentures should not be disposed of by the company until the contracts had been let and the work commenced; and that if the road were not commenced, and built as mentioned, the debentures should be returned to the municipality; and the condition of the bond was, that in case of failure the company would, on demand, pay over to the township the sum of \$50,000, or return the debentures. The contracts having been let and the work commenced as stipulated:—Held, in view of the whole instrument, that the company should not be restrained from disposing of the debentures before the completion of the work. *Municipality of the Township of Brock v. Toronto and Nipissing Ry. Co.*, 17 Gr. Ch. 425.

BONUS; COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL AID; VALIDITY OF BY-LAW.

Held, that s. 2 of the Act under which the by-law in question was passed by the County of Bruce to aid the Wellington, Grey, and Bruce Ry. Co., 31 Vict. c. 13, was wide enough to include county municipalities, and that the by-law was therefore not ultra vires. Re Gibson and the Corporation of the County of Bruce, 20 U.C.C.P. 398.

BONUS; COUNTY DEBENTURES; FAILURE TO CONSTRUCT RAILWAY.

The county of Simcoe had, under a by-law, passed in pursuance of 35 Vict. c. 66, s. 15, issued debentures to the amount of \$300,000 to aid in the construction of the Hamilton and North Western Ry., (see 20 Gr. Ch. 211) but by reason of the neglect of the company to commence the construction of the railway within the time limited their charter had become forfeited, and the by-law under which the debentures had been issued had therefore become void and of no effect, whereupon one of the townships which had joined in the petition for the passing of the by-law filed a bill against the railway, the county and trustees of the debentures, seeking to restrain the trustees from selling or parting with the debentures and to have the same handed back to the county:—Held, on demurrer by the county, (1) That the township had no interest to maintain such a suit, and (2) that the corporation of the county was the proper party to institute proceedings. *West Gwillimbury v. Hamilton and North Western Ry. Co.*, 23 Gr. Ch. 383.

BONUS; DEBENTURES; LIEN ON.

By 16 Vict. c. 22 and c. 124, and the 18 Vict. c. 13, certain municipalities were authorized to issue debentures under by-laws of the corporations to aid in the construction of a railroad. The contractors for building the road agreed with the company to take a certain amount of their remuneration in these debentures, and the work having been commenced, certain of these debentures were issued to the company. The contractors afterwards failed to carry on the works, and disputes having arisen between them and the company, all matters in difference were left to arbitration, and an award thereunder was made in favour of the contractors for the sum of £27,645, payable by instalments. One of these instalments having become due, and been left unpaid, the contractors filed a bill to have the debentures delivered over to them in the proportion stipulated for according to the terms of the contract:—Held, although the contractors would have

been entitled to a specific lien on these debentures under their original agreement, the fact that they had referred all matters in difference to arbitration, and had obtained an award in their favour for a money payment, precluded them from now obtaining that relief; and a demurrer for want of equity was allowed. *Sykes v. Brockville and Ottawa Ry. Co.*, 9 Gr. Ch. 9.

BONUS; DEBENTURES; MANDAMUS.

A county by-law was passed on the 12th December, 1873, to aid a railway company by a bonus of \$80,000, and to issue debentures therefor, under the clauses of the Municipal Act of 1873 then in force. The by-law required that the debentures should not be delivered to the trustees appointed to receive them until the company should have agreed that the amount thereof should be wholly expended upon the construction of the line within the county; that seventy-five per cent. of the amount should be advanced as the work progressed on the engineer's certificate, and the balance on completion of the road; and that the portions of the railway within the county should be commenced within one and finished within three years from the passing of the by-law. On application for a mandamus to the county to deliver these debentures to the trustees, it appeared that on the 24th of November, 1874, the company, by agreement with the county, after reciting the by-law, covenanted to commence that part of the road within the county in one and complete it in three years from the passing of the by-law; and that they would only ask for the proceeds of the debentures, as to seventy-five per cent. thereof "to pay for work done and expenses incurred during the progress of said work within the county, and as to twenty-five per cent. thereof to pay for work done and expenses incurred on finally completing said railway within the county; and that the whole proceeds of the debentures should be expended in the construction of the said railway within the county, and not otherwise or elsewhere." This agreement was handed to the warden on the 7th of December, 1874, (within five days of the time limited by the by-law for commencing the work), but was not executed by the county, and on the same day the debentures were demanded. The company had in that month made some purchases of rights of way. On the 4th of December they entered into a contract with one C. for the construction of fourteen miles of the road within the county, to be begun within five days and completed by 1st of September, 1875, but it contained a clause enabling the company to suspend the work at any time without being liable for damages. C. began work on the 10th of December,

and continued till the 15th of February, 1875, for which he received about \$800. He was told that he must begin by the 12th of December in order to enable the company to get the debentures. The company had not filed their plans and survey as directed by the Railway Act, C.S.C. c. 66, without which they had no authority to begin their work, and were bound to no particular route:—Held, in the Queen's Bench, that the company were not entitled to the mandamus, for they had not legally located their line, and were bound to no route; they had no power to begin the work as they had done; and from all the facts, more fully stated in the case, it appeared that they had not done so in good faith. Semble, that there was not a sufficient variance between the agreement required by the by-law and that executed by the company to have alone furnished an answer to the application, though they were not clearly identical. Per Harrison, C.J.:—The whole matter was one of contract, and the company, if entitled to the debentures, had another remedy, either at law or in equity, which would be more convenient and appropriate than a writ of mandamus. The company had a line of one hundred miles to construct, which would cost \$1,500,000. Their capital stock was only \$50,000, of which not quite ten per cent. had been paid up; and including the whole stock, and the bonuses granted, they had only \$160,000. Quaere, per Wilson, J., whether before ordering the debentures to be handed over, the Court could have required more stock to be called in. Semble, not; but it was suggested that the by-law should provide for this; and that to carry such by-laws a certain proportion of the whole number of votes of the locality should be required. In re Stratford and Huron Ry. Co. and the Corporation of the County of Perth, 38 U.C.Q.B. 112.

BONUS; DEBENTURES; PREFERENTIAL BONDS.

A proposed by-law for granting a bonus of \$44,000, was assented to by the ratepayers of the township of Eldon; and to induce the council afterwards to ratify the by-law, the company entered into a bond, that if certain other townships should deliver to the company certain debentures expected from them, the company would give to Eldon \$6,000 of preferential bonds of the company; the company having a limited statutory authority to issue preferential bonds "for raising money to prosecute the undertaking." One of the townships failed to give the debentures expected from it, and the company, instead of giving its preferential bonds to Eldon, gave to the municipality an ordinary bond for the \$6,000.—Held, that the company had no authority to give its prefer-

ential bonds in order to carry out its bargain with the municipal council; that the default of one of the other townships to give the debentures expected from it disentitled Eldon to demand preferential bonds from the company, even if the company had had authority to grant them; and that the giving of the bond which the company did give was no waiver of the objection, as an answer to the municipality's demand of preferential bonds. The Corporation of the Township of Eldon v. Toronto and Nipissing Ry. Co., 24 Gr. Ch. 336.

BONUS; DELIVERY OF DEBENTURES; MANDAMUS.

Upon an application for a mandamus to a township corporation to make and deliver to trustees certain debentures for \$25,000 authorized by two by-laws of the corporation granting aid to a railway company, it was argued that the company had lost all claim to \$18,000, if not to the whole of the bonus, by non-commencement of their road. On the other hand, the company contended that, by certain agreements with the corporation, and by several statutes, extending the time for commencement, their right to the debentures was preserved:—Held, that such right, depending upon matters of contract, should not be determined upon such an application, but by suit in the ordinary way; and the application was discharged with costs. In re London, Huron and Bruce Ry. Co. and the Council of the Township of East Wawanosh et al., 36 U.C.Q.B. 93. See, also, In re North Simcoe Ry. Co. and the City of Toronto, 36 U.C.Q.B. 101.

BONUS; DISCONTINUANCE OF OPERATION; LIABILITY OF STOCKHOLDERS.

Where a township municipality advanced a large sum of money to a railway company under the provisions of the consolidated Municipal Loan Fund Act, and some of the stockholders of the company were afterwards released from their liability by an Act of the Legislature passed nearly eighteen months after the works on the road were stopped for want of funds, and new companies were formed under that and subsequent Acts of the Legislature, which released the new corporations from the construction of the original line of road, until a new line had been constructed, and it appeared that there was no immediate prospect of such a result:—Held, reversing the judgment of the Court below, that the municipality was not released from their liability to the Crown. Spragge, V.C., dissenting. Norwich v. The Attorney-General, 2 E. & A. 541.

BONUS; DOMINION RAILWAY.

Held, following Canada Atlantic Ry. Co.

v. City of Ottawa, 8 O.R. 201, 12 A.R. (Ont.) 234, that under s. 559, sub-s. 4, of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1877, c. 174, a grant by way of bonus may be made to a Dominion railway. Canada Atlantic Ry. Co. v. Township of Cambridge, 11 O.R. 392.

BONUS; ERECTION OF STATIONS; SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE.

In consideration of a bonus granted by the plaintiffs, the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Ry. Co. covenanted "to erect and maintain a permanent freight and passenger station" at G. Shortly afterwards the road was leased, with notice of this agreement, to the defendants, who discontinued G. as a regular station, merely stopping there when there were any passengers to be let down or taken up:—Held, affirming the decree of Spragge, C., 25 Gr.Ch. 86, that the mere erection of station buildings was not a fulfilment of the covenant, and that the municipality was entitled to have it specifically performed. The decree, which enjoined the defendants from allowing any of their ordinary freight, accommodation, express, or mail trains, other than special trains, to pass without stopping for the purpose of taking up and setting down passengers, was varied by limiting it to such trains as are usually stopped at ordinary stations. The Corporation of the Township of Wallace v. Great Western Ry. Co., 3 A. R. (Ont.) 44, 25 Gr.Ch. 86.

BONUS; GRANT TO INDIVIDUAL; VALIDITY.

A by-law granting \$1000 to an individual in consideration of his having at the instance of the corporation advanced the amount in aid of a railway:—Held, bad, for it was not a grant to a railway, and it had not been assented to by the electors. Quære whether without such assent the corporation could grant a bonus to a railway out of surplus funds in hand. In re Bate and the Corporation of the City of Ottawa, 23 U.C.C.P. 32.

BONUS; ILLEGAL ISSUE OF DEBENTURES.

The Court has jurisdiction to restrain a municipal corporation from obtaining the vote of the ratepayers in favour of a by-law which if passed would be illegal without legislative sanction, and which sanction such vote was intended to aid in obtaining in an informal and unauthorized manner. Where, therefore, the corporation of the town of Port Hope were about submitting to the vote of the ratepayers a by-law authorizing the harbour commissioners of that town to issue debentures to the amount of \$75,000 to aid in completing a railway, but which debentures the corporation had not legally the power of directing to be issued,

the Court restrained the corporation from proceeding to take such vote. *Helm v. The Corporation of the town of Port Hope*, 22 Gr.Ch. 273.

BONUS; ILLEGALITY; JURISDICTION TO RESTRAIN.

This Court has jurisdiction to restrain a municipal corporation from obtaining the vote of the ratepayers in favour of a by-law which, if passed, would be illegal without legislative sanction, and which sanction such vote was intended to aid in obtaining in an informal and unauthorized manner. *Helm v. The Corporation of the Town of Port Hope*, et al. 22 Gr.Ch. 273.

BONUS; INSUFFICIENCY OF LANDS TO MAKE GRANT.

The legislature of Canada, by an Act, set apart a certain quantity of land along the line of a projected railway running through Quebec and Ontario, to be granted to the company on completion of the railway; and a proportionate part of such land on the completion of 20 miles of the railway. The company having completed a portion of the line of railway in Ontario to an extent of more than 20 miles, applied for a grant of the proportion to which, under the Act, they claimed to be entitled, which was refused. The company thereupon presented a petition of right against the province of Ontario. It was alleged that the province of Ontario had not along the line of the road sufficient lands to make the grant desired.—Held, that this formed no ground for the province of Ontario insisting that the province of Quebec should have been made a party to the proceeding. *Canada Central Ry. Co. v. Regina*, 20 Gr.Ch. 273.

BONUS; INVALID BY-LAW; QUASHING.

A by-law of a county council, in aid of a railway, to the extent of \$20,000, which had not been submitted to the ratepayers under the Municipal Act of 1866, was on that ground quashed. *Ex rel. Clement v. Corporation of the County of Wentworth*, 22 U.C.C.P. 300.

BONUS; MUNICIPAL AID; TAKING STOCK IN RAILWAY COMPANY.

A by-law to take stock in the Bytown and Prescott Ry. Co. was quashed: (1) Because it appeared not to have been concurred in by a majority of the assessed inhabitants, as required by 13 and 14 Vict. c. 132. (2) Because no sufficient rate was imposed for the payment of the debt and interest, as required by 12 Vict. c. 81. The defendants did not support their by-law, and the court refused to hear counsel on behalf of the railway company as the rule was not

directed to them. *In re Billings v. The Municipal Council of Gloucester*, 10 U.C. Q.B. 273.

BONUS; MUNICIPAL AID; MANDAMUS TO ENFORCE.

The North Simcoe Ry. Co. is incorporated by 37 Vict. c. 54, O., s. 23 of which enacts that any municipal corporation "which may be interested in securing the construction of the said railway, or through any part of which, or near which, the railway or works of the said company shall pass or be situate," may aid the company by giving money by way of bonus: provided that no such aid shall be given except after the passing of a by-law for the purpose and the adoption thereof by the ratepayers. By s. 24 the proper petition, as prescribed in that section, shall first be presented to the council, expressing the desire to aid the railway, and stating in what way and for what amount, "and the council shall within six weeks after the receipt of such petition by the clerk of the municipality, introduce a by-law to the effect petitioned for, and submit the same for the approval of the qualified voters." The company were empowered to construct a railway from Barrie or some other point on the line of the North Ry., passing through certain named townships, to Penetanguishene, and to extend it from some point in the township of Vespra to connect with the Northern, or with the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Ry. A by-law to aid the company by a bonus of \$100,000, reciting that the city of Toronto was interested in securing a railway connection with the townships through which the line would pass, was introduced, on a proper petition, and read twice in the council; but on motion to go into committee on the by-law it was resolved, by a vote of fourteen to seven, that it would be unwise, in view of the large increase of the city debt, to incur further liability to aid a railway totally disconnected with the city and more than sixty miles from it; and that the council in the interest of the citizens, felt it to be their duty to refuse to submit it to the ratepayers.—Held, affirming the judgment of Gwynne, J., that the council should not be compelled to submit the by-law; and a nisi for a mandamus was discharged with costs. *Semble*, that it was for the council to decide whether the corporation were "interested in securing the construction of the railway"; but that if it was a question for the Court, the materials before them would not warrant a decision in the affirmative. *Quaere*, per Gwynne, J., whether the provisional directors of the company had any status to warrant their application for such writ. *Semble*, that at all events,

the by-law submitted should contain proper conditions as to the expenditure of the money, &c., as contemplated by the statute. In re North Simcoe Ry. Co. and the City of Toronto, 36 U.C.Q.B. 101.

BONUS; MUNICIPAL LOAN; MORTGAGE OF RAILWAY EQUIPMENT.

The municipality of B., being interested in the completion of a railway, by a by-law agreed to lend the company, in municipal loan fund debentures, £100,000, for securing the repayment of which the company executed to the municipality a mortgage on all their property, which, by a statute, was declared to be valid and binding as well against all the property of the company already owned by them as that which they might afterwards acquire; and which by a subsequent agreement made for the settlement of certain suits pending between the parties, it was agreed should be advanced to the company in certain proportions as the work progressed. In compliance with a requisition of the company for funds, "for work done, and material furnished, and right of way, etc., for the use of the railway," the municipal council directed their bankers to hand over to the company an amount of the debentures, which, upon their being handed over, were immediately seized by the sheriff, under an execution at the suit of the bankers. Upon a bill filed for the delivery up of the debentures—Held, that so far as the debentures were required for the payment of the right of way, rolling stock ready to be delivered, and other materials not yet become the property of the company, they were impressed with a trust to be applied by the company to the payment of those demands. *Brockville v. Sherwood*, 7 Gr. Ch. 297.

BONUS; NOTICE OF BY-LAW; BRIBERY.

In giving notice submitting a by-law, granting aid to a railway company for the approval of the ratepayers, the officers whose duty it was to give such notice had not posted up the clauses of the Municipal Act in reference to bribery, in the manner required by the Act.—Held, no ground for quashing the by-law. *West Gwillimbury v. Simcoe*, 20 Gr. Ch. 211.

BONUS; NOTICE OF BY-LAW; FAILURE TO SEAL.

Held, that the notice of a by-law for the granting of aid by a municipality to a railway company, should be published in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Acts.—Held, also, that the objection to a by-law that it was not sealed when submitted to the electors, was untenable. *Jenkins v. Corporation of County of Elgin*, 21 U.C.C.P. 325.

BONUS; NOTICE OF BY-LAW; IRREGULARITY.

The 14 and 15 Vict. c. 51, s. 18, directs that a copy of the by-law (to take stock in a railway) shall be inserted at least four times in each newspaper printed within the limits of the municipality; but the Court refused to quash a by-law under which a large sum had been borrowed, because it had been published three times only in one of two papers. A full copy of the by-law was not published, but at the time of passing a clause was added appointing a day on which it should come into operation, and directing that the debt should be payable within twenty years from that day, while in another clause the debentures were made payable in twenty years from their dates. The Court, however:—Held, that whether the 14 and 15 Vict. c. 51, s. 18, sub-s. 3, or 16 Vict. c. 22, s. 2, sub-s. 4, were to govern, this was an irregularity for which they were not bound to quash. *Boulton v. Town Council of the Town of Peterborough*, 16 U.C.Q.B. 380.

BONUS; PUBLIC AID; DEBENTURES; MANDAMUS.

Held, following the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada, in *Re Grand Junction Ry. Co. v. Peterborough*, 8 Can. S.C.R. 76, that a writ of mandamus to compel the issue of debentures by a municipal corporation under a by-law in aid of a railway, will not be granted upon motion, but the applicant must bring his action. In *re Canada Atlantic Ry. Co. v. Township of Cambridge*, 3 O.R. 291.

BONUS; RAILWAY NOT IN EXISTENCE.

The Act incorporating the municipality of Shuniah, gave it all the powers of townships under the general municipal law, and in other sections authorized the council to make assessments for necessary expenses, and for the establishment of a lock-up house, and the salary of a constable.—Held, that this language did not prohibit the council from passing a by-law granting a bonus to a railway company, as the right of doing so when exercised rendered the payments under it necessary expenses. The fact that the railway intended to be benefited was not named, and was really not in existence when the vote on the question was to be taken, constituted no objection to the passing of a by-law for the purpose. *Vickers v. Shuniah*, 22 Gr. Ch. 410.

BONUS; REFUSAL; BRIBERY.

Right of corporation to refuse to pass a by-law granting aid to a railway company, where the assent of the electors has been procured by bribery. *Re Langdon* and

the Arthur Junction Ry. Co. et al., 45 U.C.Q.B. 47.

Carried to appeal.

BONUS; REFUSAL TO GRANT; MANDAMUS.

Before the Court will grant a mandamus to a municipal corporation to pass or submit a by-law to the electors granting a railway bonus, a distinct demand upon and refusal by the corporation to pass or submit the by-law must be shewn. *P.*, a member of defendants' council, presented a petition for a by-law granting such a bonus, on the 20th June, and on the 21st the committee to which it was referred reported favourably, adding that they had a legal opinion going to shew that it was imperative on them to submit the by-law. The Council refused to adopt this report, and on the same day *P.* moved that a by-law in accordance with the petition be then read a first time, which was lost, but it did not appear that the by-law was drawn up or presented to the council, and it was not before the Court. On the 25th, *P.* applied for a mandamus:—Held, not a sufficient demand and refusal; for the council were not bound to adopt the report, or assent to the legal opinion embodied in it, or to pass the motion for the first reading of a by-law not before them; and they were entitled to some time to consider the nature of the by-law they were required to pass and submit; and, semble, they should have had reasonable notice of the intention to make this application. *Re Peck and the Corporation of the County of Peterborough*, 34 U.C.Q.B. 129.

BONUS; RESTRAINING PASSAGE OF BY-LAW.

Where a municipality has legally a right to pass a by-law granting a sum of money, it would seem premature to apply to restrain the by-law being submitted to the ratepayers, as they might refuse to approve of the by-law. *Helm v. Port Hope*, 22 Gr. Ch. 273, distinguished. *Vickers v. The Municipality of Shuniah*, 22 Gr. Ch. 410.

DAMAGES; BREACH OF CONTRACT; DISCONTINUANCE OF RAILWAY SERVICE.

Where a railway company in breach of a contract entered into by them to run trains from the eastern part of the city of St. T. to the western part, ceased to run such trains:—Held, on a reference as to damages, that though the actual depreciation of property in the western part of the city resulting therefrom was a matter pertaining to the property owners, and not to the city yet the lessened taxation resulting from such depreciation was not too remote a fact for consideration on the reference, and such a loss in taxation which could be traced to

or reasonably connected with the company's default formed a yearly standard which might be capitalized so as to fairly represent the money compensation to which the plaintiffs were entitled. Stated broadly the enquiry was how much less benefit had been received by the municipality by reason of the railway service at one station being discontinued. Constat, that the personal loss or inconvenience suffered by travellers or citizens from the abandonment of the station, or the actual depreciation in value of the land individually owned in that neighbourhood could not be reckoned as constituents per se of the damages suffered by the corporation:—Held, also, that if the railway company admitted that they were never again going to run trains to the western end of the city, the damages should be assessed once for all, which might be done either by fixing one solid sum, or by directing a yearly payment. *City of St. Thomas v. Credit Valley Ry. Co.*, 15 O.R. 673.

RAILWAY TIES.

See Timber Licenses.

RATES.

See Tolls and Tariffs; Tickets and Fares; Street Railways.

REBATES.

See Tolls and Tariffs.

RECEIVERS.

FORECLOSURE SUIT; REPAIRS TO ROAD; AUTHORITY TO ISSUE RECEIVER'S CERTIFICATES.

In a debenture-holders' suit to enforce their security, which was against all the property of a railway company, receivers appointed to operate and manage the railway and business of the company, and maintain the road and rolling stock, were empowered to borrow a limited sum on receivers' certificates made a first charge on the company's property, in priority to the debenture security, to pay expenses incurred by them in necessary repairs and in operating the road. *Sage v. Shore Line Ry. Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 271, 2 N.B. Eq. 321.

AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT PORTION OF LINE; OBJECTION OF BONDHOLDERS; ORDER FOR SALE OF ROAD.

The Court will not grant to the receiver and manager of a railway authority to proceed with the construction of a small portion of the incomplete part of the line of railway, where it is questionable whether such construction will be of any real benefit

to the undertaking, and in the face of the opposition of these of the bondholders whose interest is largely in excess of those desiring it, and in the face of a judgment directing a sale of the road. *Ritchie v. Central Ontario Ry. Co.*; *Weddell et al. v. Ritchie et al.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 357, 7 O.L.R. 727.

APPOINTMENT; PROVINCIAL JURISDICTION.

The High Court of Justice, at the instance of a creditor of a railway company, has power to appoint a receiver, both where the company, being situate within the province, is under provincial legislative jurisdiction and where it is under Federal legislative jurisdiction, if there is no Federal legislation providing otherwise. *Wile v. Bruce Mines Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 415, 11 O.L.R. 200.

[Referred to in *Crawford v. Tilden*, 13 O.L.R. 169.]

Note on Receivers upon foreclosure; Rights of mortgagees; Working expenses for operation of road. 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 283.

Note on Powers of receivers. 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 367.

Note on Appointment of receiver on behalf of bondholders and their powers. 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 431, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 283, 285.

REFRIGERATOR CARS.

See Cars.

REFUND.

See Tolls and Tariffs.

RELEASE.

For Release by servant for injuries caused by negligence of master, see Employees.

REPAIRS.

For Repairs of crossings, see Farm Crossings; Highway Crossings; Railway Crossings; Fences and Cattle Guards.

For repair of bridges, see Bridges.

REPORTS.

See Accident Reports.

For production of reports, see Discovery.

RES IPSA LOQUITUR.

See Negligence; Street Railways; Carriers of Passengers; Employees; Crossings, Injuries at.

RESPONDEAT SUPERIOR.

See Employees; Agents.

RIGHT OF WAY.

See Expropriation; Farm Crossings; Highway Crossings; Railway Crossing.

For right to cattle passage in drainage culvert, see Drainage.

PRIVATE WAY IN STATION GROUNDS; EASEMENT; PRESCRIPTION; IMPLIED GRANT.

The defendant claimed a right of way through the plaintiffs' station grounds, at M., by virtue of open, continuous, and uninterrupted user for more than 30 years:—Held, that the right must rest upon the presumption of a grant, and if an actual grant would have been illegal and void, a grant implied from 20 years' user could not be valid. The user on which the defendant relied began in 1872. At that time the Northern Ry. Co. of Canada, through whom the plaintiffs derived title, had no power to make a sale or grant of any of their property otherwise than for the benefit and account of the railways: 12 Vict. c. 196 (C.). In 1868 the Northern Ry. was declared to be a work for the general advantage of Canada, but none of the general Railway Acts passed by the Dominion Parliament was made applicable to it until the passing of the Railway Act, 1888, ss. 3 and 5; and by s. 90 (d) the power of a railway company to sell and dispose of lands and other property was limited to so much thereof as was not necessary for the purposes of the railway. The land in question was acquired for use by the company as a railway station, and the area was within the quantity which they were authorized to acquire for the purpose:—Held, that neither at the time when the user on which the defendant relied began, nor since, was there power in the railway company to make a grant of such a right; it was not for the benefit of the railway; neither was it of lands not required for its purposes; and the defendant had, therefore, failed to establish his right. Between the lot owned by the defendant and the station grounds there was a strip of land laid out as a street which he was occupying as part of his premises:—Held, that, even assuming that he had acquired title to the strip by possession, that did not carry with it any right to a way, of necessity or otherwise, over the plaintiffs' lands in order to give him an outlet. Judgment of *Boyd, C.*, 1 O.W.R. 695, reversed; *Osler, J.A.*, dissenting. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Valliear*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 399, 7 O.L.R. 364.

[Distinguished in *Leslie v. Pere Marquette Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 219, 24 O.L.R. 206.]

PRESCRIPTIVE USER; DEDICATION.

The title to a strip of a testator's land which had been used for many years by him as a private road and which was reserved by him in his will for a public road by words which, standing alone, were insufficient to amount by themselves to a dedication of the strip for such purpose, passes to the devisees of the testator's residuary estate, and any one of such devisees is, therefore, entitled to defend such strip of land from trespass. *Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Billings*, 5 D.L.R. 455, 3 O.W.N. 1504, 22 O.W.R. 659.

RIVERS.

See Waters; Drainage.

ROADBED.

See Rails and Roadbed; Street Railways; Railway Crossings.

SALE AND FORECLOSURE.

- A. Foreclosure.
- B. Sale by Execution.
- C. Sale upon Insolvency.

For appointment of receiver upon foreclosure, see Receivers.

For rights of bondholders and mortgagees, see Bonds and Securities.

For insolvency and scheme of arrangement, see Insolvency.

A. Foreclosure.**SALE OF TRAMWAY BY SHELLEFF; LIEN FOR PRICE OF CARS.**

A company operating an electric tramway, by permission of the municipal corporation, on rails laid on public streets vested in the municipality, to secure the principal and interest of an issue of its debenture bonds hypothecated its real property, tramway, cars, etc., used in connection therewith, to trustees for the debenture-holders, and transferred the movable property of the company and its present and future revenues to the trustees. By a provincial statute, 3 Edw. VII. c. 91, s. 1 (Que.), the deed was validated and ratified. On the sale, in execution, of the tramway, as a going concern:—Held, that whether, at the time of such sale, the cars in question were movable or immovable in character, the effect of the deed and ratifying statute was to subordinate the rights of other creditors to those of the trustees, and, consequently, that unpaid vendors thereof were not entitled, under Art. 2,000 of the Civil Code of Lower Canada, to priority of

payment by privilege upon the distribution of the moneys realized on the sale in execution. In the result, the judgment appealed from, Q.R. 18 K.B. 82, was affirmed. *Can. & Soper v. New York Trust Co.*, 42 Can. S.C.R. 267.

MORTGAGE; FIXTURES; ROLLING STOCK; EXECUTION.

An electric street railway company, incorporated under the Ontario Joint Stock Companies Letters Patent Act, R.S.O. 1887, c. 157, and subject to the provisions of the Street Railway Act, R.S.O. 1887, c. 171, gave to trustees for holders of debentures of the company a mortgage upon the real estate of the company, together with all buildings, machinery, appliances, works and fixtures, etc., and also all rolling stock and all other machinery, appliances, works and fixtures, etc., to be thereafter used in connection with the said works, etc. The by-laws of the directors and shareholders (who were the same persons and only five in number) authorizing the giving of the mortgage directed it to be given upon all the real estate, plant, franchises, and income of the company, and the debentures stated that they were secured by mortgage of the real estate, franchises, rolling stock, plant, etc., acquired or to be acquired:—Held, that s. 38 of R.S.O. 1887, c. 157, does not restrict the power of mortgaging to the existing property of the company and that a company is invested with as large powers to mortgage its ordinary after acquired property as belong to a natural person; that the mortgage in terms covered after acquired property, and even if not authorized in this respect upon a strict reading of the by-laws had been acquiesced in and ratified and was binding. Judgment of a Divisional Court affirmed:—Held, also, that the rolling stock, poles, wires, etc., formed an essential part of the corpus of what must be regarded as an entire machine, and were therefore fixtures and not seizable under execution to the prejudice of the mortgagees. Judgment of *Armour, C.J.*, affirmed. *Kilpatrick v. Cornwall Electric Street Ry. Co. (Limited)*; *Bank of Montreal v. Kirkpatrick*, 2 O.L.R. 113 (C.A.).

VESTING ORDER IN FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS; REGISTRATION.

Held, that a sale of land in foreclosure proceedings is not a sale under process of law within the meaning of s. 132 of the Land Titles Act, and the Court, being satisfied that all preliminaries have been properly conducted, having confirmed the sale, and vested the land in the purchaser, such purchaser is entitled to be registered

as owner forthwith. (2) That the question of whether or not the preliminaries leading up to the sale have been properly conducted is a question for the Judge, and the decree of the Court ordering the transfer is sufficient evidence to warrant the registrar cancelling the existing certificate and issuing a new one to the purchaser. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Mang.*, 1 Sask. L.R. 219.

BONDS; MORTGAGE; DEFAULT IN PAYMENT.

A railway incorporated by provincial legislation, and which is afterwards declared to be a work for "the general advantage of Canada," can be validly sold as a going concern, where the sale is under the provisions of a mortgage, or at the instance of holders of bonds secured by a mortgage on the railway, or under any other lawful proceeding. Bonds of the railway were issued, and as security for their payment a mortgage of the railway was made to a trust company, containing a provision that in default in payment of the principal of the bonds, and on request of three-fourths of the bondholders, the trustee should immediately elect and declare the bonds to be due and payable and take proceedings for enforcing payment.—Held, that the Act 46 Vict. c. 24, ss. 14, 15, 16 (D.) (re-enacted by the present Railway Act, 51 Vict. c. 29, s. 278), although passed subsequently to the date of the mortgage, applied, and that a sale of the railway could be validly made. A consent judgment directing a sale of the railway was, under the circumstances of the case, vacated, and the defendants allowed to come in and defend. *Toronto General Trusts Corporation v. Central Ontario Ry. Co.*; *Ritchie v. Blackstock et al.*; *Central Ontario Ry. v. Blackstock et al.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 274.

[*Peto v. Welland Ry. Co.* (1862), 9 Gr. 455, and *Galt v. Erie Ry. Co.* (1868), 14 Gr. 499, distinguished; affirmed in 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 328, 8 O.L.R. 342.]

BONDS; MORTGAGE; DEFAULT IN PAYMENT; SALE OF RAILWAY.

A railway incorporated by provincial legislation, and which has been declared to be a work for "the general advantage of Canada," can, since the passing of the Act 46 Vict. c. 24, ss. 14, 15, and 16 (D), be validly sold as a going concern, where the sale is under a mortgage, or at the instance of holders of bonds secured by a mortgage on the railway, made before or after the passing of that Act, or under any other lawful proceeding. Judgment of *Boyd, C.*, 6 O.L.R. 1, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 274, affirmed. *Toronto General Trusts Corporation v. Central Ontario Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 328, 8 O.L.R. 342.

[Affirmed in 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 340, 21 T.L.R. 732, [1908] A.C. 576.]

MORTGAGE; CHARGE ON LAND AND RAILWAY; POWER OF SALE.

A railway which is subject to the legislation of the Dominion of Canada can be sold in a suit by trustees for bondholders to enforce a mortgage on the railway company's railway, lands, and franchises. Semble, a railway which is subject exclusively to the law of the Province of Ontario cannot be sold in a suit to enforce such a mortgage. Decision of the Court of Appeal for Ontario (8 O.L.R. 342, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 328) affirmed. *Central Ontario Ry. Co. v. Trusts and Guarantee Co. (Limited)*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 340, 21 T.L.R. 732, [1908] A.C. 576.

RAILWAY BONDS; POWER OF SALE; NOTICE; ABORTIVE AUCTION SALE; SUBSEQUENT PRIVATE SALE; BONA FIDE PURCHASERS FOR VALUE.

As collateral security to a promissory note the makers deposited with a bank certain railway bonds, and, by memorandum of hypothecation, authorized the bank, upon default, "from time to time to sell the said securities . . . by giving fifteen days' notice in one daily paper published in the city of Ottawa . . . with power to the bank to buy in and re-sell without being liable for any loss occasioned thereby." Default having been made, notice of intention to sell was duly published, and, pursuant to the notice, the bonds were offered for sale at public auction, after two postponements at the request of the pledgors, but no sale was made for want of bidders. The bank afterwards made a private sale of the bonds without any further advertisement.—Held, that the words "by giving" in the memorandum were equivalent to "after giving" or "first giving" or "giving," and the condition of publication of the notice having been performed, the power to sell arose and might be exercised afterwards without a fresh notice.—Held, also, that there was nothing upon the evidence to shew that the purchasers were not bona fide purchasers for value or that they had any reason to suppose that the bank were not authorized to sell; and under these circumstances the construction of the power of sale should not be strained against the purchasers. *Toronto General Trusts Corporation v. Central Ontario Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 344, 7 O.L.R. 660.
[Reversed in 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 359, 10 O.L.R. 347.]

RAILWAY BONDS; POWER OF SALE; NOTICE; ABORTIVE AUCTION SALE; SUBSEQUENT PRIVATE SALE.

As collateral security to a promissory note

the makers deposited with a bank 300 railway bonds, and, by a memorandum of hypothecation authorized the bank, upon default, "from time to time to sell the said securities . . . by giving 15 days' notice in one daily paper published in the city of Ottawa . . . with power to the bank to buy in and resell without being liable for any loss occasioned thereby":—Held, reversing the judgment of Street, J., 7 O.L.R. 660, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 344, Osler, J.A., dissenting; that the power was to sell by auction, and that the bank had no power to sell by private contract. Semble, that, even if there was power to sell by private contract, the sale made to the respondents could not, upon the evidence as to the methods adopted, be supported, they having notice that the bank held the bonds as pledgees. *Toronto General Trusts Corporation v. Central Ontario Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 359, 10 O.L.R. 347.

MORTGAGE OF STREET RAILWAY; FORECLOSURE; APPOINTMENT OF RECEIVER.

In an action for the foreclosure of a mortgage, for possession of the property mortgaged and for a receiver, which mortgage was executed by a street railway company for the purpose of securing payment of an issue of bonds and which expressly provided that until default should be made in payment of the interest on the bonds or some part thereof, the mortgagors or their assigns should be suffered to use, occupy, possess, manage, operate, etc., the property covered by the mortgage and contained no express provision entitling the mortgagees to possession or to a receiver on the non-performance or non-observance of the covenants in the mortgage, and the interest in arrears which had caused the mortgagees to bring the action having been paid to, and received by them after the commencement of the action on the day preceding the trial, the mortgagees could not contend that they were entitled to possession of the mortgaged property and to the appointment of a receiver on the grounds that the mortgagors had committed breaches of their covenants contained in the mortgage, their remedy being on the covenants themselves. *National Trust Co. v. Brantford Street Ry. Co.*, 4 D.L.R. 301, 3 O.W.N. 1615.

[Reversed in 11 D.L.R. 837.]

B. Sale by Execution.

SALE BY JUDICIAL ORDER; EXECUTION.

The sale by judicial order of two adjoining parcels of land "with a common right of way between them" has the same effect as a sale by the execution debtor

since the plaintiff exercises the latter's rights and acts as his agent and the sheriff is only the ministerial officer as a notary would be in a sale by private contract, therefore the adjudication under the above conditions constitute a servitude of passage by destination of the head of the family all the essential elements required by Art. 551 C.C. being present. *Rosaire v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 42 Que. S.C. 517 (Sup. Ct.).

SEIZURE OF RAILWAY; STRIP OF LAND NOT INCLUDED IN FIRST SEIZURE.

A railway was seized and sold by sheriff's sale to the present opponent. It was described as fifty feet in width, but the greater part of the line was actually sixty-six feet wide. The present plaintiff now caused the line to be seized again, but stated exceptions from the seizure, which exceptions really included the entire road less the surplus width:—Held, that the seizure was irregular and illegal, the adjudication by the sheriff being of a specific object, fenced at the time of the sale, and known as consisting of the property so enclosed. The error as to the width was immaterial, unless it were to give a ground of action by the defendant to have the sale set aside. Moreover, a railway can only be seized as an entirety, which had not been done in the present case. *Carter v. Montreal and Sorel Ry. Co.*, 23 Que. S.C. 3 (Archibald, J.).

C. Sale upon Insolvency.

SALE OF A RAILWAY TO A COMPANY BY ITS PROMOTERS.

A syndicate of four persons procured a Quebec Act incorporating a railway company which they had promoted and subscribed for \$300,000 of the company's shares (being all that were issued), and were, with others whom they had qualified, elected directors. They then purchased a railway themselves, and the incorporated company, being empowered so to do by their Act, purchased the said railway from them for \$648,000, paying for it by taking credit for the said subscription and acknowledging indebtedness to the said four persons of the balance of \$348,000 in equal shares. On the insolvency of the said incorporated company and of another company with which it had been amalgamated, their railways were sold, and the respondent company, to whom the syndicate's claim had been assigned, claimed to rank as creditors against the proceeds of sale:—Held, that the claim must be allowed. The incorporating Act authorized the purchase, and, whether or not the price was excessive, every one interested in the capital of the company concurred in the purchase with

full knowledge of all the circumstances. *Salomon v. Salomon*, [1897] A.C. 22, followed. Judgment of the Supreme Court of Canada, which affirmed the decision of the Exchequer Court sub. nom. *Minister of Railways v. Quebec Southern Ry.*, 10 Can. Exch. R. 139, affirmed by the Privy Council. *Attorney-General for Canada v. Standard Trust Company of New York*, [1911] A.C. 498.

SALE OF RAILWAY UNDER SPECIAL ACT.

By 4-5 Edw. VII. c. 158, respecting the South Shore Ry. Co. and the Quebec Southern Ry. Co., the Parliament of Canada, among other things, provided that the Exchequer Court might order the sale of the railways mentioned and their accessories as soon as possible and convenient after the passing of the Act, and that such railways and their accessories, respectively, should be sold separately or together as, in the opinion of the Exchequer Court, would be best for the interests of the creditors of the said companies. An order for such sale was made and tenders received in accordance therewith:—Held, that in respect of the tenders so received, the statute left it to the Court to determine which of them it was in the best interests of the creditors to accept. (2) That, inasmuch as if the property were sold in part to one purchaser and in part to another, two new and diverse interests would arise, and it would be necessary to divide the property both real and personal, and to make two transfers instead of one, it was in the best interests of the creditors, as well as of the public, to accept a tender for the property as a whole, although such tender was for a less sum, by some \$3,000, than the aggregate of two separate tenders for distinct portions of the whole property. *Minister of Railways v. Quebec Southern Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Exch. R. 139 [affirmed by the S.C. of Canada].

RIGHTS OF PURCHASE OF RAILWAY AT SALE; INCORPORATION OF COMPANY; DIRECTORS' SALARY; SET-OFF.

A purchaser of a railway does not acquire an absolute right to the railway. What he acquires is an interim right to operate the railway to be followed up by incorporation as provided by s. 280 of 51 Vict. c. 29. (See now s. 299 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37.) (2) While an independent purchaser buying with his own money and selling at an enhanced price to a company, with full disclosure and without fraud, can claim his profit, promoters, who stand in a fiduciary relationship to the company, cannot take such profit. Hence, where promoters bought with the moneys of a company incorporated

by themselves, to whom they turned over the property, they were not permitted to recover against the company any profits on the transaction. (3) A resolution of shareholders is necessary to authorize the payment of salaries to directors of a company. (4) Having regard to the provisions of arts. 1031 and 1187 C.C.P.Q., creditors were allowed by the referee to set off the claims of certain debtors, officers of the company, for salaries taken by them without proper authority, and for expenditures made by them out of the company's funds for a purpose ultra vires of the company. No objection was taken to this ruling before the referee, and the Court, on appeal from his report, confirmed such ruling, but expressed some doubt as to the jurisdiction of the referee to set off such claims. *Minister of Railways and Canals v. Quebec Southern Ry. Co.*, *Hodge's Claim*, 12 Can. Exch. R. 11.

JUDICIAL SALE OF RAILWAYS; INTERESTED BIDDER; COUNSEL AND SOLICITORS.

Solicitors and counsel retained in proceedings for the sale of property are not within the classes of persons disqualified as purchasers by article 1484 of the Civil Code of Lower Canada. The Act, 4 & 5 Edw. VII. c. 158, directed the sale of certain railways separately or together as in the opinion of the Exchequer Court might be for the best interests of creditors, in such mode as that Court might provide, and that such sale should have the same effect as a sheriff's sale of immovables under the laws of the Province of Quebec. The Judge of the Exchequer Court directed the sale to be by tender for the railways en bloc or for the purchase of each or any two of the lines of which they were constituted:—Held, that the Judge had properly exercised the discretion vested in him by the statute in accepting a tender for the whole system, in preference to two separate tenders for the several lines of railway at a slightly increased amount, and that his decision should not be disturbed on appeal. *Rutland Railroad Co. v. Béique and Minister of Railways*, *White v. Béique and Minister of Railways*, *Morgan v. Béique and Minister of Railways*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 421, 37 Can. S.C.R. 303.

SALE OF LAND.

See Title to Land.

For the purpose of railway, see Expropriation.

SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT.

See Insolvency.

SECTION MEN.

For regulation of section men, see Board of Railway Commissioners.

SECURITY FOR COSTS.

See Pleading and Practice.

SEIZURE OF RAILWAY.

See Sale and Foreclosure.

SENIORITIES.

See Railway Crossings, Wire Crossings, Highway Crossings.

SERVICE OF PROCESS.

See Pleading and Practice.

SHARES.

DISTRIBUTION OF SHARES; HASTY PROCEEDINGS; "GENERAL ADVANTAGE OF CANADA."

Meetings of shareholders of a company called according to the distribution of shares for an hour named should not be proceeded with in haste as soon as such hour arrives, but a reasonable delay should be accorded to tardy representatives. Hence, a meeting called for twelve o'clock noon for the election of directors, which is opened by the shareholders present at one minute after twelve and proceeds with the election and constitution of a board of directors, the proceedings being terminated and the meeting closed at ten minutes past twelve, should be deemed, because of such precipitation, as made in fraud of the absent shareholders and should be declared illegal and null. When an Act of the Parliament of Canada declares a provincial railroad a work for the general advantage of Canada, the Railway Act, 1903 (Can.), applies as well to the railway as to the company constructing or operating it to the exclusion of incompatible provisions of the Provincial Act constituting such company, especially in matters respecting the mode of, and formalities for, raising the capital stock. *Armstrong v. McGibbon*, Q.R. 15 K.B. 345.

TRANSFER ON COMPANY'S BOOKS; MANDAMUS TO ENFORCE TRANSFER.

The owner of two shares of stock in the defendants' railway, assigned them to the plaintiff, endorsing the assignment on the certificate. The plaintiff called at the head office and demanded that the necessary transfer should be made on the company's books, and also saw the president; and after some correspondence, the transfer not having been made, he procured a duplicate assignment of the stock, and placed the matter in the hands of his solicitor, who

thereupon wrote the company demanding a transfer, and enclosed one of the duplicate assignments, and stated that he would attend on a named hour, ready to surrender the certificate, and have the transfer completed, and, on receiving a reply that it could not then be attended to, this action was brought, in which an order for a mandamus was claimed. An interlocutory order made by a Judge in Chambers directing a mandamus to issue, was, on appeal to the Divisional Court, set aside, and the matter left for decision at the trial. *Nelles v. Windsor, Essex and Lake Shore Rapid Ry. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 367, 16 O.L.R. 350.

LIMITATION OF ISSUE.

The provisions of the Railway Act as to the organization of railway companies and the amount of stock subscriptions are provisions made for the protection of the public and must be strictly followed. Re *Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Co.*, 10 D.L.R. 723, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 289.

Note on transfer of shares and mandamus compelling same. 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 373.

SHIPPING BILL.

See Bills of Lading; Carriers of Goods.

SHIPPING SYSTEM.

See Cars; Train Service; Stations; Interchange of Traffic; Tolls and Tariffs.

SHUNTING CARS.

For injuries received while shunting cars, see Employees; Crossings, Injuries at.

SIGNALS AND WARNINGS.

See Crossings; Injuries at; Street Railways; Negligence; Employees; Fences and Cattle Guards; Railway Crossings; Highway Crossings.

LOOKOUT; SIGNALS.

A number of railway cars which are connected and are forced backward by the concussion made in coupling will constitute a "train" before getting under way in a forward direction, and where there is a statutory obligation to station a brakeman on the last car of a train moving reversely, the railway must station the brakeman on the car last coupled, although the reverse motion is used only in the operation of taking on that car. *Helson v. Morrissey, Fernie and Michel Ry. Co.*, 1 D.L.R. 33, 19 W.L.R. 835, 17 B.C.R. 65.

[*Hollinger v. C.P.R.*, 20 Ont. App. R. 244, 250, approved.]

SIGNATURE.

See Contracts.

SLEEPING BERTH.

See Carriers of Passengers.

SMOKING CAR.

See Carriers of Passengers.

SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE.

For specific performance of order of Railway Board requiring protection of highways, see Highway Crossings.

For specific performance for the sale of lands for railway purposes, see Title to Lands.

For specific performance of agreements affecting street railways, see Street Railways.

Whether mandamus, injunction, specific performance or damages is the proper remedy for the enforcement of covenants by railway companies. Ed. Note, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 294.

SPUR TRACKS.

See Branch Lines and Sidings.

STABLES.

See Warehouses, Yards and Workshops.

STATEMENT OF CLAIM.

See Pleading and Practice.

STATIONS.

A. Duty to Provide; Safety.

B. Bus Line; Hackmen.

C. Injuries at Stations.

For agreements respecting telephones in railway stations, see Telegraph and Telephones.

For injury to passenger crossing tracks at station, see Carriers of Passengers.

For expropriation of lands for station purposes, see Expropriation.

For injuries to employees at stations, see Employees.

A. Duty to Provide; Safety.

FLAG STATION; AGENTS; ANNUAL EARNINGS; GRAIN SHIPMENTS.

Under ss. 30 (g), 258, 284 (1) (a) & (3) of the Railway Act, the Board has jurisdiction to require a railway company, to erect and maintain platforms or freight sheds or any other structures or works that may

be deemed reasonably necessary for the protection of property or the public at stopping places on the railway (known as flag stations) used for unloading and delivering traffic. At such stations a suitable shelter or waiting room should be erected for both passengers and freight, provided with a door and windows, proper platforms and approaches. At stations where the total freight and passenger earnings amount to \$15,000 per annum, the company should appoint and maintain permanent agents; at points where the business consists principally of shipping grain, and such shipments amount to at least 50,000 bushels, agents should be appointed and maintained during the grain shipping season; at points of shipment where a telegraph operator is located for the handling of trains he should be provided with the necessary equipment to handle all traffic thereat. [Flag Station Case.] Winnipeg Jobbers, etc., v. Canadian Pacific, etc., Ry. Cos., 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 151.

STATION FACILITIES; FOREIGN RAILWAY; OPERATION IN CANADA; THROUGH TRAFFIC.

An application was made to the Board for an order directing the Great Northern Ry. Co. to construct a platform and station building. The New Westminster Southern, a provincial railway, incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of British Columbia, had not been declared a work "for the general advantage of Canada." The trains of the Great Northern, a foreign railway, used the line of the New Westminster Southern as a connecting line between its line in the State of Washington and Vancouver in British Columbia. The latter company was not shewn to have any rolling stock or equipment, or so far as operation was concerned to be in any way a separate organization from the former.—Held, (1) that the Great Northern, a foreign railway, is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board in so far as it operates in Canada. (2) That the New Westminster Southern, a provincial railway, although not declared to be a work "for the general advantage of Canada," but connecting with a railway subject to the jurisdiction of the Board, is, by s. 8 (b) as regards through traffic upon it, and all matters appertaining thereto, subject to the Railway Act. (3) That station facilities are matters appertaining to through traffic. (4) That proper facilities should be provided for the safety and convenience of the public using the trains of the Great Northern Railway. (5) If the Great Northern desires to apply for leave to appeal upon the question of jurisdiction, the issue of the order may be delayed for 30 days, but, if not, the size and location of the station and platform

may be defined by an engineer of the Board. *Thrift v. New Westminster Southern and Great Northern Ry. Cos.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 205.

[Followed in *Stewart, etc., v. Napierville Junction Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 399.]

STATIONS; ACCOMMODATION OF TRAFFIC.

The Board of Railway Commissioners has power to order a railway company whose line is completed and in operation to provide a station at any place where it is required to afford proper accommodation for the traffic on the road. *Idington and Duff, J.J., dissenting. Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Department of Agriculture*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 84, 42 Can. S.C.R. 557.

STATIONS AND FACILITIES; FOREIGN RAILWAYS.

An application to direct the respondent to furnish adequate station accommodation and satisfactory train service on its line of railway. The respondent, a Canadian railway, incorporated by the Province of Quebec, was operated by the Delaware and Hudson Ry. Co., a foreign company, through its agent and subsidiary company, the Quebec, Montreal and Southern Ry. Co., another Canadian company:—Held, (1) that the respondent company was not a separate organization and that there was no separate management. (2) That under sub-s. 3 of s. 258 of the Railway Act the Board had jurisdiction to direct the respondent, subsidized by the Parliament of Canada, to maintain and operate suitable stations with suitable accommodation or facilities. (3) That under s. 11 of 8 & 9 Edw. VII., Railway Act amendment, the Delaware-Hudson and Quebec, Montreal and Southern Ry. Cos. were both subject to direction to maintain proper train service and facilities upon this section of the line. *Thrift v. New Westminster Southern and Great Northern Ry. Cos.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 205, followed, *Stewart and Village of St. Cyprien v. Napierville Junction Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 399.

LOCATION; DISTANCE APART; SPARSELY SETTLED LOCALITY.

Applications for an order directing the respondent to erect and maintain stations at Kitsumkalum and Stewart's Landing. The respondent proposed to locate stations at Littleton and Copper River, and if these applications were granted there would be four stations within less than eleven miles in a sparsely settled locality. The location of a station at Kitsumkalum would involve a yard on a grade with a bridge over a river at one end and a highway crossing in the neck of the yard, while a station at Stewart's Landing would be about three miles norther-

ly from Littleton and about two miles southerly from Copper River:—Held, that the application must be refused, and the locations proposed by the respondent approved. *Eby et al. v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 22.

[Followed in *Forward Townsite v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 377.]

REGULAR AND FLAG STATIONS; FREIGHT AGENT; ACCOMMODATION.

After stations with regular equipment had been maintained at French and Rutter, six miles apart, from 1908 to 1911, Rutter was made a flag station, part of the business was transferred to French, the agent removed and a night operator left in his place. Upon complaint by residents (representing that a population of 2,500 was dependent upon the station), the Board, upon the report of its inspector, ordered the railway company (1) to keep a caretaker to look after freight, express and mail matter at the station from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, except Sunday. (2) To see that its conductors sold tickets to people boarding trains at Rutter, and their baggage checked without charge, and condemned the practice of leaving freight and express matter in open sheds at flag stations. Per *Mr. Commissioner McLean*:—(1) The railway company had not justified the removal of the agent. (2) The general policy laid down in the Flag Station case, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 151, has not been modified. (3) By Order No. 6242, railway companies are released from liability for goods unloaded at flag stations where there is no agent. [Rutter Station Case.] *Rutter Station Patrons v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 1, 8 D.L.R. 711.

STATION; LOCATION OF; CHANGE IN.

After approving the location of a station upon a certain lot, the Board will not approve another location of the same station upon a different lot when the railway company has refused to carry out its original contract with the owner of the first lot. The Board of Railway Commissioners, on fixing the location for a railway station on the Transcontinental Railway at one of two conflicting sites proposed by representatives of settlements closely situated to each other and bearing similar names, will not restrain the location of a second station at the other site on the application of the railway on a case for additional facilities being made out. [Hazelton, B.C., Townsite Case.] *Kelly v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 15, 5 D.L.R. 303.

GOVERNMENTAL CONTROL; DUTY AS TO STATIONS; LOCATION; UNJUST DISCRIMINATION.

In deciding between conflicting applications for the location of a station, the Board should only intervene in the case of unjust discrimination between the railway company and the landowners. In deciding upon a location of a station, the Board should not deal with the possible growth of a new town, but should ensure that the patrons of the railway should be provided with proper facilities in the public interest. *Druid Landowners v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 20, 7 D.L.R. 884.

STATIONS; LOCATION.

The Board refused an application for an order directing a railway company to establish a station at the crossing of another railway about two miles distant from its existing station, where a townsite had been located, elevators erected and a municipality organized, the usual distance between stations being eight or ten miles. [*Forward Townsite Case.*] *Town of Forward v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 377.

[*Eby et al. v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 22, followed.]

SAFETY OF STATIONS, APPROACHES AND PLATFORMS; RAILWAY; BREACH OF STATUTORY DUTY; NEGLECT TO FURNISH SUITABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR PASSENGERS AT STATION; ABSENCE OF STATION HOUSE.

Morrison v. Pere Marquette Ry. Co., 4 O.W.N. 544, 27 O.L.R. 271, affirming judgment of *Britton, J.*, 4 O.W.N. 186.

DUTY AS TO DEPOTS; STOPPING PLACES; BOARD OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS; REGULATION OF LOCATION OF STATIONS AND SIDINGS; RAILWAYS EXPLOITING TOWNSITE; DISREGARD OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE.

Re *Cutknife Stations*, 7 D.L.R. 844, 21 W.L.R. 382.

GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION; LOCATION OF STATION; ENGINEERING DIFFICULTIES; PUBLIC CONVENIENCE.

Re *South Hazelton*, 8 D.L.R. 1036, 22 W.L.R. 445.

STOPPING PLACES.

The Board of Railway Commissioners will not permit a railway company to change the places at which its predecessors in title were compelled to make stops where by its Act of incorporation the municipal by-laws granting franchises for the building of road and designating such stopping places were continued in force. Re *London and Lake*

Erie Transportation Co., 10 D.L.R. 11, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 92.

NEGLECT TO FURNISH ACCOMMODATION FOR PASSENGERS AT STATION; EXPOSURE OF PASSENGER TO COLD.

Where a wrongful act has occasioned exposure to the weather, and illness has resulted from such exposure, such illness is not to be regarded as due to an intervening independent cause. The rule with regard to remoteness of damage is the same whether the damages are claimed in an action of contract or of tort. The inquiry is, what is the natural and probable consequence of the breach? *Hobbs v. London and South Western Ry. Co.* (1875), L.R. 10 Q.E. 111, distinguished. *McMahon v. Field* (1881), 7 Q.B.D. 591, and *The Notting Hill* (1884), 9 F.D. 105, specially referred to:—Aud held, in this case, affirming the judgment of *Britton, J.*, 27 O.L.R. 271, that the plaintiff was entitled to recover for his loss of health occasioned by the defendants' default and neglect and breach of statutory obligation; and that the jury had rightly measured the full amount of his damage: ss. 284 (1) (a), (7), and 427 (2), of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37. The amendment to the Railway Act, by 7 & 8 Edw. VII. c. 60, s. 10, shews that, even if the Board of Railway Commissioners had a right to interfere, the action of the person aggrieved was not taken away. *Morrison v. Pere Marquette Ry. Co.*, 12 D.L.R. 344, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 406, 27 O.L.R. 551.

[Affirmed in 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 406, 12 D.L.R. 344, 28 O.L.R. 319.]

FAILURE TO PROVIDE; EXPOSURE OF PASSENGER TO ELEMENTS.

The failure of a railway company to provide a suitable station house at a regular stopping place, as required by s. 284 of the Canada Railway Act, renders it liable for the resultant illness occasioned a passenger from exposure to the elements while waiting at night for a train. *Morrison v. Pere Marquette Ry. Co.*, 12 D.L.R. 344, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 406, 28 O.L.R. 319.

[*Morrison v. Pere Marquette Ry. Co.*, 4 O.W.N. 544, 27 O.L.R. 551, affirmed.]

B. Bus Line; Hackmen.

BUS LINE; ACCESS TO STATION; REGULATIONS.

Application directing the respondent to order its agent at South Saskatoon to cease unjust discrimination against the applicant in preventing him, by placing obstacles in his way, from soliciting and obtaining passengers for his bus line. The respondent's station agent had refused to allow the appli-

cant to back up to the station platform, so as to meet passengers conveniently, particularly in the wet weather, even when he had made arrangements to meet certain parties. The applicant was convicted as a trespasser for creating a noise and disturbance on the platform shouting for passengers and disobeying the orders of the station agent. The respondent had made an exclusive contract with the Saskatoon Forwarding Company to carry incoming passengers from its South Saskatoon Station to Saskatoon. The assistant solicitor of the respondent wrote to the Board that the railway company insisted that the applicant keep off their railway premises as soon as he had delivered his passengers for outgoing trains: Held, (1) that, under s. 317 of the Railway Act, all railway companies were required to afford to all persons reasonable and proper facilities for receiving traffic (passengers). (2) That it was the right and duty of the respondent to make reasonable regulations respecting the conveyance of passengers to and from its trains and platforms. (3) That the respondent had absolute control over the conduct of people on its platforms and on its grounds and to direct where conveyances should stand awaiting passengers. (4) That it was not open to the respondent to enter into an exclusive contract for the conveyance of passengers from its station. (5) That the applicant must be granted substantially equal privileges with any other cab or hack driver for receiving traffic from incoming trains. (6) That the respondent should be restrained from unjustly discriminating in favour of the Saskatoon Forwarding Company or any other transportation agency as against the applicant. *Purcell v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 194.

[South Western Produce Distributors v. Wabash Ry. Co., 20 I.C.C.R. 458; *Donovan v. Pennsylvania Ry. Co.*, 199 U.S. 279, distinguished; affirmed in 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 314.]

STATION GROUND; REASONABLE REGULATIONS.

An appeal from the judgment of the Board restraining the respondent from unjustly discriminating in favour of the Saskatoon Forwarding Co., or any other transportation agency, against the applicant, was dismissed with respect to the existing special circumstances, but without intending by such dismissal to cast any doubt upon the right of the appellants to take such steps as may be necessary to maintain order within the limits of its station ground. *Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co. v. Purcell*, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 314.

[*Purcell v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 194, affirmed.]

HACKS, CARRIAGES; EXCLUSIVE PRIVILEGES; DISCRIMINATION.

The grant by a railway company to one transfer or bus company of the exclusive privilege of soliciting passengers on depot property is not an unjust discrimination against another transfer company within the inhibition of ss. 254, 317, of the Railway Act (R.S.C. 1906, c. 37), which prevents discrimination between passengers, shippers and consignees of freight, but does not concern the agencies employed for receiving or delivering traffic, at, to, or from railway stations. *Purcell v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 194, distinguished. Since a railway station is private property as between a railway company and the general public excepting persons who have occasion to use it for the purpose of transportation, the company may grant the exclusive privilege to a bus or transfer company of soliciting within its stations the carriage of passengers and baggage. A railway company cannot prohibit the receipt and discharge of passengers and baggage at station platforms by all but one bus or transfer company, although reasonable regulations may be imposed on the privilege; since the railway company's duty to its passengers requires that adequate and suitable accommodations be furnished for the arrival and departure of passengers and their baggage from stations by such means as the latter may desire to employ. *Purcell v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 194; *Donovan v. Pennsylvania Co.*, 199 U.S.R. 279; *South Western Produce Distributors v. Wabash Ry. Co.*, 20 Interstate Commerce R. 458; and *Crosby v. Richmond Transfer Co.*, 23 Interstate Commerce R. 72, referred to. *Twin City Transfer Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 11 D.L.R. 744, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 323.

C. Injuries at Stations.

STATION BUILDINGS; PLANKED WAY; INVENTION TO PUBLIC TO USE; DUTY OF COMPANY.

The approach to a station of the Grand Trunk Ry. from the highway was by a planked walk crossing several tracks, and a train stopping at the station sometimes overlapped this walk, making it necessary to pass round the rear car to reach the platform. J., intending to take a train at this station before daylight, went along the walk as his train was coming in, and seeing, apparently, that it would overlap, started to go round the rear, when he was struck by a shunting engine and killed. It was the duty of this shunting engine to assist in moving the train on a ferry, and it came down the adjoining track for that purpose

before the train had stopped. Its headlight was burning brightly, and the bell was kept ringing. There was room between the two tracks for a person to stand in safety. In an action by the widow of J. against the company:—Held, Fournier and Gwynne, J.J., dissenting, that the company had neglected no duty which it owed to the deceased as one of the public:—Held, per Strong and Patterson, J.J., that, while the public were invited to use the planked walk to reach the station, and also to use the company's premises, when necessary, to pass around a train covering the walk, there was no implied guaranty that the traffic of the road should not proceed in the ordinary way, and the company was under no obligation to provide special safeguards for persons attempting to pass round a train in motion:—Held, per Taschereau, J., that the death of the deceased was caused by his own negligence. The decision of the Court of Appeal, 16 Ont. App. R. 37, was affirmed. *Jones v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co. of Canada*, 18 Can. S.C.R. 696.

ACCOMMODATION STATION AT RAILWAY CROSSING; INJURY TO PASSENGER CROSSING TRACK.

A passenger aboard a railway train, storm-bound at a place called Lucan Crossing, on the Grand Trunk Ry., left the train and attempted to walk through the storm to his home, a few miles distant. Whilst proceeding along the line of the railway, in the direction of an adjacent public highway, he was struck by a locomotive engine and killed. There was no depot or agent maintained by the company at Lucan Crossing, but a room in a small building there was used as a waiting room, passenger tickets were sold and fares charged to and from this point, and, for a number of years, travellers had been allowed to make use of the permanent way in order to reach the nearest highways, there being no other passage way provided. In an action by his administrators for damages:—Held, Taschereau and King, J.J., dissenting, that, notwithstanding the long user of the permanent way in passing to and from the highways by passengers taking and leaving the company's trains, the deceased could not, under the circumstances, be said to have been there by the invitation or license of the company at the time he was killed and that the action would not lie. *Grand Trunk Ry. of Canada v. Anderson et al.*, 28 Can. S.C.R. 541.

[Referred to in *Burke v. British Columbia Elec. Ry. Co.*, 7 B.C.R. 88.]

STATION BUILDINGS; DANGEROUS WAY; INVITATION OR LICENSE.

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[Referred to in *Anderson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 24 A.R. (Ont.) 372; *Tabb v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 8 O.L.R. 203.]

APPROACH TO STATION; GUARDS; RATE OF SPEED; OBSTRUCTION.

When a railway train approaches a station, at the ordinary speed (twelve miles an hour) at which a train prepares to stop, at a place where the Railway Commission has not ordered guards to be put, and which is not shewn to be a populous part of a city, town or village, and where all the warnings required by law have been given, the company is not liable for an accident caused by the engine striking a carriage driven in an imprudent manner and at an excessive pace, even when freight cars, placed on a siding, have obstructed the view of the arriving train, the company having a right to utilize the sidings for the

purpose of stationing such cars there. *Filiatrat v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 18 Que. S.C. 491.

DANGEROUS WAY TO STATION; SLOPING PLATFORM.

The plaintiff, a contractor for supplying milk to the defendant's dining cars, after having delivered the milk in the freight shed, was returning with the empty milk cans, as was his usual practice. He was proceeding around the south-west corner of the station, down a sloping platform, at a run, when just at that time a train on the shunting track, which he had to cross, arrived a short distance north of the sloping platform and the sidewalk which lead from it across the track. The plaintiff fell and the hind trucks of the nearest car passed over his foot:—Held, (1) that the sloping platform was a dangerous way under the circumstances and its structure in that way negligent. (2) The omission to ring a bell or blow a whistle or give some other proper signal to indicate the approach of the train, and that the engine was backing down the shunting track at an excessive and dangerous rate of speed, were acts of negligence. (3) The proximate cause of the accident was not the heedlessness of the plaintiff in running, but the dangerous character of the sloping platform, which prevented him from avoiding the accident when he perceived his danger. *Hansen v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 429, 4 West. L.R. 385.

[Affirmed in 40 Can. S.C.R. 194, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 441; adhered to in *Bird v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 1 S.L.R. 270, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 314; distinguished in *Isbister v. Dominion Fish Co.*, 19 Man. L.R. 443; relied on in *Toll v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 1 A.L.R. 332.]

NON-REPAIR OF ROADWAY IN STATION GROUNDS.

Where one is injured by the want of repair of a road in the station yard of a railway company, and the road is one which is used by the public openly and constantly as a road for teams, and there is no notice or other indication that it is not intended to be so used, the fact that the company has provided another road in good repair, which might have been used, is no defence, in the absence of contributory negligence, to an action for damages for such injuries. *Thompson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co. (Ont.)*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 99, 5 D.L.R. 145.

FAILURE TO OPEN VESTIBULE DOOR AT STATION.

Where a railway company negligently omitted to open the vestibule door of a day coach on arrival at a passenger's destination, and the passenger, in his efforts to get off the train, went to the next coach

to find an open vestibule from which to alight, and the train was, by that time, pulling away from the station at a speed of three or four miles an hour, there was nothing in the rate at which the train was proceeding to make it manifestly dangerous for the plaintiff to attempt to get off, and such course on his part was not contributory negligence. *McDougal v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 8 D.L.R. 271, 4 O.W.N. 363, 23 O.W.R. 364, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 316, 27 O.L.R. 369.

[*Keith v. Ottawa and New York Ry. Co.*, 5 O.L.R. 116, applied.]

STATUTES.

See Constitutional Law.

STATUTES ADOPTED FROM ENGLAND; EFFECT OF ENGLISH DECISIONS.

A statute practically copied from an English Act is taken subject to judicial decisions upon it given in England. *Pettit v. Can. North. Ry. Co. (No. 2)*, 11 D.L.R. 316, 23 Man. L.R. 213, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 272.

[*Trimble v. Hill*, 5 A.C. 342, referred to; *Pettit v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co. (No. 1)*, 7 D.L.R. 645, varied.]

CONSTRUCTION OF STATUTES.

The articles of the Quebec Code of Civil Procedure being derived from the English law, the terms and expressions used therein are to be interpreted according to English practice and jurisprudence. *Feigleman v. Montreal Street Ry. Co.*, 3 D.L.R. 125.

[Reversed in 7 D.L.R. 6, 22 Que. K.B. 102.]

STAY OF PROCEEDINGS.

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STOP-OVER.

Stop-over privileges in the regulation of tolls, see Tolls and Tariffs; Tickets and Fares.

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STREET RAILWAYS.

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A. Franchises; Construction.

FRANCHISES; CONDITIONS AS TO PAVEMENTS.

The Toronto Street Ry. Co. was incorporated in 1861, and its franchise was to last thirty years, at the expiration of which period the City Corporation could assume the ownership of the railway and property of the company on payment of the value thereof, to be determined by arbitration. The company was to keep the roadway between the rails, and for eighteen inches outside each rail paved and macadamized and in good repair, using the same material as that on the remainder of the street, but if a permanent pavement should be adopted by the corporation, the company was not bound to construct a like pavement between the rails, etc., but was only to pay the cost price of the same, not to exceed a specified sum per yard. The City Corporation laid upon certain streets traversed by the com-

pany's railway permanent pavements of cedar blocks, and issued debentures for the whole cost of such works. A by-law was then passed, charging the company with its portion of such costs in the manner and for the period that adjacent owners were assessed, under the Municipal Act for local improvements. The company paid the several rates assessed up to the year 1886, but refused to pay for subsequent years, on the ground that the cedar block pavement had proved to be by no means permanent, but defective and wholly insufficient for streets upon which the railway was operated. An action having been brought by the city for these rates, it was held that the company was only liable to pay for permanent roadways, and a reference was ordered to determine, among other things, whether or not the pavements laid by the city were permanent. This reference was not proceeded with, but an agreement was entered into by which all matters in dispute to the end of the year 1888 were settled, and thereafter the company was to pay a specific sum annually per mile in lieu of all claims on account of debentures maturing after that date, and "in lieu of the company's liability for construction, renewal, maintenance and repair in respect of all the portions of streets occupied by the company's track so long as the franchise of the company to use the said streets now extends."

The agreement provided that it was not to affect the rights of either party in respect to the arbitration to be had if the city took over the railway, nor any matters not specifically dealt with therein, and it was not to have any operation "beyond the period over which the aforesaid franchise now extends." This agreement was ratified by an Act of the Legislature passed in 1890, which also provided for the holding of the said arbitration, which having been entered upon the city claimed to be paid the rates imposed upon the company for construction of permanent pavements for which debentures had been issued payable after the termination of the franchise. The arbitrators having refused to allow this claim, an action was brought by the city to recover the said amount. Held, affirming the decision of the Court of Appeal, that the claim of the city could not be allowed; that the said agreement discharged the company from all liability in respect to construction, renewal, maintenance and repair of the said streets; and that the clause providing that the agreement should not affect the rights of the parties in respect to the arbitration, etc., must be considered to have been inserted *ex majori cautela* and could not do away with the express contract to relieve the company from liability:—Held, further,

that by an Act passed in 1877, and a by-law made in pursuance thereof, the company was only assessable as for local improvements, which, by the Municipal Act, constitute a lien upon the property assessed, but not a personal liability upon the owners or occupiers after they have ceased to be such; therefore, after the termination of the franchise, the company would not be liable for these rates. *City of Toronto v. Toronto Street Ry. Co.*, 23 Can. S.C.R. 198.

TRACK RENTALS; INTEREST ON PAYMENTS IN ARREAR.

The Ontario Judicature Act (Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, c. 51), s. 113, enacts that "interest shall be payable by law or in which it has been usual for a jury to allow it"—Held, that under the true construction of this section it is incumbent upon the Court to allow interest for such time and at such rate as it may think right in all cases where a just payment has been properly withheld, and compensation therefor seems fair and equitable. An order by the Court below that the appellant company should pay arrears of track rentals within the limits of the respondent city, over and above their periodical payments already made, and should pay interest thereon, was affirmed. *Toronto Ry. Co. v. City of Toronto*, [1906] A.C. 117.

CONTRACT WITH MUNICIPALITY; OPERATION OF STREET RAILWAY; SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE.

Specific performance of an agreement by a street railway company with a municipal corporation to construct, equip and operate a line of railway along certain streets in the municipality cannot be enforced, nor damages be awarded for non-performance of the contract if the construction of the street railway has been rendered impossible through the action of the Railway Committee of the Privy Council in refusing to sanction a crossing, or by reason of the occupation of the street by another railway company, whether with or without lawful authority; the duty of the municipality in the case of unlawful occupation being to restore the street to a condition to permit of the construction. When the obligor on a bond agrees, if required by the obligee, to perform certain works and subsequently by agreement between the successors in law of the obligor and the obligee an absolute obligation to do the work is substituted, the effect of the later agreement is to discharge the obligation created by the bond. *City of Ottawa v. Ottawa Electric Ry. Co.*, 1 O.L.R. 377.

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AND ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY; CONDITIONS IN AGREEMENT REPUGNANT TO STATUTE.

By an agreement dated the 20th of November, 1888, made between certain persons (predecessors of defendant company) and the plaintiff corporation, authority was given to establish a system of street railways in the city of Victoria; but clause 25 of said agreement provided that the cars to be used should be exclusively for the carriage of passengers. In 1894 the Legislature passed an Act, c. 63, consequent upon a petition reciting an agreement, the incorporation of the persons named therein as a company, and the passage of an Act, c. 52 of 1890, giving the company power to build and operate tramways through the districts adjoining Victoria, and to take, transport and carry passengers and freight thereon. The petition further prayed for an Act consolidating and amending the Acts and franchises of the company then in force, and declaring, defining and confirming the rights, powers and privileges of the company. Section 16 of said c. 63 provides that "in addition to the powers conferred by the agreement the said company are hereby authorized and empowered . . . to take, transport and carry passengers, freight, express and mail matter upon and over the said lines of railway . . . subject to the approval and supervision of the city engineer, or other officer appointed for that purpose by the said corporation as to location of all poles, tracks and other works of the said company"—Held, that the passage in the agreement being repugnant to the provision in the statute, the latter should prevail. *City of Victoria v. British Columbia Electric Ry. Co.*, 15 B.C.R. 43, 13 W.L.R. 336.

MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE; OPERATION OF TRAMWAY; EARNINGS OUTSIDE MUNICIPAL LIMITS; PAYMENT OF PERCENTAGE.

The city of Montreal called for tenders for the establishment and operation of an electric passenger railway, within its limits, in accordance with specifications and, subsequently, on the 8th of March, 1893, entered into a contract with a company then operating a system of horse tramways in the city which extended into adjoining municipalities. The contract granted the franchise for the period of thirty years from the 1st of August, 1892, and one of its clauses provided that the company should pay to the city, annually, during the term of the franchise, "from the 1st of September, 1892, upon the total amount of its gross earnings arising from the whole operation

of its said railway, either with cars propelled by electricity or with cars drawn by horses" certain percentages specified, according to the gross earnings from year to year. Upon the first settlement, on the 1st of September, 1893, the company paid the percentages without any distinction between earnings arising beyond the city limits and those arising within the city, but, subsequently, they refused to pay the percentage except upon the estimated amount of the gross earnings arising within the city. In an action by the city to recover the percentages upon the gross earnings of the tramway lines both inside and outside of the city limits:—Held, reversing the judgment appealed from, the Chief Justice and Killam, J., dissenting, that the city was entitled to the specified percentage upon the gross earnings of the company arising from the operation of the tramway both within and outside of the city limits. City of Montreal v. Montreal Street Ry. Co., 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 114, 34 Can. S.C.R. 459.

[Reversed in [1906] A.C. 100, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 287; followed in Hamilton Street Ry. Co. v. Hamilton, 38 Can. S.C.R. 106; distinguished in Hamilton v. Hamilton Street Ry. Co., 10 O.L.R. 575.]

CONTRACT WITH MUNICIPALITY; PAYMENT OF PROPORTION OF GROSS RECEIPTS; "GROSS RECEIPTS."

A covenant by the defendants to pay to the plaintiffs a certain proportion of the defendants' gross receipts was held, in the circumstances of the case, to be not beyond the powers of the plaintiffs, a city corporation, and the defendants, a street railway company. Upon the proper construction of the covenant, the term "gross receipts" was held to include fares paid by passengers without the corporate territorial limits of the plaintiffs, where these passengers began their journey upon the defendants' railway beyond such limits; and also to include traffic receipts not yet earned, such as receipts from the sale of passengers' tickets still outstanding. City of Hamilton v. Hamilton Street Ry. Co., 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 146, 8 O.L.R. 455.

[Affirmed in 10 O.L.R. 575, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 206, 38 Can. S.C.R. 106.]

CONTRACT WITH MUNICIPALITY; PAYMENT OF PERCENTAGE ON GROSS RECEIPTS; "GROSS RECEIPTS."

Held, affirming the judgment of Meredith, J., 8 O.L.R. 455, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 146, that the agreement between the parties for the payment by the defendants to the plaintiffs of a certain percentage of the defendants' gross receipts was *intra vires* of both; that the term "gross receipts" included fares

paid by passengers outside the limits of the city of Hamilton; and that the term also included moneys received from the sale of tickets which might possibly not be used in payment of fares. City of Hamilton v. Hamilton Street Ry. Co. (No. 1), 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 206, 10 O.L.R. 575.

[Affirmed in 38 Can. S.C.R. 106.]

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; AGREEMENT WITH STREET RAILWAY COMPANY; USE OF STREETS; PAYMENT FOR.

By agreement between the city of Hamilton and the Hamilton Street Ry. Co., the latter was authorized to construct its railway on certain named streets and agreed to pay to the city, *inter alia*, certain percentages on their gross receipts:—Held, following Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. City of Montreal, [1906] A.C. 100, that such payment applies in respect to all traffic in the city, including that originating or terminating in the adjoining township of Barton:—Held, also, that as, when the railway was extended into Barton, the company agreed with that township to carry passengers from there into the city at city rates, the percentage was payable on the whole of such traffic, and not on the portion within the city only:—Held, further, that the power of the company to construct its railway was not derived wholly from its charter, but was subject to the permission of the city corporation; the city had, therefore, a right to stipulate for payment of such percentages and the agreement was *intra vires*. The judgment of the Court of Appeal, 10 Ont. L.R. 575, affirming that of Meredith, J., at the trial, 8 Ont. L.R. 455, was affirmed. Hamilton Street Ry. Co. v. City of Hamilton, 38 Can. S.C.R. 106.

ROUTES AND SPEED; RATIO OF TRACK MILEAGE TO INCREASED POPULATION.

The defendants passed a resolution authorizing certain extensions and changing some of the routes of the plaintiffs' railway, and the plaintiffs, relying upon a by-law being passed later to carry out the resolution, performed certain work and incurred expense. The by-law was subsequently passed, read a first, second and third time at one meeting of the defendants, signed by the clerk, sealed with the municipal seal, but not signed by the mayor. In an action to compel the mayor to sign it and the defendants to accept an agreement to carry it out:—Held, that the company took the risk of a by-law being passed, and that they were not misled; and that without the mayor's signature it was incomplete and invalid:—Held, also, that two by-laws, set out in the judgment of MacMahon, J., as to the routes and speed of the plaintiffs'

cars were, under the circumstances, valid as being within the defendants' power and authority under 59 Vict. c. 105 (O.), which validated a by-law of the defendants and an agreement between plaintiffs and defendants under which the plaintiffs built and operated their railway. By the original by-law, under which the road was authorized to be built and operated, as set out in the judgment of MacMahon, J., the defendants were bound to establish new lines, as might be directed by by-law of defendants, in the proportion of one mile of track to every 2,000 inhabitants of the city then existing or thereafter extended, the population to be ascertained as mentioned in the by-law, and that in the event of any local municipality being annexed, the railways of the company within the annexed municipality, and the company in relation thereto should have all the rights and be subject to the terms of the by-law. A local municipality was annexed to the defendants' municipality in 1898, and at the time of annexation had a street railway trackage of 5,900 feet. The population of the city in 1901 was 39,183, being an increase of 4,183, and the proportion of additional trackage to population was 11,043 feet. By a subsequent by-law defendants were directed to construct 7,380 feet of additional track.—Held, Maclellan, J.A., dissenting, that under the original by-law the mileage of the local municipality must be added to the mileage of the lines in the city at the time of the annexation, and the amount deducted from the amount required by the last-mentioned by-law, which was consequently bad as being in excess of the mileage the defendants could require. *London Street Ry. Co. v. City of London*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 171.

PERCENTAGE ON GROSS EARNINGS; "WHOLE OPERATION OF ITS RAILWAY."

By art. 1018 of the Civil Code of Lower Canada, "all the clauses of a contract are interpreted the one by the other, giving to each the meaning derived from the entire Act." The appellant company having contracted with the respondent city to pay annually certain specified percentages on the total amount of their gross earnings arising from the whole operation of their railway, and it appearing from the rest of the contract that the city considered territories of outside municipalities were not included within its scope, and that it could only deal with streets within its jurisdiction, and that the company had to make separate arrangements with outside municipalities in respect of the operation of the railway within their limits.—Held, that by the true construction of the contract the city was only entitled to percentages on the

gross earnings arising from the whole operation of the lines within its own limits. *Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. City of Montreal*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 287, [1906] A.C. 100.

[Followed in *Hamilton Street Ry. Co. v. Hamilton*, 38 Can. S.C.R. 106; distinguished in *Hamilton v. Hamilton Street Ry. Co.*, 10 O.L.R. 575.

STATUTORY GRANTS.

Where the Legislature requires that privileges shall be granted by by-law, they cannot be granted or acquired in any other manner, e.g., by overt act, waiver or acquiescence either by a committee of the council or by the whole municipal council itself. *Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. the City of Montreal*, 3 D.L.R. 812.

CURRENT; MUNICIPAL CONSENT; RESTRICTIONS AS TO IMPORTATION.

A company empowered to operate a street railway and to supply electricity for light, heat and power, over poles and wires erected in the streets and public places of a city, may, without first obtaining the consent of the city, transmit thereon electricity generated and developed beyond the city limits. *Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co. v. City of Winnipeg*, 4 D.L.R. 116, [1912] A.C. 355.

FRANCHISES; SWITCHES; USE OF HIGHWAYS.

A stipulation in an agreement between a county corporation and the railway company which deals in several respects with the entire line of an electric railway, that the company may construct, put in, and maintain such switches, and turn-outs, as may from time to time be found necessary for the operating of the company's line of railway on a named street, is to be construed as of general application to the whole of the line upon the street named and not merely to the line of extension of the railway on that street which the agreement authorized. It is within the jurisdiction of the Chairman of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board to construe an agreement between a county corporation and a railway company granting power to enlarge the number of switches operated by the railway company upon a highway. *Re Waddington and Toronto and York Radial Ry. Co.*, 9 D.L.R. 81, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 82.

MUNICIPAL FRANCHISES; VALIDITY; INTERVENTION OF ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

A municipal corporation cannot attack the validity of a contract between it and an electric railway company because the by-law authorizing its execution was not submitted to the electors for approval as required by s. 64 of the B.C. Municipal Act of 1897, where the company had made

large expenditures as a direct consequence of its execution, if not pursuant to the contract. In an action by a municipal corporation to obtain a declaration that a contract between it and an electric railway company is void because a portion of its conditions were ultra vires, the Court will not, on such general claim, make a selection of such of its provisions as are ultra vires, but will leave that to be settled in concrete cases questioning the validity of specific clauses of the agreement. The Attorney-General should be made a party to a proceeding to question the power of an electric railway company to operate its road notwithstanding informalities in obtaining the municipal franchise, where, after due notice to the municipality, an authorization of certain crossings had been made by the Board of Railway Commissioners on the footing of the electric railway having the requisite franchise. *Municipality of Burnaby v. British Columbia Electric Ry. Co., (B.C.) 12 D.L.R. 320.*

[Re Point Grey, 16 B.C.R. 374, distinguished.]

B. Use of Streets; Wires; Poles; Snow.

GRADING STREET; DAMAGE TO LAND ADJOINING; SUPPORT.

A street railway company, in grading a street in Vancouver, in accordance with an agreement entered into with the corporation, pursuant to the Vancouver Incorporation Act and Amendment of 1895, is not liable for damages for loss of support caused to lands adjoining the street. *Macdonell v. British Columbia Electric Ry. Co., 9 B.C.R. 542.*

REGULATION OF USE OF HIGHWAYS; FINES AND PENALTIES.

(1) The Recorder's Court for the city of Montreal has jurisdiction to try an action for the recovery of a fine imposed for a breach of the conditions in a by-law to grant a street railway company certain privileges. The fact that a contract is entered into by the city and the company, to carry out the by-law, does not alter the nature of the duties prescribed by the latter, so as to convert them into contractual obligations. (2) When a municipal by-law has a proviso to be carried out upon an order to be given by the council, the adoption by the latter of a report of one of its committees empowered to deal with the matter, recommending performance and that instructions be given for the purpose, amounts to a substantive order, as required by the by-law. (3) A clause in a by-law imposing a penalty, that its enforcement shall devolve upon an

officer named, makes it his duty to initiate and carry on proceedings, but does not mean that he must do so in his own name. (4) A covenant in a contract between a city and a street railway company, that the latter, in case of annexation by the former "of any of the outside municipalities, shall extend its system" thereto, is binding only as to the outside municipalities that were, at the time of the contract, contiguous to and adjoining the city. (5) A company cannot be compelled to execute a covenant into which it has no power to enter under its charter. (6) When a contract between a city and a street railway company, to build and operate a railway, designates the streets in which this is to be done, and a covenant is added that in case of the annexation of neighbouring territory, the company shall extend its railway to it, when ordered to do so, the order to be effective, must designate the streets in the new territory to which it is meant to apply. (7) A covenant to extend a railway into "outside municipalities" thereafter to be annexed, does not apply to "parts of outside municipalities" which are annexed. (8) Nor can the company be compelled to carry it out, until the city has complied with subsequent legislative enactments of a public nature, for the protection of interested parties. *Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Recorder's Court, 37 Que. S.C. 311 (Davidson, J.).*

[*Quebec Ry., etc., Co. v. Quebec City, 41 Can. S.C.R. 145, affirming 17 Que. K.B. 256, 32 Que. S.C. 489.*]

USE OF STREETS; BY-LAW; PENALTY.

The city enacted a by-law granting the company permission to use its streets for the construction and operation of a tramway, and, in conformity with the provisions and conditions of the by-law, the city and the company executed a deed of agreement respecting the same. A provision of the by-law was that "the cars shall follow each other at intervals of not more than five minutes, except from eight o'clock at night to midnight, during which space of time they shall follow each other at intervals of not more than ten minutes. The council may, by resolution, alter the time fixed for the circulation of the cars in the different sections." For neglect or contravention of any condition or obligation imposed by the by-law, a penalty of \$40 was imposed to be paid by the company for each day on which such default occurred, recoverable before the Recorder's Court, "like other fines and penalties." An amendment to the by-law, by a subsequent by-law, provided that "the present disposition shall be applicable only in such portion of the city where such in-

creased circulation is required by the demands of the public"—Held, that default to conform to the conditions and obligations so imposed on the company was an offence against the provisions of the by-law, and that, under the statute, 29 & 30 Vict. c. 57, s. 50 (Can.), the exclusive jurisdiction to hear and decide in the matter of such offence was in the Recorder's Court of the city of Quebec. *Quebec Railway, Light and Power Co. v. Quebec City*, 41 Can. S.C.R. 145, affirming *Quebec Ry. v. Recorder's Court*, 17 Que. K.B. 256, 32 Que. S.C. 489.

[Vide *Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Recorder's Court*, 37 Que. S.C. 311.]

DUTY AND CARE OF STREET RAILWAY.

Apart from statutory enactment, a street car and other vehicles have equal rights of the same kind to the concurrent use of the streets, the rights and duties of both are reciprocal and mutual, and each is bound to the exercise of reasonable care in self-protection and in avoiding harm. *Carleton v. City of Regina*, 1 D.L.R. 778, 20 W.L.R. 395, 5 Sask. L.R. 90.

[*Jones v. Toronto and York Radial Ry. Co.*, 25 O.L.R. 158, specially referred to; referred to in *Balke v. Edmonton*, 1 D.L.R. 876, 4 A.L.R. 406.

FRANCHISES; RIGHTS IN AND TO USE OF STREETS; DUTY TO PAVE BETWEEN AND OUTSIDE OF RAILS.

Where the predecessor of a street railway company, on being granted a long term franchise by the predecessor of a municipal corporation to build a street railway in a public highway in close proximity to a large and rapidly growing city, agreed that the travelled portion of the highway between the rails and for eighteen inches outside thereof should be kept clean and in proper repair by the railway (such agreement being confirmed by 63 Vict. (Ont.) c. 124), the company is bound to pave between its rails and for eighteen inches outside thereof at its own expense on the highway becoming a city street and being subsequently paved by the municipality, notwithstanding the highway was but an unpaved "mud road" when such agreement was entered into. The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, under s. 3 of 10 Edw. VII. (Ont.) c. 83, which provides that the Board may require the making of changes, repairs, improvements or additions which ought reasonably to be made in the tracks used by any railway company in connection with the transportation of passengers, freight or property, in order to promote the security or convenience of the public, has power to require

a street railway company, at its own expense, to pave between its rails and for eighteen inches outside thereof on the subsequent paving by a city of the highway on which the tracks were laid, notwithstanding the fact that when the company acquired its franchise and laid its tracks on such highway it was a mere "mud road" lying beyond but in close proximity to the limits of a large and rapidly growing city; since the word "tracks" as used in s. 3 must be given its widest meaning so as to include not only the rails thereof, but also that part of the highway occupied by the railway itself. The power of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, under s. 3 of 10 Edw. VII. (Ont.) c. 83, to require a street railway not constructed under an order of such Board, to pave between its rails and outside thereof, is not affected by c. 54 of 1 Geo. V. (Ont.), which is applicable only to such railway as may have been constructed under an order of such Board. On requiring a street railway company to pave between and outside of its rails, the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board should prescribe the materials to be used, and not leave it to the determination of the engineer of the Board in the event that the city and the railway company cannot agree in respect thereto. *Re City of Toronto and Toronto and Suburban Ry. Co.*, 13 D.L.R. 675, 29 O.L.R. 105.

[*Mayor, etc., of New York v. Harlem Bridge, etc., Ry. Co.*, 186 N.Y. 304, followed.]

USE OF STREETS FOR POLES AND WIRES CARRYING ELECTRIC CURRENT; AGREEMENT TO KEEP POWER HOUSES WITHIN CITY LIMITS.

It was a term of the agreement between the plaintiffs and the Winnipeg Electric Street Ry. Co. that the company would place and keep within the city limits all their engines, machinery, power houses, etc., for their street railway system, and the agreement further provided that, in so far as its terms and conditions related to the operation, conduct and management of the railway system, the same and the fulfilment of same should be conditions precedent to the continued enjoyment of the privileges and rights of the company. In 1904 the above-named company amalgamated, under the name of the defendants, with the Winnipeg General Power Company, which had, under its charter powers, constructed a hydro-electric plant at Lac du Bonnet, on the Winnipeg river, and a line of poles and wires for the transmission of the electric current to the city. The power company's Act of Incorporation gave it the right to erect poles and wires in the

streets of the city for the purpose of conveying electric current for lighting, heating or supplying motive power with the consent of the council. No such consent was ever given or asked for, but after the amalgamation the defendants discontinued the use of their steam power plant in the city, and operated their street railway system by power derived from the alternating current brought into the city from the power plant at Lac du Bonnet and changed at a transforming station in the city into the direct current used for propelling the cars:—Held (Richards, J.A., dissenting), that there had been no breach of the term of the agreement first above referred to, that there was nothing in the agreement requiring the defendants to generate their own power for the purpose of operating their cars, that they would have the right to purchase power for that purpose from any other company, and that the power used in propelling the cars was, in fact, generated within the city limits. Per Mathers, J., in the Court below:—There was a distinct breach of the agreement for which an action for damages would lie, but the keeping of the power house within the city was not a condition or term relating to the "operation, conduct and management" of the railway system, and, therefore, there was no forfeiture of the rights and privileges of the defendants. Moreover, if the agreement had fully provided for such forfeiture, the city had waived it by afterwards passing by-laws fixing schedules for the running of the cars, by calling on the company to proceed at once with the construction and operation of new lines, which were accordingly built and subsequently operated at great expense to the company, and by accepting five per cent. of the gross earnings of the company payable under the agreement, all these things having been done after the plaintiffs had full knowledge of the alleged breach of the agreement. The defendants, through the amalgamation with the power company, had also acquired the right to develop electric energy outside the city and to distribute it in the city through poles and wires for lighting and commercial power purposes, but only with the consent of the city council; and their own Act of Incorporation empowered them to furnish light and power and use the streets for those purposes, but only when authorized by a by-law of the city:—Held, (1) as no such consent had been given or by-law passed, the plaintiffs were entitled to an injunction to prevent the defendants from erecting, maintaining or re-erecting poles or wires on the streets, lanes or highways of the city for the transmission of electric energy for any purpose other than for their

street railway and requiring the defendants, upon due notice, to remove all such poles and wires now used by them for any such other purpose. (2) The city was not estopped from applying for the injunction by having applied for, taken and paid for power transmitted with its knowledge, over the poles and wires objected to, from the plant outside the city without its consent and against its protest. (3) The issue by the city engineer of a permit for the erection of the poles and wires objected to, intended only to authorize the use of them for electric lighting purposes, did not obviate the necessity of the consent of the city being obtained for the transmission of current for power purposes. Such a permit amounted to no more than a license to erect the poles and wires which might be revoked at any time. The Manitoba Electric and Gas Lighting Company, incorporated in 1880 by special Act of the Legislature, had power to use the streets of the city for carrying on the business of electric and gas lighting within the city with the authority of the council and upon obtaining permits from the city engineer. It carried on this business with the necessary authority until 1898, when it conveyed by deed its systems of gas and electric light works and also "all franchises, rights, powers, assets, plant and appliances" to the Winnipeg Electric Street Ry. Co. The Gas Company's Act gave it power to alienate "any of its personal property, lands, tenements, rights and franchises or interest therein as it might see fit." The defendants had also, in 1900, acquired by deed from the North-West Electric Company, which had been incorporated by letters patent under the Joint Stock Companies Act, its system of electric lighting and power works, which it had been operating in the city under conditions similar to those of the gas company, and also all its "franchises, rights, powers," etc.:—Held, that neither the gas company nor the electric company had power to alienate its corporate powers, and that the defendants had not, by said deeds, acquired any right to erect or maintain poles and wires in the streets of the city for purposes of electric lighting, heating or power, unless authorized to do so by by-law of the city, although those companies which were now defunct, had formerly acquired and exercised such rights:—Held, also, that the Attorney-General was not a necessary party to the action. *Fenelon Falls v. Victoria Ry. Co.*, 29 Gr. 4, followed; *Wallasey Local Board v. Gracey* (1887), 36 Ch.D. 593, distinguished. The ratification by Act of the Legislature of the by-law of the city providing for the agreement between it and the company gave the terms of the by-law

the force of a statute, and thereafter the plaintiffs could not by any action of theirs lose their right to insist upon the company complying with the terms of the statute and the by-law, or give the defendants any additional rights by estoppel, waiver or acquiescence. *Pembroke v. Canada Central Ry. Co.* (1883), 3 O.R. 503; *Port Arthur v. Fort William* (1898), 25 A.R. 522, and *Toronto v. Toronto Ry. Co.* (1906), 12 O.L.R. 534, distinguished. The parties being unable to agree on settling the minutes of the judgment to be entered, the matter was afterwards brought before the Court, when counsel for defendants for the first time pointed out that the relief granted went beyond that asked for by the statement of claim.—Held, that the statement of claim should not be amended at this stage, although asked for by the plaintiffs, but that, under all the circumstances, the judgment should stand. *City of Winnipeg v. Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co.*, 20 Man. L.R. 337, 16 W.L.R. 62.

MUNICIPAL BY-LAW REGULATING ERECTION OF WIRES AND POLES IN STREETS; COMPENSATION; REMOVAL OF POLES AND WIRES.

A by-law of the city of Winnipeg, passed to regulate the erection and maintenance of electric poles and wires, specially provided that it should not be applicable to poles or wires erected or required to be erected for the purpose of operating an electric street railway system, and that as to other poles and wires it purported to regulate their erection or maintenance only upon streets and public places vested in or under the control of the city. Subject to these limitations, paragraph 1 of the by-law provided that no pole or wire should be erected without a permit from the city; paragraph 3, that every permit should be subject to revocation by the city at any time, in the absence of an agreement ratified by by-law, without compensation, that the acceptance of a permit should constitute an agreement, and that upon revocation poles and wires should be removed within 14 days after notice, etc.; and paragraph 4, that the officers of the city were authorized and directed to cut down poles and wires not removed after notice of revocation, etc. Upon a motion to quash the by-law:—Held, having regard to the provisions of the Winnipeg charter, and especially s. 703, sub-s. 123, that the provisions of the by-law were not ultra vires, unreasonable, or oppressive:—Held, also, that the by-law did not interfere with the vested interests of the applicants under the various statutes incorporating them and granting them certain powers and privileges and under agree-

ments made pursuant to these statutes. *Re Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co. and City of Winnipeg*, 16 W.L.R. 654 (Man.).

[*City of Winnipeg v. Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co.*, 13 W.L.R. 21, 16 W.L.R. 62, referred to.]

JURISDICTION OF ONTARIO RAILWAY AND MUNICIPAL BOARD; ORDER FOR REPAIR AND RENEWAL OF TRACKS; "CONSTRUCT," MEANING OF.

Held, that the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board had power, under ss. 63 and 64 of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board Act, 1906, to make an order requiring the Toronto Ry. Co. to repair, renew, and restore to a suitable and satisfactory condition the tracks and substructure in use upon a certain street in the city of Toronto, formerly in the town of Toronto Junction, over which the company operated its tracks; and there was jurisdiction to make the order notwithstanding the absence from the record of the Toronto Suburban Street Ry. Co. Construction of the agreement between the corporation of the town of Toronto Junction and the Toronto Suburban Street Ry. Co., of the 11th November, 1899, validated and confirmed by 63 Vict. c. 103 (O.), and set out in schedule B. thereto; and of the agreement between the corporation of the town of Toronto Junction, the Toronto Ry. Co., and the Toronto Suburban Street Ry. Co., of the 6th October, 1899, validated and confirmed by the same statute, and set out in schedule D. "Construct," in clause 12 of the first-mentioned agreement, requiring the company to construct the tracks and superstructure according to the best modern practice from time to time in general use, is not confined to original construction, but includes necessary reconstruction—the meaning is "construct from time to time" or "construct and maintain":—Held, also, that the railway was a street railway, within s. 2 (21) of the Ontario Railway Act, 1906; s. 164, which provides for the case of a railway becoming dangerous from lack of repairs or renewals, applies to street railways; and the Board had power, under that Act, to deal with such a situation—that is, of danger to the public—independently of the agreements between the municipality and the railway company. Semble, also, that the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board Amendment Act, 1910, passed while the proceedings before the Board were pending, but before the hearing, under which the powers of the Board were enlarged, also applied—the effect of certain sections of the new Act being to modify the general rule that pending proceedings are not to be affected by new legislation. *Re City of*

West Toronto and Toronto Ry. Co., 25 O.L.R. 9, 20 O.W.R. 271.

ERECTION OF POLES; BY-LAW FOR REMOVAL.

A city that has, under a general by-law, granted permits to a company to erect poles in its streets and public places cannot, after such permits have been acted upon, require the removal of such poles on the ground that the permits were void because issued without the adoption of a by-law in each instance. *Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co. v. City of Winnipeg*, 4 D.L.R. 116, [1912] A.C. 355.

[*Winnipeg v. Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co.*, 20 Man. L.R. 337, 16 W.L.R. 62, reversed.]

ERECTION OF POLES; TRANSMISSION OF ELECTRICITY.

Power granted under 43 Vict. (Man.) c. 36 to a company to "break up, dig, and trench so much and so many of the public streets, roads, squares, highways, and other public places in any municipality . . . as may at any time be necessary or required for laying down or erecting [or repairing] the mains, pipes or wires to conduct" gas or electricity, will permit the erection of poles therein to carry wires necessary for the conveyance of electricity. *Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co. v. City of Winnipeg*, 4 D.L.R. 116, [1912] A.C. 355.

[*Winnipeg v. Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co.*, 20 Man. L.R. 337, 16 W.L.R. 62, reversed.]

ERECTION OF POLES AND ELECTRIC WIRES.

All doubt as to the power of a company to erect poles to carry electric wires through the streets and public places of a city is concluded by the fact that the city agreed to grant the company permits, under certain conditions, to erect poles therein, and requiring that it should permit the use thereof by other companies, and also by the city for wires of its fire alarm system, or for heat and light. *Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co. v. City of Winnipeg*, 4 D.L.R. 116, [1912] A.C. 355.

COST OF REPAIRS; MAINTENANCE OF ROADWAY.

A corporation obliged to maintain a public road which enters into a contract authorizing a company to construct and operate a tramway on said road on condition of maintaining it and keeping it in repair does not acquire a privilege on the tramway for the cost of repairs which it was obliged to make owing to the insolvency of the company. *Morse v. Levis County Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 30 S.C. 353 (Sup. Ct.).

OBSTRUCTION OF STREET; ACCUMULATION OF SNOW.

An action was brought against the City of Toronto to recover damages for injuries incurred by reason of snow having been piled on the side of the streets, and the street railway company was brought in as third party. The evidence was that the snow from the sidewalks was placed on the roadway immediately adjoining by servants of the city and snow from the railway tracks was placed by servants of the railway company upon the roadway immediately adjoining the track without any permission from the city, thus raising the roadway next to the track, where the accident occurred, to a height of about twenty inches above the rails. The jury found that the disrepair of the street was the act of the railway company, which was therefore made liable over to the city for the damages assessed. The company contended on appeal that the verdict was perverse and contrary to evidence.—Held, affirming the decision of the Court of Appeal, that under the evidence given of the manner in which the snow from the track had been placed on the roadway immediately adjoining, the jury might reasonably be of opinion that if it had not been so placed there the accident would not have happened, and that this was the sole cause of the accident. *Toronto Ry. Co. v. City of Toronto*, 24 Can. S.C.R. 589.

[Commented on in *Mitchell v. Hamilton*, 2 O.L.R. 58.]

AGREEMENT FOR REMOVAL OF SNOW.

A covenant or agreement in a contract between a city municipality and a tramcar company, pursuant to a by-law granting the privilege to operate tramcars on certain conditions, that the company shall pay the city one-half the cost of the removal of snow from the entire street surface, in the streets where the tramcars pass, is not an agreement of a commercial nature, within the meaning of art. 421 C.P. Hence, a trial by jury cannot be had in an action brought under the agreement by the city against the company, to recover the cost of removal of snow. *Montreal Terminal Ry. Co. v. City of Montreal*, 19 Que. K.B. 216.

RIGHT TO CLEAR ICE AND SNOW INTO THE STREETS; ELECTRIC SWEEPER.

The City Council of Montreal being bound as the road authority to remove the ice and snow on the streets from curb to curb, including the snow thrown or falling thereon from the roofs of houses and removed therefrom the sidewalks.—Held, that the respondent street railway company, having contracted with the city to keep their track

free from ice and snow, did not, having regard to the surrounding circumstances, and in the absence of words expressly or impliedly forbidding it, commit a nuisance by sweeping their snow into the street. *Ogston v. Aberdeen District Tramways Co.*, [1897] A.C. 111, distinguished. Held, also, that the city having granted to the company all rights and privileges necessary for the proper and efficient use of electric power to operate cars in the streets in the manner successfully in use elsewhere, the latter could not be prevented from using the electric sweepers. *City of Montreal v. Montreal Street Railway Company*, [1903] A.C. 482, affirming 11 Que. K.B. 458.

[Distinguished in *Bell v. Cape Breton Electric Co. Ltd.*, 37 N.S.R. 303; *Mader v. Halifax Electric Tramway, Ltd.*, 37 N.S.R. 548.]

REMOVAL OF SNOWFALLS; ELECTRIC SWEEPER; CONSTRUCTION OF AGREEMENT.

The agreement with the plaintiffs under which the defendant's railway is operated provides that the track allowances shall be kept free from snow at the expense of the defendants, so that the cars may be in use continuously; and that if the fall of snow is less than six inches at any one time, the defendants must remove the same from the tracks, and shall, if the city engineer so directs, evenly spread it on the adjoining portions of the roadway, but should the quantity of snow at any time exceed six inches in depth, the whole space occupied as track allowances shall be at once cleared of snow, and the snow removed and deposited at such points on or off the street as may be ordered by the city engineer. 55 Vict. c. 99, s. 25 (O.), passed to construe the above, enacts that the defendants shall not deposit snow on any street, square, highway or other public place in the city of Toronto without having first obtained the permission of the city engineer:—Held, that there was nothing in the above to prevent the defendants from sweeping the small snowfalls or the large to the sides of the road by means of an electric sweeper, and the purpose of the application being to prevent the use of the sweeper altogether, the appeal should be dismissed. *City of Toronto v. Toronto Ry.*, 16 O.L.R. 205.

REMOVAL OF SNOW FROM TRACKS.

By the provisions of a municipal by-law, to which a street railway company were bound to conform, the company were obliged to remove snow from their tracks in such manner as not to obstruct or render unsafe the free passage of sleighs or other vehicles along or across the street. After a heavy snow-fall the company re-

moved the snow from their tracks, the result being that there was a bank of several inches at each side of the tracks to the level of the snow-covered portions of the street:—Held, that the company had not discharged their obligation and that they were liable to indemnify the city against damages recovered against the city by a person who had in consequence of the bank been upset while driving along the street. Judgment of Rose, J., affirmed. *Mitchell v. City of Hamilton*, 2 O.L.R. 58 (C.A.).

EXCESSIVE SPEED; NUISANCE CAUSED BY DEPOSITING SNOW ON STREET.

The defendant company removed from their tracks snow which accumulated there during a heavy snow storm, and deposited it upon the highway in such a way as to make it impassable to waggons, which were forced, in consequence, to make use of the company's track, of which the company had notice. Plaintiff's horse and wagon, while proceeding along the track, was overtaken by one of defendant's cars, and, before it could escape, was run into and the horse, wagon and harness, and the contents of the wagon injured. The evidence showed that the car, at the time, was being driven at an excessive rate of speed, and that the driver of the wagon made repeated efforts to attract the attention of the motorman, but failed to do so although there was sufficient light and there was an unobstructed view of the place where the wagon was at the time of the accident for a distance of four hundred yards:—Held, in an action claiming damages for negligence, the plaintiffs were entitled to recover. Held, that the blocking of the highway by defendant constituted in fact as well as in law a nuisance, and, the common law having been infringed, there was no burden cast upon plaintiff to show a requirement by the local authorities to level the snow to a certain depth over a certain area, and that such requirement had not been complied with. Held, also, that if contributory negligence was relied on, the case was one in which defendants must not only prove such negligence, but, also, that it was of such a character that they could not by the exercise of ordinary care and diligence have averted the mischief which happened. Held, also, that the restrictions in the company's charter in relation to the levelling of snow placed upon the highway, amounted to a condition. *Bell v. Cape Breton Electric Co.*, 37 N.S.R. 298.

CARE OF STREETS; AGREEMENT WITH CITY; REMOVAL OF SNOW; NONAPPEARANCE.

The Saint John Ry. Co. acquired the

Saint John Street Railway in 1894, subject to the obligations of keeping in repair the streets in which the railway ran, as provided by s. 10 of 50 Vict. c. 33, and also the obligation of removing the snow and ice as provided by s. 10 of 55 Vict. c. 29. In 1895 the Act 58 Vict. c. 72, was passed, s. 6 of which authorized the company to agree with the city of Saint John to pay the said city an annual sum to be agreed upon as a consideration for taking care, etc., of the streets and the removal of the snow thereon, relieving the company from all liability for the same during the continuance of the agreement. Acting under the authority of this section, the company and the city entered into a contract by which the city undertook to do what, by the section, it is authorized to do:—Held (per Tuck, C.J., Hanington, Barker and McLeod, JJ.), in an action for damages caused by the defendants' negligence in not removing the snow in a street through which the railway ran, that s. 6, and the agreement made thereunder, imposes upon the city no greater liability in respect to the care of the streets than otherwise attaches to them as a municipal corporation, and neglect to remove the snow was a mere nonfeasance for which they were not liable at the suit of a private individual, and a nonsuit should be entered. Per Gregory, J. That there was a statutory obligation on the railway company to level the snow and keep safe in that respect for public travel the streets where the railway runs. That while the Act 58 Vict. c. 72 does not impose a duty on the city, it authorizes it in this instance to become a contractor for the performance of the work, and to stand in the place of the company in respect to all its liabilities in regard to the removal of snow, and the city is liable to a private individual for damages caused by its failure to do so. *McCrea v. City of Saint John*, 36 N.B.R. 144.

NUISANCE; REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE FROM TRACK TO ADJACENT PORTIONS OF STREET.

Defendant company, operating a tramway line in H., was empowered by its act of incorporation and the rules made thereunder to remove snow and ice from its tracks, to enable it to operate its cars, "provided" that, in case of such removal, it should be the duty of the company to level the snow and ice so removed to a uniform depth to be determined by the city engineer, and to such distance on either side of the track as the engineer should direct, or to remove from the street all snow and ice disturbed, ploughed or thrown out, etc., within 48 hours of the fall or disturbance, etc., if the city engineer should so direct. In exercise of the power conferred upon

it the defendant company swept snow from its tracks and piled it up on either side of the road in such a way as to form a ridge or bank which caused a sleigh driven by plaintiff to slew, throwing him out and severely injuring him:—Held, that the removal by the company, under the powers conferred upon it, of snow and ice, and placing it upon other portions of the street, was not to be treated as a nuisance for which the company would be responsible in damages. Semble, that, irrespective of any directions given by the engineer, it was the duty of the company, in removing snow and ice from its track and throwing it upon adjacent parts of the street, to do so in a reasonably careful manner, and with a just regard to the rights and interests of the public, and that if the question had been left to the jury in this way a verdict for the plaintiff based upon sufficient evidence could not have been disturbed. Also, that the company would be responsible for the consequences of failure on their part to carry out the directions and determination of the city engineer, but, in the absence of such directions and determination, they were only bound to act in a reasonably careful manner, and the adequacy of their performance of the duty cast upon them was to be determined by the circumstances of the case. *Mader v. Halifax Electric Tramway Co.*, 37 N.S.R. 546.

[Affirmed in 37 Can. S.C.R. 94, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 434.]

ACCUMULATION OF SNOW ON TRACKS; DUTY OF REMOVAL; NEGLIGENCE.

Where a street car company has by its charter privileges in regard to the removal of snow from its tracks and the city engineer is given power to determine the condition in which the highway shall be left after a snow storm, a duty is cast upon the company to exercise its privilege in the first instance in a reasonable and proper way and without negligence. *Mader v. Halifax Electric Tramway Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 434, 37 Can. S.C.R. 94.

[Referred to in *Toll v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 1 A.L.R. 332.]

HIGHWAYS; OBSTRUCTION BY STREET RAILWAY; SNOW ON TRACKS.

The failure of an electric railway company on removing snow and ice from its tracks into a highway, to level it to a uniform depth, as required by R.S.N.S. 1900, c. 71, s. 194, is negligence rendering it liable for injuries sustained as a result of such neglect. The onus rests on an electric railway company, in an action against it for injuries sustained from snow removed from its rail-

way tracks and left heaped up in a highway, to shew that it was levelled off to a uniform depth as required by R.S.N.S. 1900, c. 71, s. 194. An electric railway company is not entitled to the verdict on an answer of a jury, under proper instruction as to the duty of the company, in an action against it for injuries caused by the heaping up of snow by defendant company when removing same from its tracks, where the answer was to the effect that such accumulation of snow caused or contributed to the plaintiff's injury, although there was no express finding that the snow was negligently left in the highway, since the answer was sufficient to shew that the conduct of the defendant was inconsistent with due care, and that the snow was not levelled to a uniform depth as required by R.S.N.S. 1900, c. 71, s. 194. *Wright v. Pictou County Electric Co.*, 11 D.L.R. 443, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 394, 47 N.S.R. 166.

C. Fares; Car Service.

EXTENSION OF RAILWAY; TIME TABLES; OPEN CARS; HEATING; NIGHT CARS.

Under the agreement between the plaintiffs and defendants, which is set out in 55 Vict. c. 99 (O.), the right to determine what new lines should be established and laid down is vested in the city, and applies as well to the streets within the city as it existed at the time of the making of the agreement, as to the streets in the territory from time to time brought within it; and for the company's failure to establish and lay down such new lines, the city is not limited merely to the right provided for in the agreement of granting such privilege to others. The right, under such agreement to settle the time tables and to fix the routes of the cars, to determine when open cars should be taken off in the autumn or resumed in the spring, and as to when and how cars should be heated, is for the city engineer, subject to the approval of the city council. The city have no power to compel the company to continue to run after midnight any car which, having started before midnight, cannot in due course finish its route by that time. On a special case stated in an action only such questions will be answered as must necessarily arise in the action. The Court, therefore, in view of 63 Vict. c. 102, ss. 1 and 5 (O.), being made applicable to the city declined to answer a question raised in a special case as to the right of the city to have specifically performed those provisions of the agreement herein found in its favour; and an expression of opinion previously given against granting such specific performance, following *Kingston v. Kingston Electric Ry. Co.*

(1898), 25 A.R. 462, was withdrawn. *City of Toronto v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 159, 9 O.L.R. 333.

[Varied in 10 O.L.R. 657, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 239; reversed in 37 Can. S.C.R. 430, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 250; varied, [1907] A.C. 315; approved in *Toronto v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, [1910] A.C. 312; followed in *Toronto v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 11 O.L.R. 103; *Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Recorder's Court*, 37 Can. S.C.R. 317; *Toronto v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 12 O.L.R. 534; referred to in *Can. North Ry. Co. v. Robinson*, 43 Can. S.C.R. 410; relied on in *Toronto Ry. Co. v. Toronto*, 19 O.L.R. 396; *Robinson v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 19 Man. L.R. 316.]

TIME TABLES; ROUTES; OPEN CARS; NIGHT CARS.

Upon an appeal by the defendants and a cross-appeal by the plaintiffs the judgment of Anglin, J., reported 9 O.L.R. 333, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 159, as to the construction in certain respects of the agreement between the City of Toronto and the Toronto Ry. Co. was affirmed except as to the running of night cars, the Court of Appeal being of opinion, reversing the judgment below on this point, that a car which starts on its route before midnight must finish its route even if it has to run after midnight to do so. *City of Toronto v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 239, 10 O.L.R. 657.

[Reversed in 37 Can. S.C.R. 430, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 250.]

USE OF HIGHWAYS; CAR SERVICE; TIME-TABLES.

Except where otherwise specially provided in the agreement between the Toronto Ry. Co. and the City of Toronto set forth in the schedule to c. 99 of the statutes of Ontario, 55 Vict., in 1892, the right of the city to determine, decide upon and direct the establishment of new lines of tracks and tramway service in the manner therein prescribed, applies only within the territorial limits of the city as constituted at the date of the contract. Judgment appealed from (10 O.L.R. 657, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 239) reversed, *Girouard, J.*, dissenting. The city, and not the company, is the proper authority to determine, decide upon and direct the establishment of new lines, and the service, timetables and routes thereon. Judgment appealed from affirmed, *Sedgewick, J.*, dissenting. As between the contracting parties, the company, and not the city, is the proper authority to determine, decide upon and direct the time at which the use of open cars shall be discontinued in the Autumn and resumed in the Spring, and when the cars should be provided with heating apparatus and heated. Judgment

appealed from reversed, Girouard, J., dissenting. Upon the failure of the company to comply with requisitions for extensions as provided in the agreement, it has no right of action against the city for grants of the privilege to others; the right of making such grants accrues—*ipso facto*, to the city, but is not the only remedy which the city is entitled to invoke. Judgment appealed from affirmed, Sedgewick, J., dissenting. Cars starting out before midnight as day-cars may be required by the city to complete their routes, although it may be necessary for them to run after midnight or transfer their passengers to a car which would carry them to their destinations without payment of extra fares, but at midnight their character would be changed to night-cars and all passengers entering them after that hour could be obliged to pay night-fares, Sedgewick, J., dissenting. Toronto Ry. Co. v. City of Toronto, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 250, 37 Can. S.C.R. 430.

OPERATION OF CARS; FENDER; "FRONT" OF MOTOR CAR; PENALTY.

By 1 Edw. VII. c. 25, s. 1 (O.), it is provided that a street railway company, when operating any portion of their line by means of electricity, shall use "in the front of each motor car a fender";—Held, that what is meant by the "front" of the car is that end of it which when the car is in motion is the furthest forward, that is to say, furthest forward in the sense that it would first meet a person or an object moving in the opposite direction; and the defendants operating a car for a distance of twelve hundred feet with the fender at the back instead of the front, as so defined, were liable to the penalty prescribed by the statute. Judgment of the County Court of York affirmed. City of Toronto v. Toronto Ry. Co., 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 234, 10 O.L.R. 730.

NEWLY ANNEXED TERRITORY; STOPPING PLACES; RIGHT TO FIX; DETERMINATION OF ENGINEER.

By s. 14 of the agreement entered into between the plaintiffs and defendants, set out in 55 Vict. c. 99 (O.) the defendants are required to establish and lay down new lines and to extend the tracks and street car service on such streets as may be from time to time recommended by the city engineer and approved by the city council within such period as may be fixed by by-law to be passed by a vote of two-thirds of all the members of the council; and all such extensions and new lines shall be regulated by the same terms and conditions as relate to the existing system, etc. A recommen-

dation was made by the city engineer to the city council that a double line of tracks should be laid down and the car service extended on the continuation of one of the streets in the city, and a by-law was passed duly approving thereof and fixing the date for such service, of which the defendants were duly notified. The continuation of said street was in territory brought into the city subsequently to the entering into of the agreement:—Held, that the agreement applied as well to streets brought within the city subsequently to the entering into of the said agreement as to those then within its limits. Corporation of Toronto v. Toronto Ry. Co. (1904), 5 O.W.R. 130, affirmed by Privy Council, March number of C.L.J. 1906; Corporation of Toronto v. Toronto Ry. Co. (1904), 9 O.L.R. 333, 10 O.L.R. 657, followed. Held, also, that it was not essential that the city should pass a by-law as required by s. 16 of 2 Edw. VII. c. 27 (O.) which provides that prior to the passing a by-law authorizing any electric railway company to lay out or construct its railway on, upon or along any public highway, road, street or lane, notice must be given similar to that required by s. 632 of the Municipal Act, for that section only applies to those electric railways which come within R.S.O. 1897, c. 209, and had no application to the defendants. The by-law for the laying out and construction of the extension was passed on the 10th April, 1905, while the statute for the annexation of the territory in question was not passed until the 25th of May, 1905; but the Lieutenant-Governor's proclamation annexing the territory was issued on the 2nd March to take effect on the 10th March, 1905, to which no objection was ever taken. Held, that the by-law was valid. By sec. 5 of 63 Vict. c. 102 (O.) it is provided that if the railway company neglect or fail to perform any of their obligations under the Act and the agreement, and an action is brought to compel performance the Court before whom the action is tried shall, notwithstanding any rule of law or practice to the contrary, enquire into the alleged breach, and in case a breach is found to have been committed, shall make an order specifying what things shall be done by the defendants as a substantial compliance with the Act and agreement; which shall be enforceable in the same manner, etc., as a mandamus. Held, that an order could be made specifying what was necessary to be done to constitute a substantial compliance with the agreement. Corporation of Kingston v. Kingston & Cataract St. Ry. Co. (1893), 25 A.R. 462, specially referred to. Held, also, that the corporation could enforce the laying out of such ex-

tension notwithstanding the option given by s. 17 of the agreement to grant to another person or company the right of laying down lines on streets, after failure of the defendants, though duly notified, to do so. Held, also, that the engineer for the time being and not the engineer who held office when the agreement was entered into is the one referred to therein, and that he does not act in a judicial capacity but as the executive officer of the corporation, to whom he must make his recommendation, which the council may approve or reject as they see fit. By s. 26 of the agreement it is provided that the speed and service necessary on any main line, part of same or branch is to be determined by the city engineer and approved of by the council; and by s. 39 it is provided that the cars shall only be stopped clear of cross streets, and midway between streets, where the distance exceeds 600 feet. Held, that the regulation of the places at which cars are to stop to take on and let off passengers is part of the service within s. 26, and, therefore, subject to the limitations of s. 39, the defendants might be required to stop wherever the city engineer and city council might agree in requiring them to do so. The engineer reported to the council recommending that the cars should be required to stop at certain specified points, and his report was adopted by resolution of the council. Held, that this was a determination and not merely a recommendation of the engineer, for it must be assumed that before making his recommendation he had determined the matter so far as he could; and that it was not essential that the adoption of such recommendation should be by by-law. *City of Toronto v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 278, 11 O.L.R. 103.

[Affirmed in 12 O.L.R. 534, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 381; followed in *Black v. Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co.*, 17 Man. L.R. 84, 6 W.L.R. 238.]

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Section 14 of the agreement entered into between the plaintiffs and defendants, set out in 55 Vict. c. 99 (O.), whereby the defendants are required to establish and lay down new lines and to extend the tracks and street car service on such streets as may be, from time to time, recommended by the city engineer and approved by the city council, does not apply to territory which was not within the limits of the city at the date of the agreement; but has subsequently been annexed to and become part thereof. *Toronto Ry. Co. v. City of Toronto*, 37 Can. S.C.R. 430 (reversing the

judgment of the Court of Appeal, 10 O.L.R. 657), followed. By sec. 26 of the agreement the "speed and service" necessary on each main line, part of same, or branch, is to be determined by the city engineer and approved by the city council; and by s. 39 the cars shall only be stopped clear of cross streets and midway between streets, where the distance exceeds six hundred feet;—Held, subject to the limitation of clause 39, that the regulating of the places at which cars shall be stopped came within condition 26 relating to the speed and service, and was therefore to be determined by the city engineer and approved of by the council. The engineer made a report to the council recommending that cars should be required to stop at certain specified points, which was adopted by resolution of the council. Held, that the engineer did not occupy a judicial or quasi-judicial position between the parties to the agreement, and was not bound to consult with the defendants before determining what service should be supplied, and that such report, though somewhat informally expressed, was a sufficient determination on the part of the engineer, and that the adoption by resolution was sufficient, it not being essential that such adoption should be by by-law. Held, also, that the plaintiffs were entitled to an order restraining the defendants from running the cars upon their railway, except in accordance with the determination of the engineer as to the stopping places. *City of Toronto v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 381, 12 O.L.R. 534.

EQUIPMENT OF CARS.

A street railway company is obliged to use the best known appliances to conduct its business with safety to the public, and the use of the ratchet brake instead of the more modern electric air brake is of itself a fault. *Edmunds v. Montreal Street Ry.*, 8 D.L.R. 772, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 19.

CONTRACT WITH MUNICIPALITY; BY-LAW; INTRA VIRES; "WORKMEN'S TICKETS;" "SCHOOL CHILDREN'S TICKETS."

Held, upon the proper construction of the defendants' Act of incorporation, 36 Vict. c. 100 (O.), the amending Act, 56 Vict. c. 90 (O.), and the contract and by-law contained in the schedule to the latter Act, that the defendants were bound to sell the tickets called "workmen's tickets" upon their cars to the public, and to receive them in payment of fares at the hours mentioned in the by-law, not from working men only, but from the public generally; and that the provision of the by-law in that behalf was not ultra vires of the plaintiffs. 2. The aforementioned contract was modified, in

accordance with a subsequent by-law of the plaintiffs, by requiring the defendants, in addition to the other limited tickets, to "give to any child between 5 and 14 years of age, when going to school, a ticket to go and return on the date of issue, for five cents". Held, that there was nothing in this amendment to prevent children, when going to school, from paying their fares by using workmen's tickets, within the prescribed hours. 3. That the plaintiffs could maintain an action for mandamus or mandatory injunction to compel the defendants to continue to sell workmen's tickets, without adding the Attorney-General as a party representing the public. 4. The defendants, having refused to sell certain classes of tickets upon their cars, or to accept them from persons from whom they were bound to accept them in payment of fares, were restrained from running cars upon which these tickets were not kept for sale, and this restraint was coupled with a declaration that they were bound to sell them on all their cars to all persons desiring to buy them, and to receive them from all persons in payment of fares during the hours mentioned in the by-law. *City of Kingston v. Kingston, etc., Electric Ry. Co.* (1897-8), 28 O.R. 399, 25 A.R. (Ont.) 462, distinguished. *City of Hamilton v. Hamilton Street Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 153, 8 O.L.R. 642.

[Affirmed in 10 O.L.R. 594, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 223, 39 Can. S.C.R. 673; followed in *Sandwich East and Windsor, etc., Ry. Co.*, 16 O.L.R. 641; referred to in *Toronto v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 12 O.L.R. 534.]

CONTRACT WITH MUNICIPALITY; "WORKMEN'S TICKETS."

Held, affirming the judgment of Street, J., 8 O.L.R. 642, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 153, that the agreement of which the enforcement was sought in this action was *intra vires*; that by the terms of the agreement the defendants were bound to sell on their cars tickets known as "workmen's tickets" or "limited tickets," and to receive them from all persons tendering them as fares during certain specified hours of the day; that the plaintiffs could maintain the action without the aid of the Attorney-General; and that performance of the contract could be enforced by the Court by injunction. *City of Kingston v. Kingston, etc., Electric Ry. Co.* (1898), 25 A.R. 462, distinguished. *City of Hamilton v. Hamilton Street Ry. Co.* (No. 2), 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 223, 10 O.L.R. 594.

BY-LAW OF MUNICIPALITY; PASSENGER FARES; SCHOOL CHILDREN; REDUCED RATES.

Under a municipal by-law governing a

street railway, it was provided that the ordinary cash fare should be 5 cents, children under five years of age, not occupying a seat and accompanied by its parent, to be carried free; and for every child under twelve years of age, except as aforesaid, the fare should not exceed 3 cents. Tickets were to be issued and sold at the following rates: Ordinary tickets, six for 25 cents, each ticket to be taken for an ordinary 5 cent cash fare; children's and school children's tickets, ten for 25 cents, each ticket to be taken for a 3-cent fare, as above provided; working men's special tickets, eight for 25 cents, to be taken for a 5-cent fare:—Held, reversing the order of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, that the children entitled to school children's tickets were those under the age of twelve years, and not those under twenty-one, even though the latter were actually attending school. In re Township of Sandwich East and Windsor & Tecumseh Electric Ry. Co., 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 125, 16 O.L.R. 641.

FARES; APPROVAL OF TARIFF BY PARK COMMISSIONERS.

The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, upon an application by the Board of Trade above-named, made an order compelling the International Ry. Co., owning and operating an electric railway along the bank of the Niagara River from Queenston to Chippawa, and incorporated by 55 Vic. c. 96 (O.), to comply with s. 171 of the Ontario Railway Act, 1906, by accepting a five cent cash fare for conveying passengers for any distance not exceeding three miles, etc.:—Held, reversing the order of the Board, that the company came within sub-s. 5, of s. 171, providing that "this section shall not apply to a company whose tariff for passenger fares is subject to the approval of any commissioners in whom are vested any park or lands owned by the Crown for the use of the public of the Province of Ontario;" and, s. 171 being thus excluded, that the Board had no power, on an application such as was made in this case, to direct what fares the company should charge. The effect of the incorporation into the company's Act of s. 31 of the Railway Act of Ontario, R.S.O. 1887, ch. 170, was not to abrogate clause 32 of the agreement with the Commissioners for the Queen Victoria Niagara Fall Park, set out as schedule B to the company's Act. They should be read together in such a way as to give effect to both; and reading them as subjecting the company's tariff to the approval of both the commissioners and the Lieutenant-Governor in Council (or the Board substituted therefor) was not inconsistent with the intention of the parties.

In re Niagara Falls Board of Trade and International Ry. Co., 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 63, 20 O.L.R. 197.

PASSENGER FARES; AGREEMENT AS TO SPECIAL RATES; UNJUST DISCRIMINATION.

A company operating, subject to Dominion authority, a tramway through several municipalities adjacent to the city of Montreal, and having connections and traffic arrangements with a provincial tramway in that city, entered into an agreement under statutory authority with one of the municipalities whereby, in consideration of special privileges conceded in regard to the use of streets, etc., lower rates of passenger fares were granted to persons using the tramway therein, for transportation to and from the city, than to denizens of the adjoining municipality with which there was no such agreement. On the hearing of a complaint, alleging unjust discrimination in respect to fares, the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada refused to take the agreement into consideration when tendered in evidence to justify the granting of the special rates and ordered the company, appellants, to furnish the service to persons using the tramway in both municipalities at the same rates of fare. On an appeal, by leave of the Board, in respect of the propriety of overlooking the contract, submitted as a question of law:—Held, Davies and Anglin, J.J., dissenting, that, as the existence of the contract was one of the elements bearing upon the decision of the question of substantial similarity in circumstances, the Board should have admitted the evidence so tendered in regard to the agreement in consideration of which the special rates of fares had been granted. Montreal Park & Island Ry. Co. v. City of Montreal, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 254, 43 Can. S.C.R. 256.

[Referred to in Can. Pac. Ry. Co. v. Regina Board of Trade, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 203, 45 Can. S.C.R. 321.]

D. Municipal Ownership; Bonus.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP OF RAILWAY; ARBITRATORS.

The Quebec Street Ry. Co. were authorized under a by-law passed by the corporation of the city of Quebec and an agreement executed in pursuance thereof to construct and operate in certain streets of the city a street railway for a period of forty years, but it was also provided that at the expiration of twenty years (from the 9th February, 1865) the corporation might, after a notice of six months to the said company, to be given within the twelve months immediately preceding the expir-

ation of the said twenty years, assume the ownership of the said railway upon payment, etc., of its value, to be determined by arbitration together with ten per cent. additional:—Held, reversing the judgments of the Courts below, Fournier, J., dissenting, that the company were entitled to a full six months' notice prior to the 9th February, 1885, to be given within the twelve months preceding the 9th February, 1885, and, therefore, notice given in November, 1884, to the company that the corporation would take possession of the railway in six months thereafter was bad. Per Strong and Henry, J.J. That the Court had no power to appoint an arbitrator or valuator to make the valuation provided for by the agreement after the refusal by the company to appoint their arbitrator. Fournier, J., contra. Quebec Street Ry. Co. v. City of Quebec, 15 Can. S.C.R. 164.

FRANCHISES; ASSUMPTION OF OWNERSHIP BY MUNICIPALITY; PRINCIPLE OF VALUATION; VALUE OF FRANCHISE.

R.S.O. 1897, c. 208, s. 41 (1) provides that "No municipal council shall grant to a street railway company any privilege under this Act for a longer period than twenty years, but at the expiration of twenty years from the time of passing the first by-law which is acted upon, conferring the right of laying rails upon any street, or at such earlier date as may be fixed by agreement, the municipal corporation may, after giving six months' notice prior to the expiration of the period limited, assume the ownership of the railway, and all real and personal property in connection with the working thereof, on payment of the value thereof, to be determined by arbitration." Arbitrators were appointed under the Street Railway Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 208, to determine the value of the appellants' railway and all real and personal property in connection with the working thereof, the ownership of which had been assumed, under the provisions of s. 41 (1) of the Act, by a town corporation, part of the railway being laid within the town. The arbitrators in their award fixed on a certain sum as "the actual present value of the railway and of the real and personal property in connection with the working thereof," and stated that in arriving at that value they had "valued the railway as being a railway in use and capable of being used and operated as a street railway," and that they had "not allowed anything for the value of any privilege or franchise whatsoever," in either of the municipalities in which the railway was laid. They further stated that they had not been able to assent to the contention of the company that the proper mode of valuation should be to capit-

alize the amount of the permanent net earning power of the railway, and that they had not reached their valuation in any way on that basis, but had "considered only the actual present value":—Held, Moss, C.J.O., dissenting, that the arbitrators had erred in their method of valuation, and that in the case of a railway producing, as the appellants' railway did, a considerable permanent profit, the proper method of valuation was to take its net permanent revenue and capitalize that, the result representing its real value. *Stockton and Middlesbrough Water Board v. Kirkleatham Local Board*, [1893] A.C. 44, distinguished. Right of owner to allowance of 10 per cent. as for compulsory taking discussed. Judgment of Britton, J., reversed, and award remitted to the arbitrators for reconsideration. *Berlin and Waterloo Street Ry. Co. v. Town of Berlin*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 271, 19 O.L.R. 57.

[Reversed in 42 Can. S.C.R. 581, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 181.]

FRANCHISE; ASSUMPTION BY MUNICIPALITY; PRINCIPLE OF VALUATION.

By s. 41 of the Ontario Street Railway Act, R.S.O. 1897, c. 208, no municipal council shall grant to a street railway company any privilege thereunder for a longer period than twenty years, and at the expiration of a franchise so granted, or earlier if so agreed upon, it may, on giving six months' previous notice to the company, assume the ownership of the railway and all real and personal property in connection with the working thereof on payment of the value of the same to be determined by arbitration:—Held, reversing the judgment of the Court of Appeal, 19 O.L.R. 57, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 271, that the proper mode of estimating the value of the "railway and all real and personal property in connection with the working thereof," was not by capitalizing its net permanent revenue and taking that as the value, but by estimating what it was worth as a railway in use and capable of being operated, excluding compensation for loss of franchise. Held, also, that in view of the provisions in the Street Railway Act authorizing the municipality to assume ownership of a street railway operating in two or more municipalities the company in this case whose railway was taken over by the town of Berlin was not entitled to compensation for loss of its franchise in the municipality of Waterloo. On the expiration of its franchise the company executed an agreement extending for two months the time for assumption of ownership by the municipality, but did not relinquish possession until six months more had elapsed. During the extended time an

Act was passed by the legislature reciting all the circumstances, ratifying and confirming the agreement for extension and authorizing the municipality to take possession on payment of the award subject to any variation in the amount by the Court. Held, that though this Act did not expressly provide for taking possession on the same footing as if it had been done immediately on the expiration of the franchise its effect was, not to confer on the municipality a new right of expropriation in respect of an extended franchise, but merely to extend the time for assumption of ownership under the original conditions. The rights of the company to compensation are defined by statute, and there is no provision for an allowance of ten per cent. over and above the actual value of the property. *Town of Berlin v. Berlin & Waterloo Street Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 181, 42 Can. S.C.R. 581.

MUNICIPAL AID; CONSTRUCTION BEYOND LIMITS OF MUNICIPALITY; VALIDATING ACT.

The corporation of the Town of Port Arthur passed a by-law entitled "a by-law to raise the sum of \$75,000 for street railway purposes, and to authorize the issue of debentures therefor, which recited, inter alia, that it was necessary to raise said sum for the purpose of building, etc., a street railway connecting the Municipality of Neebing with the business centre of Port Arthur. At that time a municipality was not authorized to construct a street railway beyond its territorial limits. The by-law was voted upon by the ratepayers and passed, but none was submitted ordering the construction of the work. Subsequently an Act was passed by the Legislature of Ontario in respect to the said by-law, which enacted that the same "is hereby confirmed and declared to be valid, legal and binding on the town . . . and for all purposes, etc., relating to or affecting the said by-law, and any and all amendments of the Municipal Act . . . shall be deemed and taken as having been complied with":—Held, reversing the decision of the Court of Appeal, *Taschereau, J.*, dissenting, that the said Act did not dispense with the requirements of ss. 504 and 505 of the Municipal Act requiring a by-law providing for construction of the railway to be passed, but only confirmed the one that was passed as a money by-law. Held, also, that an erroneous recital in the preamble to the Act that the Town Council had passed a construction by-law had no effect on the question to be decided. 19 A.R. (Ont.) 555 reversed. *Dwyer v. Town of Port Arthur*, 22 Can. S.C.R. 241.

[Referred to in *Bell v. Westmount*, Q.R. 15 S.C. 585.]

E. Regulation; Railway Board.

REGULATION BY CITY BY-LAW.

A requirement of a city by-law that a street railway company should keep and maintain its engines, machinery and power houses within the city limits, is complied with by the maintenance therein of a sub-station containing apparatus for the reduction of the voltage of electricity generated beyond the city limits, and also for transforming it into a direct current. *Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co. v. City of Winnipeg*, 4 D.L.R. 116, [1912] A.C. 355.

APPROVAL OF PLANS; CONDITIONAL APPROVAL.

(1) Notwithstanding the provision of s. 472 of the *Winnipeg Charter* that "the powers of the council shall be exercised by-law when not otherwise authorized or provided for," the approval by the city council of the construction by defendants of a loop line on certain named streets of the city may be given by resolution. *Toronto v. Toronto Ry. Co.* (1906), 12 O.L.R. 534, followed. (2) It is not a valid objection to such a resolution that it was one approving a report of the Board of Control even if such board had no power to deal with such a matter. (3) The council had power to give an approval coupled with a condition that the company should also construct another loop line on certain other streets, although the council might be unable afterwards to enforce the condition. (4) Under the law governing such construction the approval of the detailed plans by the City Council is not required, so that the making of a change in the plans by the city engineer which had not been approved by the council was no ground for an injunction. *Black v. Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co.*, 17 Man. L.R. 77.

BREACH OF BY-LAW; INTERVENTION OF ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

In an action by the Attorney-General on the relation of a city and its building inspector and by the city in its own right against an electric railway company to restrain the breaches of certain city by-laws concerning the erection of buildings and of any gas works or gas holders within the city, in which action the company claimed that by virtue of the powers derived from another company that it was not subject to the by-laws and also denied their validity, and at the opening of the trial applied to amend its defence by pleading that the plaintiffs, by the judgment of the Privy Council in the company's favour in a former action which the city alone

brought against the company and in which the issues were similar to those in the present action, were estopped from denying that the latter possessed all the powers of its predecessor, the Attorney-General is not estopped by the judgment in the former action and as against him the application to amend should be refused. *Attorney-General v. Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co.*, 5 D.L.R. 823, 21 W.L.R. 906, 22 Man. L.R. 761.

[*St. Mary Magdalene v. Attorney-General*, 6 H.L.C. 189; *People v. Halladay*, 93 Cal. 241, 29 Pac. R. 54, writ of error dismissed, 159 U.S. 415, distinguished.]

BREACH OF MUNICIPAL BY-LAW; INTERVENTION OF ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

In an action by a city in its own right and by the Attorney-General on the relation of the city and its building inspector against an electric railway company to restrain the breaches of certain city by-laws concerning the erection of buildings and any gas works or gas holders within the city, in which action the company claimed that by virtue of the powers derived from another company it was not subject to the by-laws and also denied the validity of the by-laws, and at the opening of the trial applied to amend its defence by pleading that the plaintiffs, by the judgment of the Privy Council in the company's favour in a former action which the city alone brought against the company and in which the issues were similar to those in the present action, were estopped from denying that the company possessed all the powers of its predecessor, the amendment was allowed as against the city and an opportunity given the company of proving it. *Attorney-General v. Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co.*, 5 D.L.R. 823, 21 W.L.R. 906.

ACTIONS AGAINST ELECTRIC RAILWAYS; INTERVENTION OF ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

The right of the Attorney-General to take action on behalf of the public for the violation by an electric railway company of a by-law forbidding the erection of gas holders within the city without first obtaining the permission of the City Council, cannot be taken away by the city consenting to the erection of a gas holder by a company in breach of the city's own by-law. *Attorney-General v. Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co.*, 5 D.L.R. 823, 21 W.L.R. 906.

Yabbicom v. King, [1899] 1 Q.B. 444, followed.

BREACH OF CITY BY-LAWS.

The only party who can sue for the protection of the public right is the Attorney-General of the province in an action to

restrain the breach of three city by-laws, one of which forbade the erection of any gas works or gas holders within the city without first obtaining the permission of the City Council, another prohibiting the erection of buildings within the city without a permit from the building inspector, and the third prescribing an area within the city within which no gas works should be erected or continued. Attorney-General v. Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co., 5 D.L.R. 823, 21 W.L.R. 906.

[Devonport v. Tozer, [1903] 1 Ch. 759; Attorney-General v. Wimbledon, [1904] 2 Ch. 34; and Attorney-General v. Pontypridd, [1908] 1 Ch. 388, referred to.]

TORONTO RAILWAY AGREEMENT; ONTARIO RAILWAY BOARD.

An order in council in pursuance of the judgment of the Judicial Committee, [1907] A.C. 315, ordered that subject to certain conditions contained in their agreement it was for the respondents and not the appellants to determine what new lines should be laid down on streets within the city of Toronto. Thereafter an order was made by the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board that the respondents construct between ten and fifteen additional miles of single track, and the company selected certain streets for that purpose. Subsequently the Court of Appeal for Ontario affirmed a decision of the said Board that the company had the right to select.—Held, that the judgment in [1907] A.C. 315 was perfectly clear and that the order in council thereon was unaffected by the Ontario Act, 8 Edw. VII. c. 112, s. 1. 19 O.L.R. 396, 14 O.W.R. 578, 1 O.W.N. 5, affirmed. City of Toronto v. Toronto Ry. Co., [1910] A.C. 312.

ONTARIO RAILWAY AND MUNICIPAL BOARD JURISDICTION; AGREEMENT BETWEEN MUNICIPALITIES; POSSESSION OF RAILWAY.

Under an agreement made between two municipalities and confirmed by the statute 8 Edw. VII. c. 80 (O.), one of the municipalities was, on payment of the amount of an award, to become the owner of a part of an electric railway which theretofore had been owned by the other although operated in both municipalities and the whole road was to be operated and managed by a board of commissioners constituted in the manner provided for in the statute and agreement. The amount awarded having been paid, and the appellants, a board of commissioners who had been operating the railway for the municipality which owned it, retaining control, management, and possession of the railway, and refusing to permit compliance with the provisions of the agreement and enactment

in regard to its operation and management. The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board was applied to, and such compliance was enforced by its order:—Held, that the Board did not thereby exceed the powers conferred upon it by the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board Act, 1906. Re Port Arthur Electric Street Ry., 18 O.L.R. 376.

ONTARIO RAILWAY AND MUNICIPAL BOARD; FRANCHISE FOR ONLY SINGLE TRACK; NO POWER TO ORDER DOUBLE TRACK.

Waddington v. Toronto & York Radial Ry. Co., 18 O.W.R. 621.

CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION; MUNICIPAL ASSENT; RAILWAY BOARD.

In the case of a street railway or tramway or of any railway to be operated as such upon the highways of any city or incorporated town, the consent of municipal authority required by s. 184, Railway Act, 1903, must be by a valid by-law, and in the absence of such by-law, the Board of Railway Commissioners have no jurisdiction to enforce an order respecting the construction and operation of such railway. Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Montreal Terminal Ry. Co., 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 373, 36 Can. S.C.R. 369.

[Adhered to in Essex Terminal v. Windsor, etc. Ry. Co., 40 Can. S.C.R. 625 referred to in Can. Pac. Ry. Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 12 O.L.R. 320.]

MUNICIPAL STREET RAILWAYS; ACCOUNTING FOR PROFITS.

The Courts will not entertain a suit for an accounting of profits from the operation of a railway by two municipalities under a formal agreement executed not voluntarily but in conformity to an order of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, since the matter was one exclusively within the jurisdiction of the Board. 7 D.L.R. 241, 28 O.L.R. 206, affirmed. Town of Waterloo v. City of Berlin, 12 D.L.R. 390, 28 O.L.R. 206.

[Referred to in Malone v. Hamilton, 10 D.L.R. 305.]

F. Negligence; Contributory; Ultimate.

INJURY TO DRIVER CROSSING TRACK; IMPROPER CONSTRUCTION OF TRACK.

The plaintiff, a driver employed by the Montreal Brewing Company, while crossing the track of the defendants on Place d'Armes, opposite the church of Notre Dame, was thrown out of the wagon which he was driving by the breaking of the rear axle, breaking his leg and sustaining other severe injuries. He brought an action of damages alleging that the accident had

occurred by the fault of the defendants, owing to the improper construction and bad order of the track. The Superior Court for Lower Canada (Torrance, J.) found that the track was in bad order, the switch being three inches above the level of the road, contrary to law, and that this caused the accident without any fault on the part of the plaintiff, whose damages he assessed at \$2,500. The Court of Queen's Bench for Lower Canada (appeal side) reversed this judgment, being of opinion that the rails, as well as the part of the roadway the defendants were bound to maintain, were lawful and sufficient; that the defendants were not in fault, and that the plaintiff had not exercised the necessary caution and prudence to which he was bound, and might, by the exercise of reasonable caution and prudence, have avoided the accident. On appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada:—Held, that the questions to be decided were purely matters of fact, and the judgment of the court of first instance should not have been disturbed. Strong, J., dissenting, on the ground that the judgment of the Court of Queen's Bench on the facts was correct. Appeal allowed with costs. Parker v. Montreal City Passenger Ry. Co., (1885) Cass. Can. S.C.R. Dig. 1893, p. 731.

[In this case the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council refused leave to appeal. 6 Gaz. 474.]

DERAILMENT; NEGLIGENCE.

A street railway company is liable, in addition to actual damage suffered, for the diminution in value of an immovable situate at the foot of, and adjoining a steep hill down which the cars run where they are frequently derailed and precipitated on the immovable to the great peril of any persons who may be on the spot. Amyot v. Quebec Ry., Light & Power Co., Q.R. 36 S.C. 141.

ACCIDENT TO PERSON ON STREET RAILWAY TRACK; GUARD RAIL; IMPROPER HEIGHT OF RAIL.

Chisholm v. Halifax Tram. Co., 9 E.L.R. 201 (N.S.).

LIABILITY FOR PROTRUDING RAILS.

Where a city by-law declared that a street railway company should be responsible for all damages occasioned by the construction, maintenance, and operation of its railway, it is answerable for injuries sustained by the plaintiff who was thrown from a vehicle by the striking of a wheel against a rail that was four inches above the surface of the street, notwithstanding the rail had originally been laid flush with

the street and its elevation was due to acts of the city in repairing the street. Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Bastien, (Que.) 12 D.L.R. 342.

[Allred v. West Metropolitan Tramway Co., L.R., [1891] 2 Q.B. 398; and Howit v. Nottingham Tramway Co., 12 Q.B.D. 16, distinguished.]

NUISANCE; ERECTION OF DAM TO OBTAIN POWER; OBSTRUCTION OF MILL.

Where the proprietors of land on opposite banks of a river enter into an arrangement with respect to the ownership of a dam erected for the purpose of obtaining power, touching both banks and extending across the stream, it is competent for them to do so, and owners further down the stream have nothing to say as to the terms of the arrangement where the quantity of water passing down is not diminished. Where the owners below by means of a dam erected by them cause the water to flow back and to obstruct the operation of a mill above them they will be liable in damages for the obstruction so caused. In the action claiming damages for such obstruction and an injunction to restrain the continuance of the injury both the owner of the fee and the tenant operating the mill are properly joined although the former will only be entitled to recover nominal damages. And where the amount of damages awarded by the trial Judge is found to be excessive in view of the evidence and a reduction is ordered and the judgment varied in other respects no order will be made as to costs. Crosby et al. v. Yarmouth Street Ry. Co. et al., 45 N.S.R. 330.

EXCESSIVE SPEED; GONG NOT SOUNDED; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

A passenger on a street car in Toronto going west alighted on the side farthest from the other track and passed in front of the car to cross to the opposite side of the street. The space between the two tracks was very narrow and seeing a car coming from the west as she was about to step on the track, she recoiled, and at the same time the car she had left started and she was crushed between the two, receiving injuries from which she died. In an action by her father and mother for damages the jury found that the company was negligent in running the east bound car at excessive speed and starting the west bound car and not sounding the gong in proper time. They found also that deceased was negligent, but that the company could, nevertheless, have avoided the accident by the exercise of reasonable care:—Held, that the case having been submitted to the jury with a charge not objected to by the defendants

and the evidence justifying the findings the verdict for the plaintiffs should not be disturbed. The plaintiffs should not have had the funeral and other expenses incurred by the father of deceased allowed as damages in the action. *Toronto Ry. Co. v. Mulvaney*, 38 Can. S.C.R. 337.

[Referred to in *Jones v. Toronto etc. Ry. Co.*, 20 O.L.R. 71.]

USE OF CONTROLLER; DUTY OF MOTORMAN.

Rule 212 of the rules of the London Street Ry. Co. provides that "when the power leaves the line the controller must be shut off, the overhead switch thrown and the car brought to a stop. . . ." A car on which the lights had been weak and intermittent for some little time passed a point on the line at which there was a circuit breaker when the power ceased to operate. The motorman shut off the controller but, instead of applying the brakes, allowed the car to proceed by the momentum it had acquired and it collided with a stationary car on the line ahead of it. In an action by the motorman claiming damages for injuries received through such collision:—Held, that the accident was due to the motorman's disregard of the above rule and he could not recover. 10 O.W.R. 302 affirmed. *Harris v. London Street Ry. Co.*, 39 Can. S.C.R. 398.

CROSSING; UNDUE SPEED; SOUNDING GONG.

Appeal from the judgment of the Court of King's Bench, appeal side (Q.R. 14 K.B. 355), affirming the judgment of the Superior Court, District of Montreal, entered upon the verdict of a jury, in favour of the plaintiff. The plaintiff was a passenger on a tramcar operated by the company, and on approaching a crossing, signalled the conductor to stop the car and, when it slowed down, but before it reached the crossing, stepped off the car and attempted to cross to the other side of the street by passing in rear of the car on which he had been travelling. He was struck and injured by a car coming at a considerable speed from the opposite direction without, it was alleged, giving notice according to running regulations, by sounding the gong as it was meeting and passing the other car. The jury found generally for the plaintiff, without specifying any particular act of negligence, but that the plaintiff was also negligent and assessed the damages at \$3,500, for which judgment was entered at the trial. By the judgment appealed from it was held that, upon the contradictory evidence, there was sufficient ground to support the verdict. On the appeal to the Supreme Court the company contended that there was misdirection, irregularity in the verdict and

that the verdict was against the weight of evidence. After hearing counsel on behalf of the appellants and without calling upon the respondent's counsel for any argument, the Supreme Court of Canada dismissed the appeal with costs. Q.R. 14 K.B. 355 affirmed. *Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Deslongchamps*, 37 Can. S.C.R. 685.

[Referred to in *Wallingford v. Ottawa Electric Ry. Co.*, 14 O.L.R. 383.]

NEGLIGENCE; PRECAUTIONS.

An electric tramway company should avoid everything which, not being absolutely necessary for the service, is a source of danger to the public, and if it does not do so it is guilty of imprudence for which it is responsible. The fact that a cause of danger could only be avoided by increased labour and expense is no excuse for allowing it to remain. *Mattice v. Montreal Street Ry. Co.*, 20 Que. S.C. 22.

INJURY TO PEDESTRIAN; EXCESSIVE SPEED; BURDEN OF SHOWING MEANS OF ESCAPE.

Plaintiff was proceeding along the track of the defendant company, on a public street in the city of Sydney, when he was overtaken, struck, and severely injured by an electric car, which was being driven at an excessive and dangerous rate of speed. At the time of the accident, plaintiff was prevented from escaping by a car of another line, which was obstructing the crossing in front of him, and by banks of snow, which had been thrown up by defendant's plow, at the side of the track upon which he was standing:—Held, setting aside the judgment for defendant, and ordering a new trial, that the burden of showing that plaintiff had means of escape, was upon the defendant company. Also, that plaintiff having the right to be where he was, and the whole event, from the moment he discovered his danger to the time he was struck, having happened in the course of a few seconds, he was not to be held to the obligation of selecting the best possible means of escape. *Ricketts v. Sydney and Glace Bay Ry.*, 37 N.S.R. 270.

LIABILITY FOR INJURY TO PERSON RISKING HIS LIFE TO SAVE THAT OF ANOTHER.

A statement of claim alleging, in effect, that a child about two years of age had fallen on the track of the defendants' street railway on a public street in the city; that one of the defendants' cars was approaching the child at a high rate of speed, and that, owing to the negligence of the motorman in charge of the car in not stopping it, the child's life was endangered without negligence on her part; that the plaintiff, observing this, necessarily rushed in front of the

car in an attempt to save the child, and that, owing to the motorman's negligence in not stopping the car or reducing its speed, he was struck and injured by the car, discloses a good cause of action. *Seymour v. Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co.*, 19 Man. L.R. 412, 13 W.L.R. 566.

COLLISION; MOTOR CAR STRUCK BY TRAMCAR.

Plaintiff's motor car, proceeding along the highway, got partly between the rails of the defendant company, but owing to the condition of the road, was unable to get out of the way of an approaching tramcar. On seeing his difficulty, the driver signalled to the motorman of the tramcar to stop, which he endeavoured to do, but was unable to avoid a collision, in which the motor car was damaged. The trial Judge gave judgment for plaintiff on the ground of negligence on the part of the defendant company in not having a car of the size which caused the collision equipped with air brakes, which would, he held, have enabled the motorman to have stopped in time to prevent the collision:—Held, on appeal, on the evidence, that there was no negligence on the part of the motorman. Per Martin, J.A., that there was no evidence to support the finding of negligence in the company's not having the car equipped with an air brake. *Winter v. British Columbia Electric Ry.*, 15 B.C.R. 81, 13 W.L.R. 352.

EXCESSIVE SPEED; DUTY OF DRIVER TO HAVE HIS CAR UNDER CONTROL.

Where plaintiff alighted from one of the defendant's cars at night time, at a point where the street was torn up for purposes of repair, and the bell on a car immediately behind that from which he alighted, was clanging; and going between the two cars, and looking up and down a parallel track before crossing, but seeing no car approaching, was nevertheless struck and injured by an approaching car, running at an excessive speed on such parallel track:—Held, that he was entitled to recover, as it was the duty of the driver to have his car under control. *Morton v. British Columbia Electric Ry. Co.*, 15 B.C.R. 187.

ACCIDENT TO PEDESTRIAN; UNDUCE SPEED OF CAR; NEGLIGENCE; DAMAGES.

Poisson v. Sherbrooke Street Ry. Co., 5 E.L.R. 388 (Que.).

NEGLECT; DARK NIGHT; NEGLECT TO GIVE NOTICE BY BELL; CONSENT TO REDUCTION OF DAMAGES.

The plaintiff, travelling by electric railway along a country road on a dark night, got off at a regular stopping place. He then turned back along the road, and after

he had walked some distance along it, and was moving towards the railway track, the car by which he had travelled, backing up, struck him. There was a light at both ends of the car, which was travelling at the rate of three or four miles an hour, but the current was very weak and the light slight, and the motorman came within four or five feet of the plaintiff before seeing him, and he did not sound the gong or give any other warning of his approach:—Held, that there was evidence of negligence on the part of the defendants, and the appeal from the trial judgment was dismissed and a new trial refused, on the plaintiff consenting to reduce his damages. *Ford v. The Metropolitan Ry. Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 187, 4 O.L.R. 29.

INTERSECTIONS; "ULTIMATE" NEGLIGENCE; INJURY TO PERSON CROSSING TRACK; NEGLECT OF MOTORMAN TO SHUT OFF POWER.

Negligence of a defendant incapacitating him from taking due care to avoid the consequences of the plaintiff's negligence, may, in some cases, though anterior in point of time to the plaintiff's negligence, constitute "ultimate" negligence, rendering the defendant liable notwithstanding a finding of contributory negligence of the plaintiff. Such anterior default of the defendant is "ultimate" negligence when it renders inefficient to avert injury to the plaintiff means employed by the defendant after danger became apparent, and which would otherwise have proved adequate to prevent the mischief, or renders the defendant wholly incapable of employing such means, though time was afforded for his using them efficaciously but for such disabling negligence. *Scott v. Dublin and Wicklow Ry. Co.* (1861), 11 Ir. C.L.R. 377, approved. *Radley v. London and North Western Ry. Co.* (1876), 1 App. Cas. 754, applied. The plaintiff in crossing a city street in front of an approaching motor-car of the defendants was admittedly guilty of negligence or contributory negligence, but, on the evidence, would have crossed safely if a moment more had been allowed her. As it was, she was struck by the corner of the car fender and injured. There was evidence of a rule of the defendants that motormen were to shut off power at a certain distance before reaching a crossing, and that the motorman on this occasion did not do so, and in an action for the defendants' negligence causing the plaintiff's injuries the trial Judge in his charge to the jury withdrew the evidence of this rule from their consideration:—Held, that the place where the plaintiff attempted to cross was a crossing, being opposite a street running at right angles to the street upon which the car was being

operated, though not an intersecting street; and the withdrawal of the evidence as to the rule was misdirection, and misdirection which might have affected the result; the jury might, upon the evidence, have found that, but for the motorman's failure sooner to shut off power, or to reduce speed, the momentum of the car would have been so lessened that he could with the emergency appliance at his command, have avoided running down the plaintiff; and this failure, though anterior to the plaintiff's negligence, would be "ultimate" negligence, within the meaning of the rule which makes a defendant liable, notwithstanding contributory negligence of the plaintiff, if in the result he (the defendant) could by the exercise of ordinary care have avoided the mischief. *Brenner et al. v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 261, 13 O.L.R. 423.

[Reversed in 15 O.L.R. 195, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 210, 40 Can. S.C.R. 540, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 108, commented on in *Snow v. Cow's Nest Pass Coal Co.*, 13 B.C.R. 155; followed in *Burman v. Ottawa Elec. Ry. Co.*, 21 O.L.R. 446, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 353; referred to in *Hinsley v. London Street Ry. Co.*, 16 O.L.R. 350; *Wallingford v. Ottawa El. Ry. Co.*, 14 O.L.R. 383.]

NEW TRIAL; MISDIRECTION; CHARGE TO JURY; OBJECTION AT TRIAL.

Appeal allowed from the judgment of the Divisional Court, reported 13 O.L.R. 423, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 261, granting a new trial. Per Osler, J.A.:—There is no hard and fast rule which absolutely prohibits the Court from entertaining an objection on the ground of misdirection when the party has omitted to take it at the trial. *Brenner v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 210, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 100, 15 O.L.R. 195.

[Affirmed in 40 Can. S.C.R. 540, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 108.]

CHARGE OF JUDGE; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

A rule of the Toronto Ry. Co. provides that "when approaching crossings and crowded places where there is a possibility of accidents the speed must be reduced and the car kept carefully under control. Go very slowly over all curves, switches and intersections; never faster than three miles an hour." A girl on the south side of Queen Street wished to cross to University Avenue which reaches but does not cross Queen. She saw a car coming along the latter street from the east and thought she had time to cross, but was struck and severely injured. On the trial of an action for damages the Judge in his charge said: "It is not a question, gentlemen of the jury, as to the motorman's duty under

the rule, it is a question of what is reasonable for him to do." The jury found that defendants were not guilty of negligence; that plaintiff by the exercise of reasonable care could have avoided the injury; and that she failed to exercise such care by not taking proper precautions before crossing. The action was dismissed at the trial; a Divisional Court ordered a new trial on the ground that the Judge had misdirected the jury in withdrawing from their consideration the rules of the company; the Court of Appeal restored the judgment at the trial.—Held, affirming the judgment of the Court of Appeal, 15 O.L.R. 195, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 210, which set aside the order of the Divisional Court for a new trial, 13 O.L.R. 423, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 261, *Idington, J.*, dissenting, that the action was properly dismissed.—Held, per *Girouard and Duff, J.J.*:—The Judge's charge was open to objection but as under the findings of the jury and the evidence plaintiff could not possibly recover a new trial should be refused. Per *Davies, J.*:—There was no misdirection. The jury were not led to believe that the rules were not to be considered, but only that they should not be the standard as to what was or was not negligence, which question should be decided on the facts proved. Per *MacLennan, J.*:—The place at which the accident occurred, where University Ave. meets Queen Street, is not a crossing nor intersection within the meaning of the rules and they do not apply in this case. *Brenner v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 108, 40 Can. S.C.R. 540.

NEGLIGENCE; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE; NEW TRIAL.

In an action for damages against the appellants for loss of life occasioned by the negligent management of their tramcar by their servant employed to drive it, the jury found that the servant was guilty of negligence in causing the accident and that the deceased was not guilty of contributory negligence, and judgment was accordingly entered for the plaintiffs.—Held, reversing 8 O.W.R. 507, that the Court in appeal from that judgment was in error in setting it aside and ordering a new trial, there having been evidence on both issues properly submitted to the jury. It is not valid ground for ordering a new trial that the Judges differ from the conclusion at which the jury have arrived or consider that the findings show that the defendants had not had a fair and unprejudiced trial. Special leave to the respondents to cross appeal against the order for a new trial granted *nunc pro tunc*; the appeal praying that the action should be dismissed. *Toronto Ry. Co. v. King*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 408, [1908] A.C. 260.

[Commented on in *Brenner v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 40 Can. S.C.R. 552; followed in *Tinsley v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 17 O.L.R. 74; referred to in *Berthelot v. Salesses*, 39 N.B.R. 149; *White v. Victoria Lumber, etc. Co.*, 14 B.C.R. 374; distinguished in *Milligan v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 17 O.L.R. 530.]

EXCESSIVE SPEED; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

The deceased in attempting to cross over one of the streets of a city on which there were street car lines, passed behind one of the cars, and was just stepping on to the track on which cars coming in the opposite direction ran, when she fell and was struck by an approaching car and killed. In an action brought to recover damages therefor, the jury, while finding that there was negligence on the defendants' part in running at too high a rate of speed, and that there was contributory negligence on the plaintiff's part in not taking proper precautions before attempting to cross, also found that the defendants could have avoided the accident had the car been running at a reasonable rate of speed. Upon their answers judgment was entered for the plaintiff:—Held, Garrow, J., dissenting, that on these findings, the judgment could not be supported, and a new trial was directed. *Hinsley v. London Street Ry. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 419, 16 O.L.R. 350.

[Distinguished in *McGraw v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 18 O.L.R. 154.]

CROSSING; ACCIDENT; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

The plaintiff, intending to take a street car going westerly, so as to reach his house, on arriving, shortly after midnight, at the southerly side of the street on which the particular car line was, saw a car coming westerly about 300 feet off, and without again looking for the car he attempted to cross over the street in a westerly diagonal direction, so as to reach a street corner, where he expected the car would stop, it being, as he said, the usual practice for all cars to stop there, though it appeared there was no rule requiring them to do so, and because he saw two persons standing at the corner apparently waiting for the car, and who had signalled it to stop, but of this he was not aware. The car, however, ran past the corner, knocking down the plaintiff and severely injuring him. The motorman had seen the plaintiff when the car was about 150 feet off. It was claimed that the motorman was intoxicated and incapable of knowing what he was doing, and that the car was going at an excessive rate of speed. The place was well lighted and nothing to obstruct the view:—Held, that the acci-

dent was attributable to the plaintiff's own want of care in attempting to cross over the street as he did, and that the case, therefore, should have been withdrawn from the jury. Magee, J., dissented on the ground that it was a question for the jury. Judgment of Britton, J., at the trial reversed. *Tinsley v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 69, 15 O.L.R. 438.

[Reversed in 17 O.L.R. 74, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 90; distinguished in *Milligan v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 17 O.L.R. 530.]

INJURY TO PERSON CROSSING IN FRONT OF CAR; OMISSION TO STOP; STOPPING PLACE; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

The plaintiff intending to take a street car going westerly, on arriving, shortly after midnight, at the southerly side of the street on which the particular car line was, saw a car coming westerly very rapidly, being then about 300 feet off. He saw two persons standing at the corner signalled the car to stop, and believing that it would do so, it being the usual and customary practice to stop at the corner, when persons wished to get on or off the car, he, without again looking to see where the car was, attempted to cross in front of it, so as to get on it, when, instead of stopping, it ran past the corner, knocking down the plaintiff and injured him:—Held, that it could not be said that there was inexcusable negligence on the plaintiff's part in attempting to cross the street in front of the car, for he might reasonably assume that the car would stop at the corner in pursuance of the signal to do so, and that the case therefore could not have been withdrawn from the jury; and was properly submitted to them. Judgment of the Divisional Court (1907), 15 O.L.R. 438, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 69, reversed. *Tinsley v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 90, 17 O.L.R. 74.

DRIVER OF VEHICLE; CROSSING IN FRONT OF APPROACHING CAR; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

The plaintiff was driving easterly in his carriage and pair of horses, at a moderate pace, along one of the streets of a city, and on arriving within thirty feet of a cross street, on which there was a street car line, he saw a car coming from the north, where there was a down grade, approaching at a rapid rate, the car being then about 300 feet distant. The plaintiff admitted that he could easily have stopped his carriage and horses before reaching the track. He consulted with his coachman, and, both being of the opinion the speed of the car was not so great as to prevent their crossing in safety, he attempted to do so, when the carriage was struck by the car, and dam-

aged, and he, himself, injured. No attempt was made by the motorman to slow down the car. On questions submitted to the jury, they found that the accident was caused through the defendants' negligence, such negligence consisting in the car not being under proper control and that there was no contributory negligence on the plaintiff's part:—Held, that it could not be said, in all the circumstances, the plaintiff acted so recklessly as to preclude the submission to the jury of the question whether or not he acted with reasonable care; and a finding by the jury in the plaintiff's favour was upheld. Judgment at the trial and of the Divisional Court affirmed, Moss, C.J.O., and Meredith, J.A., dissenting. Milligan v. Toronto Ry. Co., 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 434, 17 O.L.R. 530.

[Leave to appeal refused in 18 O.L.R. 109, 17 O.L.R. 370.]

NEGLIGENCE; DUTY OF COMPANY TO PUT ON WHEEL GUARDS.

1. It is negligence in a company operating electric cars on the streets of a city not to have such guards for the front wheels as will prevent persons falling on the tracks from being run over, and the company will be liable in damages to any person injured in consequence of such negligence, unless there is sufficient contributory negligence on the part of such persons to constitute a defence. 2. No such contributory negligence could be attributed to a child under six years old. 3. A verdict for \$8,000 damages in such a case, where one of the child's legs was cut off, is not so excessive as to warrant the Court in ordering a new trial. Wald v. Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co., 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 126, 18 Man. L.R. 134.

[Affirmed in 41 Can. S.C.R. 431, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 129.]

INJURY TO PERSON CROSSING TRACK; EXCESSIVE SPEED; FAILURE TO GIVE WARNING; FAILURE TO LOOK.

The plaintiff, who was somewhat hard of hearing, attempted to cross from the east to the west side of a highway on which the defendants' single track was laid. Before he began to cross he observed a car of the defendants standing upon a siding about 550 feet north of him, and, from his knowledge of the practice of the defendants, inferred that it was waiting there for a car from the south to pass it. He, therefore, just before crossing the track, looked south for a car, but did not look north, and had almost passed over the track when he was struck by a car coming from the north, and injured. There was evidence that the gong was not sounded nor the whistle blown nor the speed of the car slackened as he ap-

proached the track. He could have seen the car approaching had he turned and looked, and the motorman must have seen him approaching the track. Had the brakes been applied and the car delayed for a second or two, he would have escaped. There was evidence that it was going at from 16 to 18 miles an hour.—Held, that there was some evidence of negligence on the part of the motorman which should have been submitted to the jury; and a nonsuit was set aside. Per Mulock, C.J. Ex.D., that the plaintiff was not to assume that the motorman would start his car from a point enabling him to see the plaintiff walking in a direction that would soon bring him upon the track, and, nevertheless, that the car would be driven at such a speed as to overtake him, and that without giving any warning of its approach. Per Clute, J., that there was evidence to submit to the jury of negligence on the part of the motorman in not sounding the gong, in not exercising more care in keeping a look-out, and in not applying the brakes before the car struck the plaintiff. He could not but see that the plaintiff was approaching the track, and it was to be inferred from the evidence that he ought to have known that the plaintiff was oblivious of the approaching car. Brill v. Toronto Ry. Co. (1903), 13 O.W.R. 114, distinguished. Jones v. Toronto & York Radial Ry. Co., 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 361, 20 O.L.R. 71.

[Affirmed in 21 O.L.R. 421, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 368.]

INJURY TO PERSON CROSSING TRACK; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

In an action for damages for injuries sustained by the plaintiff, owing, as he alleged, to the negligence of the defendants, whereby he was struck by a car operated by their servants, while crossing a highway on foot:

—Held, that there was, at the close of the plaintiff's case, some evidence proper to be passed upon by the jury both of negligence on the part of the defendants and of contributory negligence on the part of the plaintiff; and that a nonsuit was properly set aside and a new trial directed. Judgment of a Divisional Court, 20 O.L.R. 71, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 361, affirmed. Per Garrow, J.A., that it is the well-established rule that, where reasonable evidence is given of negligence on the part of the defendant and of contributory negligence on the part of the plaintiff, these issues must be determined by the jury. The cases which at first sight seem to qualify this rule are cases in which the Court was able to reach the conclusion that the negligence of the plaintiff was the sole cause, or that the conduct of the plaintiff was per se negligent, or

the evidence so clear and undisputed that only the one inference could be reasonably possible. *Jones v. Toronto & York Radial Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 368, 21 O.L.R. 421. [Vide 23 O.L.R. 331, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 436.]

INJURY TO PERSON CROSSING TRACK; NEGLIGENCE; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE; ULTIMATE NEGLIGENCE.

Upon the second trial of this action, such trial being directed by the judgment of a Divisional Court (20 O.L.R. 71, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 361), affirmed by the Court of Appeal (21 O.L.R. 421, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 368)—the action being for damages for injuries sustained by the plaintiff owing to the alleged negligence of the servants of the defendants in charge of an electric tram-car which struck the plaintiff when crossing the defendants' track upon a public highway—the jury, in answer to questions, found: (1) that there was negligence on the part of the defendants which caused or helped to cause the collision; (2) that that negligence was, that "with the evidence given the car should have been stopped in a shorter distance"; (3) that there was negligence on the part of the plaintiff which caused or helped to cause the collision; (4) that that negligence was, that "he might have exercised a little more care"; (5) that, notwithstanding the negligence of the plaintiff, the defendants could by the exercise of reasonable care have prevented the collision; (6) that the motorman should have seen the man sooner and sounded his gong continuously.—Held, reversing the judgment of Riddell, J., that upon these findings (which were sufficiently sustained by the evidence) judgment should be entered for the plaintiff. Per Boyd, C.:—The rule of law applicable is that expressed by Lord Penzance in *Radley v. London and North Western Ry. Co.* (1876), 1 App. Cas. 754, 759: "Though the plaintiff may have been guilty of negligence, and although that negligence may, in fact, have contributed to the accident, yet if the defendant could in the result, by the exercise of ordinary care and diligence, have avoided the mischief which happened, the plaintiff's negligence will not excuse him." The jury here, upon the evidence, find an ultimate want of care on the part of the motorman after the danger to the plaintiff had become apparent, and after the plaintiff appeared to be unconscious of the danger. This is to be regarded as the decisive cause: the approach of the plaintiff was only the condition under which this injury became imminent, and was not the ultimate determining cause. *Reynolds v. Thomas Tilling Limited* (1903), 19 Times L.R. 539, 20 Times

L.R. 57, and *Rice v. Toronto Ry. Co.* (1910), 22 O.L.R. 446, distinguished. Statement of the matters to be considered in weighing the degree of care required as between foot-passengers and men in charge of a street car operating in a public highway. Per Middleton, J.:—The principle which governs this case is, that where a person or corporation is permitted to operate a dangerous vehicle upon a highway, that permission carries with it a corresponding duty of great care and incessant watchfulness to avoid injury to others using the highway. The user of the highway for rapid transit purposes, though lawful and expressly sanctioned by the Legislature, is, nevertheless, so perilous to the wayfarer that those in charge of the rapidly moving vehicle ought at all times to watch for the unwary and negligent foot-passenger, and they cannot escape from this duty by asserting that they did not in fact perceive the plaintiff's danger. Adapting the language of *Davies v. Mann* (1842), 10 M. & W. 546, they are bound to go along the highway at such a pace and with such vigilance as to prevent mischief; and the answer of the jury to the 6th question brings the case within this rule. Per Middleton, J., also:—By the 3rd and 4th answers of the jury they found contributory negligence. *Jones v. Toronto and York Radial Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 436, 23 O.L.R. 331.

[Reversed in 25 O.L.R. 158, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 107.]

INJURY TO PERSON CROSSING TRACK; NEGLIGENCE; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE; ULTIMATE NEGLIGENCE.

Held, reversing the judgment of a Divisional Court, 23 O.L.R. 331, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 436, that there was no reasonable evidence to support such of the findings of the jury as were in favour of the plaintiff; and the action was properly dismissed by Riddell, J. *Jones v. Toronto & York Radial Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 107, 25 O.L.R. 158.

EXCESSIVE SPEED OF CAR; CROSSING BEHIND CAR WITHOUT LOOKING; ULTIMATE NEGLIGENCE.

R. alighted from an east-bound car of the defendants on the south side of Gerrard street, in the city of Toronto, and in attempting to cross the north track of the defendants, opposite the gate of the Toronto General Hospital, which he was about to visit, he was struck by a westbound car and so injured that he died. In an action by R.'s executors to recover damages for his death, the jury, in answer to questions, found: that R.'s injuries were caused by the negligence of the defendants, which consisted in excessive speed; that R. could

by the exercise of reasonable care have avoided the accident; that R. was negligent "by not looking for approaching car"; that the motorman of the west-bound car, after he became aware, or, if he had exercised care, ought to have been aware, that R. was in a position of danger, could have prevented the accident by the exercise of reasonable care; and that in that respect the motorman's negligence consisted in "too great a speed":—Held, that, as the primary and ultimate negligence of the defendants were one and the same—excessive speed—and as that negligence was concurrent with the negligence of the deceased, there could be no recovery. No question of ultimate negligence arose upon the findings of the jury. Upon the findings of the jury, the action was dismissed, but without costs. Per Boyd, C.—At places like the Hospital the cars should not be driven at such a rate as to imperil those who have to cross the track in the visitation of the sick. *Rice v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 98, 22 O.L.R. 446.

DUTY AS TO PERSONS ON OR NEAR TRACK.

A motorman seeing a vehicle driving at right angles to his track, as if to cross, is justified in not reversing his controller until he sees that the driver of the vehicle does not intend to stop at the track and allow the car to pass, but the moment he perceives that there is danger it is his duty to act as promptly as he can to avert the danger. *Carleton v. City of Regina*, 1 D.L.R. 778, 20 W.L.R. 395, 5 S.L.R. 90.

[Referred to in *Balke v. Edmonton*, 1 D.L.R. 876, 4 A.L.R. 406.]

INJURY TO DRIVERS OF VEHICLES.

It is contributory negligence for the driver of a horse-drawn vehicle not to look immediately before attempting to cross a street railway crossing to see that he has plenty of time to cross in safety and before any properly operated car can approach dangerously close to him. *Carleton v. City of Regina*, 1 D.L.R. 778, 20 W.L.R. 395, 5 S.L.R. 90.

[Referred to in *Balke v. Edmonton*, 1 D.L.R. 876, 4 A.L.R. 406.]

CARS PASSING STREET CROSSING.

It is the duty of a motorman in taking his car over a crossing to keep a reasonable lookout for pedestrians and vehicles using the same crossing. *Carleton v. City of Regina*, 1 D.L.R. 778, 20 W.L.R. 395, 5 S.L.R. 90.

[Referred to in *Balke v. Edmonton*, 1 D.L.R. 876, 4 A.L.R. 406.]

EXCESSIVE SPEED; PERSON CROSSING TRACK.

Where a street car approaches a stopping place at an excessive speed, and there are persons waiting to board the car, and the car slackens speed as though to stop, but does not stop, and the highway is in such a condition as to demand the close attention of any one making use of it, an attempt to cross in front of the car does not necessarily constitute contributory negligence, but the question must be left to the jury. *Slingsby v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 3 D.L.R. 453, 3 O.W.N. 1161, 21 O.W.R. 980.

EXCESSIVE SPEED AT STREET INTERSECTION; INJURY TO PERSON CROSSING.

A verdict against a street railway company in favour of the plaintiff for injuries sustained by being struck by a street car will not be disturbed where, from the evidence, the jury was justified in finding that the car was negligently operated at excessive speed in crossing a public street at a dangerous point where the view was obstructed, and that the plaintiff, who was driving a long waggon, exercised reasonable care in approaching and endeavoring to cross the track and took reasonable care to save himself from injury, and that the motorman in charge of the car had time to avoid the accident after he became aware that the plaintiff intended to cross the track. *Goodchild v. Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg Ry. Co.*, 4 D.L.R. 159, 22 O.W.R. 152, 3 O.W.N. 1252.

DUTY OF MOTORMAN; REVERSING OF POWER; INJURY AVOIDABLE NOTWITHSTANDING CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE; "LAST CLEAR CHANCE"; ULTIMATE NEGLIGENCE.

Harnovis v. City of Calgary, 7 D.L.R. 789.

[Affirmed in *Harnovis v. Calgary* (No.2), 11 D.L.R. 3.]

RATE OF SPEED; MUNICIPAL BY-LAW.

Where a municipal by-law fixes a limit of speed, e.g., eight miles an hour for the street cars of a company, such company is not thereby authorized to run its cars at such maximum speed regardless of conditions and circumstances; hence a speed of not more than five or six miles an hour may be imprudence on a dark, rainy night on slippery rails and on a dimly lighted street, and if such car causes injury to a person crossing at the intersection of streets the company will be liable in damages. *Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Conant*, (Que.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 305, 7 D.L.R. 261.

USUAL STOPPING PLACE; NEGLIGENTLY RUNNING PAST STATIONARY CAR.

A passenger who had just alighted from

a street car which was being met on a parallel track by another, at a point where cars usually stopped to discharge and receive passengers, and where, to the knowledge of the railway company, it was the custom or habit of persons lighting from cars to cross a parallel track in order to reach another street, is not necessarily guilty of contributory negligence, where the fact that another passenger warned the plaintiff, a woman, to look out for the car, might well have flurried and perturbed her, as witnesses said, and led her to lower her head in the face of a strong wind, as she went around the rear of the car from which she had just alighted, and attempted to cross the parallel track, where she was struck by a car which was negligently run past the stationary car at an unusually high rate of speed. *Cooper v. London Street Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 191, 5 D.L.R. 198, affirmed. 2. The negligence of the defendant street railway company was sufficiently shewn so as to prevent the withdrawal of such question from the jury, where the evidence disclosed that sufficient caution was not observed in running a street car towards a car standing on a parallel track discharging passengers at a street crossing where they were regularly discharged and received, and where, to the knowledge of the company, it was the habit or custom of passengers to cross a parallel track in order to reach another street, and that the car struck and injured the plaintiff, who had just alighted from the stationary car, and without noticing the car approaching from the opposite direction, passed around the rear of the standing car and stepped upon the parallel track. *Cooper v. London Street Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 191, 5 D.L.R. 198, affirmed. 3. Where there is no reasonable evidence upon the whole case whether adduced by the plaintiff or the defendant upon which the jury could find in the plaintiff's favour in an action of negligence, the case should be withdrawn from them and the action dismissed; it is not necessary to go through the form of directing the jury to find a verdict for the defendant and of having such verdict recorded. (*Dictum per Meredith, J.A.*) *Cooper v. London Street Ry. Co.*, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 24, 9 D.L.R. 368.

LICENSEES AND PERMISSIVE USERS OF RIGHT-OF-WAY.

Where a railway company owning a tramway line leading to their railway station constantly permits the public to walk on the tracks of the tramway line without interference, it owes a duty to exercise reasonable care in the operation of the tramway to avoid running down a person walking on the tracks, to or from the station, as such cir-

cumstances create a leave and license to him to so use the tracks. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Anderson*, 28 Can. S.C.R. 541, referred to. *Andrews v. B.C. Elec. Ry. Co.*, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 75, 9 D.L.R. 566.

AUTOMOBILES; DUTY WHEN APPROACHING STREET CROSSING.

It is the special duty of a person driving a motor vehicle to keep a good lookout while approaching a tramway crossing, and it is the duty of such person coming out from a cross-road into a main artery of traffic to wait and give way to that traffic, and not to throw himself headlong into the advancing traffic along the main travelled road. (*Per Irving, J.A.*) *Monrufet v. B.C. Electric Ry. Co.*, 9 D.L.R. 569, 18 B.C.R. 91.

[*Campbell v. Train* (1910), 47 Sc. L.R. 475, applied.]

CROSSING TRACK; FAILURE TO LOOK.

A railway company is not liable for injuries sustained by a person who crosses a street in front of a moving street car without keeping the car in sight until he has crossed the street, and trusts blindly to an opinion formed on leaving the sidewalk that there was ample time to cross. *Myers v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 10 D.L.R. 754.

ACCIDENT AT STREET CROSSING; EXCESSIVE SPEED.

It is actionable negligence to run a tram car toward an intersecting street at an unlawful rate of speed without attempting to slacken speed on discovering an automobile on or near the track in a position of danger. Contributory negligence sufficient to prevent a recovery against a street railway company for a collision with the plaintiff's automobile, is not shewn from the facts that, on approaching an intersecting street, the plaintiff reduced the speed of his automobile so as to avoid a slowly moving westbound car without discovering an eastbound car approaching at an unlawful rate of speed until his automobile was near or on the track, and in the emergency, he increased speed and attempted to pass in front of both cars, when his automobile was struck by the eastbound car, the speed of which was not slackened after the motorman discovered the plaintiff's danger. *Derry v. B.C. Electric Ry. Co.*, (B.C.) 12 B.C.R. 258.

LIABILITY FOR INJURY TO PERSON CROSSING TRACK TO BOARD CAR.

A judgment against a street railway company for injuries sustained by the plaintiff by being struck by a street car while crossing a track to board another car, will

not be disturbed on appeal on the ground that the plaintiff's negligence contributed to his injury, where, under all the circumstances of the case, the question of the defendant's negligence as well as the plaintiff's contributory negligence, were proper questions for the jury. *Ogle v. B.C. Electric Ry. Co.*, (B.C.) 12 D.L.R. 261.

[*Finegan v. London and N.W. Ry. Co.* (1889), 5 Times L.R. 598; *Ruddy v. London and S.W.R.* (1892), 8 Times L.R. 658; and *Toronto Railway Co. v. King*, [1908] A.C. 260, followed.]

INJURY TO PERSON CROSSING TRACK; FAILURE TO LOOK FOR CARS.

Failure to look for approaching cars before crossing a street car track will defeat an action for the death of a pedestrian who, had he used ordinary care, would have seen the car that struck him, which could not have been stopped by the motorman after discovering the peril of the deceased in time to avoid striking him. *Ryder v. St. John Ry. Co.*, (N.B.) 13 D.L.R. 11.

[*London Street Ry. Co. v. Brown*, 31 Can. S.C.R. 642, applied.]

COLLISION WITH VEHICLE; EXCESSIVE SPEED; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

Persons crossing the street railway tracks are entitled to assume that the cars will be driven moderately and prudently, and if an accident happens through a car going at an excessive rate of speed the street railway company is responsible. The driver of a cart struck by a car in crossing a track is not guilty of contributory negligence because he did not look to see if a car was approaching if, in fact, it was far enough away to enable him to cross if it had been proceeding moderately and prudently. He can be in no worse position than if he had looked and seen that there was time to cross. *Gwynne, J.*, dissenting. 21 A.R. (Ont.) 553 affirmed. *Toronto Ry. Co. v. Gosnell*, 24 Can. S.C.R. 582.

[Distinguished in *O'Hearn v. Port Arthur*, 4 O.L.R. 209; referred to in *Halifax Elec. Tram. Co. v. Inglis*, 30 Can. S.C.R. 258; *Jones v. Toronto, etc. Ry. Co.*, 20 O.L.R. 71.]

COLLISION AT CROSSING; RATE OF SPEED; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

A wagon in which plaintiff was proceeding from Sydney to Glace Bay was struck by an electric tram car owned and operated by the defendant company, while attempting to cross the defendant's track, at a place known as Grand Lake Crossing, and plaintiff was injured. The evidence showed that near the crossing there was a down grade for a distance of about 3,000

feet, and then an up grade for 1,000 feet, terminating at a siding near which the crossing at which the accident occurred was situated. On the down grade it was usual to run cars at a speed of from 20 to 25 miles an hour, but when half way down the power was shut off and the speed on reaching the siding was 10 miles an hour. When plaintiff's team was first seen it was at a distance of from 35 to 40 feet from the crossing, and the car was distant from 50 to 75 feet. The motorman in charge of the car acted promptly in applying the brakes and reversing the current, but was unable to avert the collision. The whistle had been blown when 300 yards distant from the crossing, and the car was provided with suitable appliances for stopping it within a reasonable time. The rate of speed at which the car was proceeding was reasonable considering the time and place. Plaintiff heard a whistle blown which he supposed to be that of a Sydney and Louisburg train but did not see the car until his horse's head was distant about 20 feet from the crossing. There was also evidence to show that he failed to exercise proper care in approaching the crossing as the reins were lying loose, and one witness called for plaintiff testified that, at the time, the horse was being whipped and was galloping:—Held, affirming the judgment of the trial judge and dismissing the action, that the proximate cause of the accident was negligence on the part of the plaintiff. Held, that a point not raised by the statement of claim, or at the trial where evidence might have been given to displace the contention, should not be raised on appeal. *Livingstone v. Sidney & Glace Bay Ry. Co.*, 37 N.S.R. 336.

INJURY TO PERSON AND PROPERTY; COLLISION OF STREET CAR AND WAGON; EVIDENCE; FINDINGS OF JURY; DAMAGES.

Williams v. Toronto Ry. Co., 2 O.W.N. 39, 20 O.W.R. 3.

COLLISION WITH CAB; NEGLIGENCE OF MOTOR-MAN; SPEED.

Plaintiff's driver, who was proceeding in the same direction as a tram car owned by the defendant company, stopped his cab to allow a passenger to alight. He then turned and attempted to cross the track upon which the car was running, about two car lengths ahead of the cab. The motorman, who had been ringing his gong when he saw the cab turn across the track, put on his brakes; then, seeing that he could not stop in time to avoid a collision, released the brakes and applied the current the reverse way. A collision having occurred, and an action having been brought by plaintiff, to

recover damages for the injury done to the cab, the jury found that the car was running at too high a rate of speed, and that the motorman was negligent in failing to apply the brakes, or reverse the current in time to avoid the accident:—Held, dismissing the defendant's appeal, that the question of speed was one for the jury, and, there being evidence to support their finding, that the Court should not interfere. *Inglis v. The Halifax Electric Tram. Co.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 352, 32 N.S.R. 117.

[Affirmed in 30 Can. S.C.R. 256, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 360; applied in *Robinson v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 2 O.L.R. 18; distinguished in *O'Hearn v. Port Arthur*, 4 O.L.R. 209; referred to in *Tinsley v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 15 O.L.R. 438.]

NEGLIGENCE; ELECTRIC CAR COLLIDING WITH CAB; EXCESSIVE SPEED; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

A cab driver was endeavouring to drive his cab across the track of an electric railway, when it was struck by a car and damaged. In an action against the Tramway Company for damages it appeared that the accident occurred on part of a down grade several hundred feet long, and that the motorman after seeing the cab tried to stop the car with the brakes, and that proving ineffectual reversed the power, being then about a car length from the cab. The jury found that the car was running at too high a rate of speed, and that there was also negligence in the failure to reverse the current in time to avert the accident; that the driver was negligent in not looking more sharply for the car; and that notwithstanding such negligence on the part of the driver the accident could have been averted by the exercise of reasonable care:—Held, affirming the judgment of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia (32 N.S. Rep. 117), Gwynne, J., dissenting, that the last finding neutralized the effect of that of contributory negligence; that as the car was on a down grade and going at an excessive rate of speed it was incumbent on the servants of the company to exercise a very high degree of skill and care in order to control it if danger was threatened to any one on the highway; and that from the evidence given it was impossible to say that everything was done that reasonably should have been done to prevent damage from the excessive speed at which the car was being run. *Halifax Electric Tramway Co. v. Inglis*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 360, 30 Can. S.C.R. 256.

NEGLIGENCE; COLLISION OF CAR WITH WAGGON; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE; DUTY TO LOOK.

The plaintiff, who was driving a horse and

waggon very slowly along a street on the left side of a car track, turned to the right to cross the track and the waggon was struck by a car which had been coming behind. The plaintiff said that about one hundred feet from the point at which he tried to cross he looked back and that no car was to be seen, and he did not look again before trying to cross:—Held, that it was his duty to have looked, and that his not having done so constituted contributory negligence on his part, which disentitled him to recover damages. *Danger v. London Street Ry. Co.* (1899), 30 O.R. 493, applied. Judgment of Britton, J., reversed. Per Boyd, C.:—A driver of a vehicle moving along a street in which cars are running, and who knows when and where he intends to cross the car tracks, is bound to be vigilant to see before crossing that no car is coming behind him. A greater burden in this regard rests on the driver than on the motorman, who is not to be kept in a state of nervousness and apprehension lest someone may at any moment cross in front of the moving car. *O'Hearn v. Town of Port Arthur*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 173, 4 O.L.R. 209.

[Distinguished in *Marshall v. Gates*, 10 B.C.R. 155; inapplicable in *Bell v. Winnipeg Electric St. Ry. Co.*, 15 Man. L.R. 344; referred to in *London & West. Trusts v. Lake Erie, etc. Ry. Co.*, 12 O.L.R. 28; *Smith v. Niagara, etc. Ry. Co.*, 9 O.L.R. 158; *Tinsley v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 15 O.L.R. 438; relied on in *Wallman v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co.*, 16 Man. L.R. 89.]

COLLISION; RULE OF THE ROAD.

A street railway company has no exclusive right to that portion of a public street covered by its tracks. It has, however, a paramount and superior right, and others are bound to observe that right to the extent of avoiding collisions; but it also is the duty of those in charge of a car to exercise diligence and care, even though the person in danger of collision may himself be negligent. The rule of the road as applied to street cars discussed. *Balfour v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 314.

[Affirmed in 5 O.L.R. 735, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 325.]

COLLISION; FAILURE TO RING BELL; SNOW AT SIDE OF TRACK; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

The plaintiff, a telegraph messenger, was riding a bicycle in a southerly direction behind a street car of the defendants on the west track, and the car stopping, in order to avoid running into it, and because he found snow was piled up on the road on the right side he turned to the left side, and was

struck by a car coming north on the east track, and injured. It did not appear that the latter car had sounded the gong or given any other warning. The plaintiff however was nonsuited at the trial:—Held, that the defendants were bound to adopt reasonable precautions to prevent accidents by sounding a gong or otherwise, although there was no statutory obligation; and although the plaintiff may have put himself in a position of peril, this was not per se an act of negligence; and there being evidence which might have satisfied the jury that the accident was caused by omission on the defendant's part to ring the gong, and also evidence from which they might have found that it was attributable to the plaintiff's own negligence, the case should not have been withdrawn from them. *Dublin, Wicklow & Wexford Ry. Co. v. Slattery* (1878), 3 App. Cas. 1155, specially referred to. *Preston v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 30, 11 O.L.R. 56.

[Affirmed in 13 O.L.R. 369, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 249; distinguished in *Tinsley v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 15 O.L.R. 438; followed in *Brenner v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 13 O.L.R. 423.]

NEGLECT; PILING SNOW AT SIDE OF TRACK; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

An appeal by defendants from the judgment of the Divisional Court, reported 11 O.L.R. 56, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 30, was dismissed. *Meredith, J.A.*, dissenting. *Preston v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 249, 13 O.L.R. 369.

COLLISION; NEGLIGENCE OF MOTORMAN.

The fact that the motorman and the conductor exchanged places on a street car in contravention of the company's rules, and that the conductor so permitted to drive the car allowed it to collide with another car either from negligence or incompetence, may form the basis of an action by a passenger for the resulting personal injuries he received. *Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co., v. Hill*, 8 D.L.R. 106, 46 Can. S.C.R. 654.

[*Hill v. Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co.*, 21 Man. L.R. 442, affirmed.]

COLLISION WITH VEHICLE; ULTIMATE NEGLIGENCE.

In a personal injury case arising from a street car colliding with a rig, where the trial Judge submits the question of ultimate negligence, but the jury did not deal with it (or there is doubt as to whether they did deal with it), even in a case where, upon unravelling confused jury findings, the effect may be that both were to blame and that the motorman after he saw the plaintiff in danger could not have stopped the car, but there is no finding by the jury as to whether

the motorman could by reasonable diligence have avoided the accident *after* he should have known that the plaintiff was about to cross in front of the car, and where the finding at most is that the motorman could not have stopped the car after he *saw* (not might have seen) the plaintiff, such findings are incomplete and ground for a new trial to the plaintiff is there was evidence before the jury sufficient to support a finding, had there been one, of ultimate negligence on the part of the defendant. *Herron v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, (Ont.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 124, 6 D.L.R. 215.

[Reversed in 11 D.L.R. 697, 28 O.L.R. 59, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 373.]

COLLISION WITH VEHICLE; ULTIMATE NEGLIGENCE.

In a personal injury action arising from a street car colliding with a rig, where both the plaintiff and the defendants' motorman were guilty of negligence, each in not seeing the danger and avoiding the injury of a collision, if it appears that when the motorman first saw the impending danger it was too late to prevent the injury, the plaintiff's action fails. *Herron v. Toronto Ry. Co.* (No. 1), 6 D.L.R. 215, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 124, reversed. In a personal injury action arising from a street car colliding with a rig where the findings of the jury were in effect that the negligence of the defendants' motorman and that of the plaintiff were concurrent and simultaneous negligence of similar character by both parties and that there was not any new negligent act by the defendant in addition to its first act of negligence, verdict was properly for the defendant and will not in that respect be disturbed. *Herron v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 11 D.L.R. 697, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 373, 28 O.L.R. 59.

[*Herron v. Toronto Ry. Co.* (No. 1), 6 D.L.R. 215, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 124, reversed.]

REAR END COLLISION; FAILURE BY MOTORMAN TO OBSERVE RULES.

Where it appears from plaintiff's own evidence that he was familiar with a rule of the railway company calling for a five-minute interval between cars and he, as motorman of a car, failed to observe that rule, which failure on his part caused a collision with a car ahead, a verdict by the jury in his favour will be set aside and the action dismissed on appeal. (*Per Macdonald, C.J.A., and Gallihier, J.A.*) *Daynes v. B.C. Electric Ry. Co.*, (B.C.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 309, 7 D.L.R. 767.

INJURY TO CHILD; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE; ULTIMATE NEGLIGENCE.

In submitting the case to the jury in an

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action for damages arising out of injury to a child by one of the defendant company's cars, five questions were submitted by the Judge, who also instructed the jury that they might if they chose, bring in a general verdict. The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff in \$300 damages. On the Judge asking whether they had answered the questions, the foreman replied that they had answered three: "(1) Was the company guilty of negligence? Yes. (2) If so, in what did such negligence consist? Over-speed. (3) Was the plaintiff guilty of contributory negligence? Yes." The trial Judge, on this, dismissed the action:—Held, that while it was probable that the jury intended to return a general verdict, yet the matter was not free from doubt, and should have been cleared up before the jury was discharged. There should, therefore, be a new trial. One of the questions not answered was "Could the motorman, after it became apparent to him that the boy was going to cross the track, by exercise of reasonable care and skill, have prevented the accident if he had been running at a reasonable rate of speed?" The Judge said, in submitting this question: "I want you to consider that last element, because it is not: 'Could he have prevented the accident if running at an unreasonable rate of speed?'" Held, that this question was improperly framed, and the jury were not properly directed; that the original rate of speed was the original negligence, and after finding such negligence the jury had to consider whether, notwithstanding the unreasonable rate of speed, the motorman, after seeing the boy commit or about to commit a negligent act, could, by the exercise of reasonable care, have avoided the consequences of it. New trial ordered, costs of appeal to appellants, and costs of trial below to abide the event of the new trial. *Rayfield v. British Columbia Electric Ry. Co.*, 15 B.C.R. 361, 14 W.L.R. 414.

CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE BY INJURED CHILD.

A boy of eleven years of age and of sufficient intelligence, in the estimation of the Court, to understand the probable consequence of his actions, is liable for contributory negligence in the case of an accident, while attempting to board a tramway car as a trespasser and in disobedience to orders of the school-masters in charge of him. *Normand v. Hull Electric Ry. Co.*, 35 Que. S.C. 329.

[Followed in *Champagne v. Montreal St. Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 35 S.C. 514.]

INJURY TO INFANT; FAILURE OF MOTORMAN TO TAKE PROPER PRECAUTIONS.

In an action brought in the name of an infant, claiming damages for injuries occasioned through the alleged negligence of the defendant company in the operation of their electric tramway, the evidence shewed that the infant, a child aged one year and eleven months, was seen approaching the track upon which one of the defendant's cars was moving slowly. The whistle was sounded and the child stopped for a moment and then moved quickly towards the car and was struck, and received the injuries for which the action was brought. Upon seeing the child stop when the whistle was blown, the motorman immediately applied speed without waiting to see whether the child was going to retreat or making any effort to remove it from its dangerous position:—Held, that this was a clear case of reckless conduct, for which defendant was responsible. Also, that the failure to take proper precautions to avert injury to the child was not to be excused by the alleged necessity of complying with the timetable and preventing delay to passengers. Also, that the failure of defendant company to provide its car with a fender was clear evidence of negligence. *Lott v. Sydney & Glace Bay Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 276, 41 N.S.R. 153.

[Affirmed in 42 Can. S.C.R. 220, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 359.]

CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE OF CHILDREN; PRESUMED JUVENILE DISCRETION.

A boy of eight and one-half years, possessing the ordinary intelligence of a child of that age, will be presumed to know enough to get out of the way of a moving street car if he saw it coming. In an action to recover for the alleged negligence of a railway company in running over a child eight and one-half years of age, where the testimony of the witnesses fails to bring out a material point as to the question of the contributory negligence of the child (ex. gr., why he failed to observe the approach of the car) it is error on the part of the trial judge not to permit the child to testify either under oath or in the form of unsworn evidence received under the provisions of s. 39 of the Evidence Act, R.S.M. 1902, c. 57, where it appears that the child understood the duty of telling the truth. *Schwartz v. Winnipeg Elec. Ry. Co.*, 12 D.L.R. 56, 23 Man. L.R. 483.

[See Annotation to *Hargrave v. Hart*, 9 D.L.R., 521, on CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE OF CHILD injured while crossing highway.]

T. Duty Towards Passenger; Injuries to.**DESTINATION OF CAR; SIGN-BOARDS INDICATING; DUTY OF PASSENGER TO INQUIRE.**

The defendant company had placed a number of special or extra cars on a portion of their line for the purpose of carrying a large number of persons who had assembled for the purpose of viewing a regatta. It was arranged that the cars in question should run from a point in the suburbs, near which the regatta was held, to a point in the centre of the city, and discharge their passengers there and return for others, those passengers who desired it being given transfers which entitled them to be carried on other cars to their destinations in other parts of the city. The point at which the special cars were stationed was passed at stated intervals by other cars carrying on a regular service to and from Quinpool Road. Plaintiff who had been attending the regatta, entered a car known as a "trailer," attached to another car which bore a sign at each end with the words "Quinpool Road," expecting to be carried to a point on the line near his residence, but was informed on reaching the central point that the car in which he was went no further, and that he would have to transfer. There was evidence that an agent of the company stationed at the point of departure announced, as passengers entered, that the car in question was for the city, but this was not heard by plaintiff.—Held, affirming the judgment for defendant, that, outside of the cars performing the regular service, there was no obligation on the part of the company to carry plaintiff through to his destination in any one particular car; that the only contract on the part of the company was to carry passengers in accordance with the usual modes and methods of running its trams; and that, under the circumstances existing at the time, it was plaintiff's duty to have protected himself by making inquiry as to the destination of the car he entered. *O'Connor v. Halifax Electric Tramway Co.*, 38 N.S.R. 212, affirmed, 37 Can. S.C.R. 523.

ADVICE BY ALIGHTING FROM CAR; CROSSING TRACK.

Plaintiff in returning home at two o'clock in the morning on a west bound car on the north track of defendants' street railway alighted from the car and proceeded to cross the north and south tracks on the street in front of an approaching east bound car on the south track then about 100 feet away. There was evidence that the approaching car was going at the rate of 8 to 10 miles an hour, and that there was a bright electric light near by that the plaintiff, if

careful, could have seen the car. The motorman did not apply the brakes or sound the gong before the plaintiff was struck.—Held, that a nonsuit was properly directed. *Gallinger v. Toronto Ry.*, 8 O.L.R. 698 (D.C.).

[Referred to in *Preston v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 13 O.L.R. 369.]

INJURY TO PASSENGER AFTER ALIGHTING FROM CAR; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

The plaintiff was a passenger on a crowded car of the defendants going westward along Portage avenue, in the city of Winnipeg. Being near the front end of the car when it stopped at the street where he wished to alight, he made his way past a number of people in the passage and in the front vestibule to the steps at that end, on which another man was standing, and stepped off the car in the direction of the parallel track of the railway. Almost instantaneously upon alighting, he was struck by another car of the defendants proceeding eastwards on the other track, knocked down and very seriously injured. The distances between the sides of two cars, when passing one another on the two tracks, was 44 inches, and the height of the lowest step of the car from the ground was 15½ inches. There was no rule of the company prohibiting passengers from alighting at the front entrance of cars, but a rule of the company required motormen, when approaching another car on that avenue, to slacken speed and ring the gong continuously until the car had been passed. It was the custom of the company to permit passengers to alight at the front entrance. The trial Judge found as facts that the motorman on the eastbound car did not sensibly slacken his speed or ring his gong as he approached the other car. The plaintiff was not aware of the approaching car until it struck him.—Held (1) That the motorman on the car by which the plaintiff was struck was guilty of negligence, rendering the defendants liable in damages for the injury done to plaintiff. (2) The plaintiff had not been guilty of such contributory negligence as to prevent his recovery of damages, as he had a right to expect that, as far as the acts of the defendants' servants were concerned he might alight in safety and would have a reasonable time after alighting to look about so as to guard himself against injury from other cars of the defendants, but was not given that time. *Oldright v. G.T. Ry. Co.* (1895), 22 A.R. 286, and *Chicago, M. & St. P. Ry. Co. v. Lowell* (1894), 151 U.S.R. 209, followed. (3) There is no binding authority for the proposition that, from the moment a passenger's foot touches the ground, a street railway's liability

for injuries to him by their other car ceases. *Bell v. Winnipeg Electric Street Ry. Co.*, 15 Man. R. 338, affirmed, 37 Can. S.C.R. 515.

[Referred to in *Sayers v. B.C. Electric Ry. Co.*, 12 B.C.R. 111.]

PROTECTION OF PASSENGERS ALIGHTING.

The conductor of a street car who, after stopping the car to permit a passenger to alight, gives the signal to start again before satisfying himself that the passenger has safely departed is guilty of negligence and his employers are liable for any injury that results therefrom. *Dupuis v. Montreal Street Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 16 K.B. 286.

COLLISION; INJURY TO PASSENGER READING PAPER.

A street railway company is liable for the consequences of a collision caused by its curves being too sharp for the length of the cars. Passengers using the cars are not obliged to be on the lookout for accidents and the fact that a person injured was absorbed in reading a newspaper when the accident occurred was not evidence of contributory negligence. *Jago v. Montreal Street Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 35 S.C. 109 (Ct. Rev.).

DANGEROUS CONDITION OF CAR STEPS DURING STORM; DUTY OF PASSENGER TO EXERCISE MORE THAN ORDINARY CAUTION.

The steps of an electric car owned and operated by the defendant company, were in a slippery condition in consequence of exposure, while in use, to snow followed by rain, sleet and cold. The evidence showed that the car had been thoroughly cleaned in the morning, before being sent out, and that it would not have been practicable to operate it in such weather as that which prevailed at the time and to send it back constantly to the barn to have the snow and ice removed.—Held, that passengers boarding and leaving the car at such a time were bound to exercise more than ordinary caution, and that it would not be reasonable to hold the company accountable for injuries sustained by plaintiff, a passenger on one of their cars, who, in getting off the car, slipped and fell. *McCormack v. Sydney & Glace Bay Ry. Co.*, 37 N.S.R. 254.

STREET CAR CONDUCTOR; TRANSFER OF PASSENGER AT DANGEROUS PLACE.

Owing to fog disarranging the schedule time of defendant company's cars, they were not running on time. That which the plaintiff was riding in stopped on a bridge. There was another car immediately ahead which, in due course, would take plaintiff to her destination before that in which

plaintiff was. The conductor asked or told her and another passenger to transfer to that car, and in doing so, she was injured by falling on the bridge in the darkness.—Held, that, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, it must be assumed that the conductor had authority to use his judgment in the circumstances to forward the passengers to their destination. The question of the scope of the conductor's authority having been twice brought to the notice of the Judge during the trial, yet he did not direct the jury on that point, and the case having been allowed to go to them without direction, and no objection taken to the charge on that account. Held, that this brought the case within *Scott v. Fernie* (1904), 11 B.C.R. 91, and therefore the effect of what was done was that the issues submitted were accepted on both sides as the only issues on which the jury was asked to pass. *Schnell v. British Columbia Electric Ry. Co.*, 15 B.C.R. 378, 14 W.L.R. 586.

INJURY TO PASSENGER; COLLISION OF CARS; MOTORMAN ABANDONING CONTROLLER; CONDUCTOR ACTING AS MOTORMAN.

The plaintiff, a physician, engaged and paid for a special electric car of the defendants to convey him from a place at a distance from his home after the regular cars had ceased running at night. While he was travelling in the car so furnished, another electric car of the defendants ran into it, and the plaintiff was injured. It appeared that the motorman of the car which was at fault had abandoned the controller to the conductor, and was himself acting as conductor, which was against the defendants' rules and unauthorized by them. The plaintiff's arrangement for the special car was made with the conductor of the car by which he went out to the distant place, and he paid the money for the car to this conductor, and found the car waiting for him when he was ready to return. In an action for damages for the plaintiff's injuries, the defendants raised the question that the conductor who chartered the car to the plaintiff was not shewn to have had authority to do so.—Held, that, by proving his contract with the conductor and that he paid for the car and was received in it and carried, the plaintiff made out a prima facie case of authority; and, in the absence of any evidence to the contrary, it must be assumed that the car was duly let; and, in any event, the plaintiff was, at the time of the collision, lawfully travelling on one of the defendants' cars operated by them on their line of railway, and had paid for the privilege of so travelling. At the trial, the jury found that the motorman

in changing places with the conductor acted in breach of his duty; and to the question (4), "Was there negligence, and, if so, what did it consist in?" answered: "The failure of the servants of the company in performing their duties";—Held, that the motorman's negligence in leaving the controller was the effective cause of the injury, and that the defendants were liable for the result of that negligence. *Engelhart v. Farrant*, 1897 1 Q.B. 240, followed. Held, also, that the findings of the jury sufficiently established the negligence and the breach of duty on the part of the motorman, and also that his action, in conjunction with that of the conductor, caused the accident. The very fact of the collision was evidence of negligence causing the accident. *Per Perdue, J.A.*:—"From another standpoint, the defendants' contract was, that their servants should use care and diligence so that no accident should happen; and, in order to make the defendants liable, it was enough to shew that the negligence which caused the plaintiff's injury was that of the defendants' servants. *Per Richards, J.A.*:—"The exclusion from the evidence at the trial of the defendants' printed rules for the guidance of motormen, whether proper or not, did the defendants no wrong; the only object of putting in the rules would be to prove that the motorman was forbidden to delegate or abandon to others the performance of his duties; and that fact was otherwise well proved. *Hill v. Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co.*, 19 W.L.R. 98 (C.A.).

DUTY TO ASSIST PASSENGERS; SCOPE OF CONDUCTOR'S AUTHORITY.

Plaintiff came to a platform station of the defendants and signalled an approaching car to stop. The car slowed down but did not stop, and as it was passing the conductor seized plaintiff's hand and while attempting to help her on board signalled the car to go on again which it did and she was injured. The jury found that the plaintiff was injured by the conductor seizing her hand and trying to pull her on the car, and that he acted negligently:—Held, that it was the duty of the conductor to assist people in getting on and off the car and that it might be within the line of his duty to assist those apparently about to get on a car while it was slowing up; that the scope of a conductor's authority is one of evidence; that there was evidence to go to the jury and that the effect of it was for them to consider and that it should have been left to them to pass upon the circumstances of the case as to the scope of the conductor's authority. Judgment of *Street, J.*, at the trial, reversed. *Dawdy v. Hamilton,*

Grimsby and Beamsville Electric Ry. Co., 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 196, 5 O.L.R. 92.

NEGLIGENCE; FRIGHT; NERVOUS SHOCK.

Held (affirming the judgment of *Doherty, J.*), that fright or a nervous shock from which a physical injury results, may be a ground for an action on responsibility against the person through whose fault it happened. *Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Walker*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 227, Q.R. 13 K.B. 324.

[*Victorian Railway Commissioners v. Coultas*, 13 App. Cas. 222, discussed.]

INJURY TO PASSENGER ALIGHTING FROM CAR; CROSSING BEHIND CAR; DUTY TO SOUND GONG; REGULATIONS OF CROSSING.

The plaintiff was a passenger on a car of the defendants, and stepped from it while it was in motion, as it reached a street crossing; the motorman had been signalled to stop, but failed to do so. The plaintiff alighted safely, but flung himself in front of a horse and cab swiftly driven towards him. In order to avoid a collision with the horse, and also in order to cross to the west side of the street, the plaintiff turned behind the car he had just left and passed on towards the other track; as he reached it, he became aware of a car coming towards him at a rapid rate, and to avoid being run down he flung himself on the fender, thus saving his life, but he was seriously injured. In an action to recover damages for his injuries he was a witness at the trial, and said that it was impossible to get out of the way of the car; he did not hear the gong sound, although if it had been rung he would have heard it. By one of the regulations forming part of the agreement between the city corporation and the defendants, validated by 57 Vict. c. 76 (O.), under which the defendants operated their cars on the city's highways, it was provided that each car was to be supplied with a gong, to be sounded by the driver when the car approached to within 50 feet of each crossing. This was not brought to the attention of the Judge at the trial. The plaintiff, however, was aware that it was the usual practice to sound the gong at crossings, and he expected it to be done when a car was approaching a crossing:—Held, that, even if the regulation had not the force of a statutory requirement the proof of failure to comply with a precaution which the defendants had recognized as important for the safety of persons using the crossing on streets occupied by the railway, was evidence for the jury of negligence in the conduct of the car; and the question whether the gong was sounded was for the jury. *Semble, per Moss, C.J.O.*, that the term "crossing" in the agreement, is intended to indicate any place on or along

the streets occupied by the railway where there is a walk laid for the purpose of enabling foot passengers to cross from one side of the street to another, and where the cars would stop to take up or let down passengers; and is not confined to the crossing of an intersecting street. The Court declined to interfere with the discretion of the Court below in withholding costs from the plaintiff, in setting aside a nonsuit and granting a new trial. Order of a Divisional Court affirmed. *Wallingford v. Ottawa Electric Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 454, 14 O.L.R. 383.

**ACCIDENT; LEANING OVER TO EXPECTORATE;
STRUCK BY POST.**

The plaintiff, as a passenger, was, about midnight, standing on the back platform of one of the defendants' cars, smoking a cigar and leaning upon the railway gate or grating at the side, over which he leaned, from time to time, a distance from five to seven inches, and expectorated. Apparently while doing so, he was struck by something and received the injuries complained of. The plaintiff alleged, in his statement of claim, that he was struck by a post belonging to the defendants and used by them for their trolley wire, but gave no evidence as to this. As a matter of fact, there were trolley poles along the line of the defendant railway on the side where the plaintiff was struck, but there was no evidence given by the plaintiff of their position, and the evidence for the defendants placed them about two feet from the overhang of the car.—Held (reversing the judgment of the Divisional Court, 10 O.W.R. 33), that the plaintiff's action should be dismissed, as there was no evidence of what caused the injury; *Meredith, J.A.*, dissenting. Per *Riddell, J.* (in the Divisional Court):—While it is impossible to lay down any specific rule for the guidance of railways or street railways generally, a railway operating in a country in which tobacco chewing or gum chewing is not uncommon must expect its patrons, or some of them, to be tobacco and gum chewers, and if it be the custom of such passengers to put their heads past the lines of the car to expectorate, the railway should be held to know of such custom, and should either remove all obstructions from the side of the track, a sufficient distance to avoid the probability of an accident, or prevent the passengers from projecting their heads over the side, or at least give proper warning as to the danger. And in every case the railway must take all reasonable precautions against an accident happening to one who is acting as in the ordinary course of affairs "in the vicinage"

it may be expected that some will act. The Massachusetts rule that it is necessarily negligence for one riding in a railway car to project any portion of his person out of the window not followed by the Divisional Court. *Simpson v. Toronto and York Radial Ry. Co.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 218, 16 O.L.R. 31.

NEGLIGENCE; INJURY TO PASSENGER IN ATTEMPTING TO ENTER BY FRONT DOOR.

In compliance with an order made by the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, the front platform of the defendants' cars was enclosed by a vestibule having a swing door, fastened by a spring lock on the inside, capable of being opened by the motorman to permit the exit of passengers. The plaintiff, not being aware of this order, attempted to get on a car so equipped at the front, and while so doing, the car started and she was thrown to the ground and injured. She asserted that the motorman saw her standing on the step, and notwithstanding started the car. There was no notice on the door notifying the public of the non-admission by that door. On a charge to the jury that they might find on one or all of the following grounds of negligence, namely, (1) the omission of a non-admittance notice, (2) starting the car while the plaintiff was on the step, and (3) in not opening the door and letting the plaintiff in, they found that the defendants' negligence consisted in the omission to have a non-admittance notice on the door, and did not make any finding as to the other alleged grounds of negligence. The Divisional Court, on appeal to it, while holding that the ground of negligence found by the jury was not tenable, in that the company were merely obeying the board's order, which did not require any such notice, directed a new trial on the other alleged grounds of negligence. The Court of Appeal, while affirming the judgment of the Divisional Court as to the ground on which the jury found not constituting negligence, reversed the judgment granting a new trial, holding that the finding of the jury was tantamount to a finding negating negligence on the other alleged ground. *McGraw v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 97, 18 O.L.R. 154.

INJURY TO PASSENGER; PREMATURE STARTING OF CAR.

The plaintiff, immediately after entering a car of the defendants, and before she had reached a seat, was, from some cause, thrown down backwards and injured. In an action against the defendants for damages, the negligence charged in the statement of claim as the cause of the fall was "the

sudden jerking forward of the car," and this was supported by the evidence of the plaintiff herself and of two other eye-witnesses of the occurrence. Evidence was called for the defence to shew that the car was new and in good condition, that only the lowest notch was used in putting on the power, and that there was no unusual jerk. The trial Judge in his charge practically withdrew from the jury the consideration of the alleged jerk as the cause of the fall, but told the jury to consider whether the conductor was negligent in starting the car before the plaintiff (an aged person) was seated. The jury found that the defendants' servants were negligent in starting the car before the plaintiff was in a position to save herself from falling; and the trial Judge directed judgment to be entered for the plaintiff. There was some mention in the evidence of the premature starting of the car, but it was not put forward as an independent cause of complaint until the Judge emphasised it in his charge. Neither party made any objection to the charge. The defendants appealed from the judgment, but the plaintiff did not, by cross-appeal or otherwise, raise an objection to the practical withdrawal from the jury of the chief cause of complaint.—Held, that the question of the jerk should not have been withdrawn from the jury; there was but one incident, made up of the conduct of the conductor in giving the signal and that of the motor-man in obeying it; and it should have been left as one question to the jury. The finding actually made could not, upon the evidence, be supported. Held, also, that the circumstance that an objection was not taken at the proper time was not necessarily fatal. *Brenner v. Toronto Ry. Co.* (1907), 15 O.L.R. 195, 198, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 210, and *Woolsey v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.* (1908), 11 O.W.R. 1030, 1036, followed. Held, also, that it was to be inferred that the jury (influenced by the Judge's remarks) did not consider the evidence upon the question of the jerk, and that their finding did not imply that that question was determined in favour of the defendants. Held, also, that the real question in issue not having been passed upon by the jury, there was power to direct a new trial; *Meredith, J.A.*, dissenting. *Jones v. Spencer* (1897), 77 L.T.R. 536, followed. Per *Meredith, J.A.*:—That the defendants' appeal should be allowed and the action dismissed; the case was the rare one of an accident for which no one could be justly blamed; and the Court had, in the circumstances, no power to direct a new trial. *Burman v. Ottawa Electric Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 353, 21 O.L.R. 446.

INJURY TO PASSENGER ALIGHTING FROM CAR;
UNAUTHORIZED SIGNAL TO START; DEFECTIVE SYSTEM.

The plaintiff was a passenger upon a crowded open car of the defendants, who operated an electric railway upon the streets of a city. The plaintiff wished to alight at N. street, and the car stopped there, upon the signal of the conductor, who was upon the foot-board, engaged in collecting fares. While the plaintiff was in the act of alighting, the car was started, upon a signal given by an unauthorized person who was standing on the rear platform, and the plaintiff was thrown down and injured. The car had previously, on the same trip, been started after a stop, by the same unauthorized person, and the conductor had not interfered or re-primanded him. The plaintiff alleged negligence in starting the car too soon and in overcrowding the car so that the conductor was not able to perform his duties, and claimed damages for her injuries. The facts were not in dispute, and the trial Judge withdrew the case from the jury, and gave judgment for the defendants:—Held, that it did not follow that, because there were no facts in dispute, the matter to be decided was a pure question of law; it might be for the jury to say what they found to be the true inference from these facts, e.g., whether there was negligence causing the accident; there was at least one question which should have been submitted to the jury, viz., whether there was any negligence of the conductor in failing to hear or to countermand the unauthorized signal for starting the car, in time to have prevented injury to the plaintiff, particularly in view of what had previously taken place. And semble, that there was at least one other question which might be submitted to the jury, viz., whether the defendants failed in their duty in not taking due precautions to prevent the starting of the car through the unauthorized act of a passenger in ringing the bell, which might involve the question (not raised by the pleadings) whether the system adopted by the defendants was defective. *Nichols v. Lynn and Boston Ry. Co.* (1897), 168 Mass. 528, approved and followed. Held, therefore, that there should be a new trial, with leave to the plaintiff to amend as she might be advised; *Riddell, J.*, dissenting. Per *Riddell, J.*, that the plaintiff had failed to establish a case of negligence as charged; and, if she wished to allege a defective system, could only be allowed to do so in a fresh action, or in this action upon amendment, payment of costs, and being confined to the new cause of action. Judgment of the County Court of the County of York

reversed. *Haigh v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 111, 21 O.L.R. 601.

INJURY TO PASSENGER ALIGHTING FROM CAR.

A verdict for the plaintiff for injuries sustained by the starting of a car with a jerk as he was about to alight therefrom will not be disturbed where there was sufficient evidence, although conflicting, to go to the jury that the plaintiff had not time to alight in safety before the car started. *Jacob v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 3 D.L.R. 818, 22 O.W.R. 180, 3 O.W.N. 1255.

RIDING ON STEPS OF CAR.

Although it was beyond the scope of the authority of a street car conductor to give the plaintiff, an intending passenger, permission to stand on the car step the jury may properly find that the intending passenger had the leave and license of the defendants, where it was shewn that the practice of standing on the car steps was so common at the particular time and place, and was followed under such circumstances, that the defendants must have known, or ought to have known of it. *Williams v. British Columbia Electric Ry. Co.* (No. 2), 7 L.R. 459.

[Affirmed in 12 D.L.R. 770.]

INJURY TO PASSENGER; RIDING ON STEP OF CAR.

An intending passenger may recover for injuries sustained through the negligent operation of a crowded car, notwithstanding the fact that he was riding on the step of the car, where such was a practice commonly permitted by the company. *Williams v. British Columbia Electric Ry. Co.* (B.C.), 12 D.L.R. 770.

[*Williams v. British Columbia Electric Ry. Co.*, 7 D.L.R. 459, affirmed.]

INJURY TO PASSENGER; EXPLOSION; CONDUCT OF MOTORMAN.

The plaintiff was a passenger upon an electric street-car of the defendants, when an electric explosion occurred in the car, and the plaintiff was injured by being forced out of the car and thrown upon the ground by his panic-stricken fellow-passengers. In an action to recover damages for his injury, he alleged as negligence on the part of the defendants, among other things, that they had not properly inspected the controller. At the trial, which took place thirteen months after the explosion, the defendants called as a witness the foreman at one of their barns to shew that there had been a proper inspection. The witness could not, from memory alone, testify to an inspection shortly before the accident.

Counsel for the defendants proposed to put into the witness's hands a report, signed by him in the usual course of his work, shewing that the car had been examined three days before the explosion. Upon objection by the plaintiff, the trial judge ruled that the witness could not refresh his recollection by looking at the report, unless he had a recollection to refresh, which he did not profess to have; and, therefore, excluded the testimony. The jury found negligence on the part of the defendants in that: (1) the motorman was incompetent to handle a car in case of emergency; (2) had he used the air-brake, the car could have been brought to a stop before the accident happened; and (3) that the car was not properly inspected; and judgment was entered for the plaintiff.—Held, upon appeal, that the testimony of the foreman was improperly rejected. Held, also, per Meredith, J.A.:—That the finding as to the incompetence of the motorman afforded, in itself, no cause of action; and that there was no reasonable evidence of negligence on the part of the motorman in failing to apply the brakes before seeking to reassure the passengers and to have the electric current cut off by the removal of the pole from the wire. A new trial was directed. *Fleming v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 278, 25 O.L.R. 317.

EXPLOSION; DEFECTIVE CONTROLLER.

Where a controller of a car is shewn to have been "overhauled" by the defendant carrier shortly before an explosion occurred resulting in injury to a passenger, the burden is upon the defendant to shew that it had been properly done. *Fleming v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 8 D.L.R. 507, 4 O.W.N. 323, 23 O.W.R. 385, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 17, 27 O.L.R. 332.

[Affirmed in 12 D.L.R. 249, 47 Can. S.C.R. 612, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 386.]

DEFECTIVE CONTROLLER.

Whether there had been proper inspection and rebuilding of a defective controller of a car under the management of the defendant carrier so as to negative want of due care on its part in an action for resulting injuries to a passenger, are proper questions for a jury. *Fleming v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 8 D.L.R. 507, 27 O.L.R. 332, 4 O.W.N. 323, 23 O.W.R. 385, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 17.

[Affirmed in *Toronto Ry. Co. v. Fleming*, 12 D.L.R. 249, 47 Can. S.C.R. 612, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 386.]

EXPLOSION; RES IPSA LOQUITUR.

Where an explosion occurs in the controller of a car, which controller was entirely under the management of the defendant carrier, and the resulting accident

is such as in the ordinary course of things does not happen if those who have the management use proper care, it affords of itself sufficient evidence that the accident arose from want of care, in the absence of explanation by the carrier. *Scott v. London Dock Co.*, 3 H. & C. 596, followed. *Fleming v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 8 D.L.R. 507, 4 O.W.N. 323, 23 O.W.R. 385, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 17.

[Affirmed in 12 D.L.R. 249, 47 Can. S.C.R. 612, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 386.]

EXPLOSION OF CONTROLLER.

An explosion in the controller of an electric street car which would not have occurred in the ordinary course of events had proper care been used in inspecting it, is *prima facie* sufficient to shew negligence as regards a resulting injury to a passenger. *Fleming v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 8 D.L.R. 507, 27 O.L.R. 332, affirmed. A carrier is liable for an injury received by a street car passenger as the result of an explosion in the controller of the car due to a defect that should have been discovered by proper inspection. *Fleming v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 8 D.L.R. 507, 27 O.L.R. 332, affirmed. In an action for injury sustained by a street car passenger as the result of an explosion in the controller of the car due to defects that might have been discovered by proper inspection, it is for the jury to determine whether the carrier exercised due care in that respect. *Toronto Ry. Co. v. Fleming* (No. 2), 47 Can. S.C.R. 612, 12 D.L.R. 249, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 386.

[*Fleming v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 8 D.L.R. 507, 27 O.L.R. 332, affirmed.]

RIDING ON PLATFORM; PLATFORM PART OF CAR.

Plaintiff's husband was a passenger on one of the defendant company's cars, riding on the front platform, where it was customary for passengers to ride. The doors were open and there was no projecting bar across the opening, or other measures of safety taken. On the car approaching a switch, at a speed of three or four miles an hour, he was jolted off the car and, falling under the wheels, was killed. A jury gave a verdict of \$3,500, but the trial Judge entered judgment for the defendant company on the ground that there was no evidence of negligence on their part.—Held, on appeal, that there was evidence of negligence and that the verdict should stand. *Dynes v. British Columbia Electric Ry. Co.*, 15 B.C.R. 429.

[*V. de Dynes v. B.C. Electric Co.*, 17 B.C.R. 498, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 309, 7 D.L.R. 767.]

INJURY TO PASSENGER ALIGHTING.

In an action against a street railway company for personal injuries alleged to have been caused by starting the car while a passenger was getting off the rear platform, the fact that the conductor, who, by a rule of the company, was required to be on the rear platform when the car was stopped, was not called as a witness by the defendant company militates against the defence; and the jury may draw inferences against the defendants from the keeping back of evidence which is alone in their possession. *Schwartz v. Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co.*, 9 D.L.R. 708, 23 Man. L.R. 60.

[*Euclid Avenue Trust Co. v. Hobs*, 24 O.L.R. 447, applied.]

INJURY TO PASSENGER ALIGHTING; SUDDEN STARTING OF CAR.

A passenger may recover damages for being thrown from a street car by its sudden starting as he was about to alight in compliance with the conductor's request that all passengers should disembark as the car was going no further. *Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Marins*, (Que.) 12 D.L.R. 620.

CAR DOOR CLOSING ON PASSENGER'S HAND; VAGUENESS OF VERDICT.

A verdict finding the defendant street railway company negligent in the words "carelessness in handling the car" is too vague upon which to give a judgment in an action by a passenger for injuries sustained by the door of the car closing upon the passenger's hand; a more specific finding is necessary to establish liability on the basis of the car having been run at too high a speed and so jolted as to cause the door to close suddenly. *McGovern v. Montreal Street Ry. Co.*, 12 D.L.R. 628, 19 Rev. Leg. 356.

H. Ejection from cars.

EXPULSION FROM CAR; EXPOSURE TO COLD CAUSING RHEUMATISM.

In an action for damages from being wrongfully ejected from a street car, illness resulting from exposure to cold in consequence of such ejection, is not too remote a cause for damages; and where the evidence was that the person ejected was properly clothed for protection against the severity of the weather, but was in a state of perspiration from an altercation with the conductor when he left the car and so liable to take cold, the jury were justified in finding that an attack of rheumatism and bronchitis which ensued was the natural and probable result of the ejection, and in awarding damages therefor. *Gwynne, J.*, dissenting. 21 A.R. (Ont.) 578, affirming 24 O.R. 683,

affirmed. *Toronto Ry. Co. v. Grinsted*, 24 Can. S.C.R. 570.

[Relied on in *Delahanty v. Michigan Central Ry. Co.*, 7 O.L.R. 690.]

EJECTION FROM CAR; REFUSAL OF CONDUCTOR TO CHANGE MONEY.

By common law he who wants to pay to a conductor of a street car, the amount required for the passage on such a car, must offer an exact amount and not a coin or a bill of a much greater value and which the conductor has to change. Nevertheless the usage and the jurisprudence do compromise such a strict rule of the common law, on account of the inconvenience in which it may result for the public and the public carriers. The refusal of a conductor of a street railway to change a \$5 bill, which was offered by a passenger to permit the latter to pay his fare, and at the same time warning the passenger that he should either pay or leave the car, does not constitute an injury which will give the passenger a right of action for damages against the company, as responsible for the act of its employees. The company will be held to change a reasonable amount not exceeding two dollars, but it will not be held to change \$5 or any other bill of a greater amount which the passenger may offer in payment. *Cadieux v. Montreal Street Ry. Co.*, 18 Rev. de Jur. 42.

EJECTION; REFUSAL TO PAY FARE.

The Ontario Railway Act of 1906, 6 Edw. VII. c. 30, is, by s. 5, made applicable to street railway companies incorporated by the legislature, but, by the same section, if provisions of the general and special Acts are inconsistent, those of the latter shall prevail. By s. 116 of the general Act, a passenger on a railway train or car who refuses to pay his fare may be ejected by the conductor; and by s. 17 of the Act incorporating the *Toronto Ry. Co.*, a passenger in such case is liable to a fine only:—Held, that these two provisions are not inconsistent, and the conductor of a street railway car may lawfully eject therefrom a passenger who refuses to pay his fare. In this case the company was held liable for damages, the passenger having been ejected from a car with unnecessary violence. *Toronto Ry. Co. v. Paget*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 481, 42 Can. S.C.R. 488.

I. Injuries to Animals.

RAIL ABOVE ROAD LEVEL; INJURY TO HORSE.

The charter of a street railway company required the road between, and for two feet outside of, the rails to be kept constantly in good repair and level with the

rails. A horse crossing the track stepped on a grooved rail, and the caulk of his shoe caught in the groove, whereby he was injured. In an action by the owner against the company it appeared that the rail, at the place where the accident occurred, was above the level of the roadway:—Held, affirming the judgment of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, that as the rail was above the road level, contrary to the requirements of the charter, it was a street obstruction unauthorized by statute, and, therefore, a nuisance, and the company was liable for the injury to the horse caused thereby. *24 N.S.R. 113 affirmed. Halifax Street Ry. Co. v. Joyce*, 22 Can. S.C.R. 258.

FAILURE TO STOP CAR; FRIGHTENED HORSE.

The motorman of an electric car is not necessarily guilty of negligence because he does not at once stop the car at the first notice that a horse is being frightened either at the car or at something else. All that can be expected is that the motorman shall proceed carefully, and it is in each case a question whether this has been done. Upon the facts in this case the majority of the Court held that there was no evidence to justify a finding of negligence and set aside a judgment in the plaintiff's favour. Judgment of *Falconbridge, C.J.*, reversed. *Robinson v. Toronto Ry. Co.*, 2 O.L.R. 18 (C.A.).

COLLISION; INJURY TO HORSE.

In an action against a street railway company in which the plaintiff claimed that he had been obliged to shoot his horse injured by a car the action was properly dismissed at the trial on two grounds, one, that it was established by the witnesses called and the circumstances proved that at the moment when the collision took place plaintiff was driving his horse at a very fast gait in a place of danger, and the other, that he had failed to prove any negligence on the part of the company or its employees. *Montreuil v. Quebec Ry., Light and Power Co.*, Q.R. 30 S.C. 6 (Ct. Rev.).

ANIMAL KILLED ON TRACK; TRESPASSER.

The plaintiff sued for damages for the loss of a horse killed upon the defendants' track by one of their cars. The horse was admittedly a trespasser:—Held (*Britton J.*, dissenting), that the defendants were not liable for the only negligence found by the jury, viz., that the motorman should have seen the horse on the track in time to enable him to stop the car. Judgment of the County Court of the County of Essex reversed. *Bondy v. Sandwich Windsor and Amherstburg Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 57, 24 O.L.R. 409.

[Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Barnett, [1911] A.C. 361, followed.]

J. Claims; Notice of.

ACTION FOR DAMAGES; NOTICE OF ACTION.

An Act which requires persons having claims for damages against a street railway company to give a month's notice in writing before bringing action does not subordinate the right of action to the observance of such formality. It is only required to render less onerous, for the company, the settlement of claims in case of accidents for which it is responsible. Therefore, the omission to give notice does not involve rejection of the action and has no other result than to subject the party in default to costs. *Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Patenaude*, Q.R. 16 Q.B. 541.

NOTICE OF ACTION.

The provision in the charter of the Montreal Street Railway Co., compelling any one desiring to bring an action against the company for damages to give 30 days' notice does not make such notice a condition precedent to the right of action, it is merely one of the prejudicial requirements the non-observance of which should be invoked by a dilatory exception. *Mattice v. Montreal Street Ry. Co.*, 20 Que. S.C. 222 (Sup. Ct.).

NEGLIGENCE; NOTICE OF ACTION UNDER STATUTE; DEFAULT; EFFECT OF.

Montreal Street Ry. v. Patenaude, Q.R. 16 Que. Q.B. 541.

CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION; SANCTION OF CONTRACT BY SHAREHOLDERS.

Action for damages for breach of contract for construction of electric railway. Plaintiff proved execution of the contract under corporate seal signed by president and secretary. The contract was never carried out.—Held, that R.S.O. (1897), c. 209, s. 17, had enacted that no such contract should be of any force or validity until sanctioned by a resolution passed by the votes of the shareholders, in person or by proxy, representing two-thirds in value of the paid-up stock, at a general meeting specially called, and not having been complied with action should be dismissed, but under the circumstances without costs. *Thomas v. Walker*, 1 O.W.N. 1094, 16 O.W.R. 751.

K. Sufficiency of Findings; New Trial.

NEGLIGENCE; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE; FINDINGS OF JURY.

On the trial of an action against a street railway company for damages in consequence of injuries received through

the negligence of the company's servants, the jury answered four questions in a way that would justify a verdict for the plaintiff. To the fifth question: "Could Rowan by the exercise of reasonable care and diligence have avoided the accident?" the answer was: "We believe that it could have been possible.—Held, reversing the judgment of the Court of Appeal, that this answer did not amount to a finding of negligence on the part of the plaintiff as a proximate cause of the accident which would disentitle him to a verdict. Held, further, that as the other findings established negligence in the defendant as the cause of the accident which amounted to a denial of contributory negligence; as there was not evidence of negligence on plaintiff's part in the record; and as the Court had before it all the materials for finally determining the questions in dispute a new trial was not necessary. *Rowan v. The Toronto Ry. Co.*, 29 Can. S.C.R. 717.

[Approved in *Brown v. London Street Ry. Co.*, 2 O.L.R. 53; distinguished in *London Street Ry. Co. v. Brown*, 31 Can. S.C.R. 651; *O'Hearn v. Port Arthur*, 4 O.L.R. 209; *Plouffe v. Can. Iron Furnace Co.*, 11 O.L.R. 52, 10 D.L.R. 37; followed in *Badgley v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 14 O.W.R. 425; referred to in *Bell v. Winnipeg Elec. St. Ry. Co.*, 15 Man. L.R. 346; *Halifax Elec. Tram. Co. v. Inglis*, 30 Can. S.C.R. 258; *Sheppard Pub. Co. v. Press Pub. Co.*, 10 O.L.R. 243.]

NEGLIGENCE; AMPUTATION OF FOOT; EVIDENCE.

The injury for which plaintiff sued was his foot being crushed, and on the day of the accident the medical staff of the hospital where he had been taken held a consultation and were divided as to the necessity for amputation. Dr. W., who thought the limb might be saved, was, four days later, appointed by the company, at the suggestion of plaintiff's attorney, to cooperate with plaintiff's physician. Eventually the foot was amputated and plaintiff made a good recovery. On the trial plaintiff's physician swore to a conversation with Dr. W. four days after the first consultation, and three days before the amputation, when Dr. W. stated that if he could induce plaintiff's attorney to view it from a surgeon's standpoint, and not use it to work on the sympathies of the jury he might consider more fully the question of amputation. The judge in his charge referred to this conversation and told the jury that it seemed to him very important if Dr. W. was using his position as one of the hospital staff to keep the limb on when it should have been taken off, and that he

thought it very reprehensible:—Held, Strong, C.J., and Gwynne, J., dissenting, that as Dr. W. did not represent the company at the first consultation when he opposed amputation; as others of the staff took the same view and there was no proof that amputation was delayed through his instrumentality; and as the jury would certainly consider the judge's remarks as bearing on the contention made on plaintiff's behalf that amputation should have taken place on the very day of the accident, it must have affected the amount of the verdict. To tell a jury to ask themselves "If I were plaintiff how much ought I to be paid if the company did me an injury?" is not a proper direction. 35 N.B.R. 1 varied. *Hesse v. Saint John Ry. Co.*, 30 Can. S.C.R. 218.

[Considered in *Sinclair v. Ruddell*, 16 Man. L.R. 60.]

NEGLIGENCE; SPECIFIC FINDINGS.

In an action for damages for personal injury caused by a car of the defendants, the jury found that defendants' negligence was the cause of the accident, but also that the plaintiff might, by the exercise of reasonable care, have avoided the accident. There was evidence sufficient to justify both these findings. The trial Judge dismissed the action, following *London Street Ry. Co. v. Brown* (1901), 31 Can. S.C.R. 642. On appeal, the Court ordered a new trial on the ground that the jury's finding that the plaintiff might have avoided the accident by the exercise of reasonable care was not sufficient without their saying in what respect he failed to exercise reasonable care, as the Court was unable to determine from the jury's finding whether the plaintiff was in law guilty of contributory negligence or not. The Court suggested that the proper course for the trial Judge to take in such a case would be to submit to the jury two questions, such as, 1. Was the plaintiff guilty of negligence? 2. If yes, what was this act of negligence? and that it would probably be well to add a third question: Whose negligence really caused the accident? *Shondra v. Winnipeg Electric Ry. Co.*, 21 Man. L.R. 622.

COLLISION; SPECIFICATION OF TORTIOUS ACTS AND NEGLIGENCE.

1. When a plaintiff in an action of damages specifically charges the tortious act or negligence that caused the injury, he is estopped from proving any other at the trial, and the admission of such evidence by the Judge is a sufficient ground to quash a verdict in his favour. (2) Leave to amend a declaration "so as to agree with the facts proved," will not be granted if the amend-

ment changes the nature of the demand, or is such as to lead the defendant into error as to the facts intended to be proved. In an action of damages caused by a collision with a tramcar, in which it is alleged that "the car which struck the plaintiff was crossing another car moving on the same street, in the opposite direction," the plaintiff cannot, after trial, amend his declaration to make it set forth that the second car was stationary and not moving. Leave granted him to do so by the trial Judge is a sufficient ground to quash a verdict in his favour. *Lemieux v. Montreal Street Ry. Co.*, 38 Que. S.C. 400.

NEGLIGENCE; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE; FORM OF QUESTIONS TO JURY.

When contributory negligence is set up in an action to recover damages for negligence, which is being tried before a jury the plaintiff is entitled to a clear and distinct finding upon the point. In an action against a street railway company to recover damages, the jury, after finding in answer to questions that the defendants were guilty of negligence, in running at too high a rate of speed, not properly sounding the gong, and not having the car under proper control, and that the plaintiff's injury was caused by this negligence, said in answer to further questions, that the plaintiff was guilty of contributory negligence in not using more caution in crossing the railway tracks:—Held, that this answer was ambiguous and unsatisfactory, and, in view of the previous distinct answers, not fairly to be treated as a finding of contributory negligence. Per Osler, J.A.:—Instead of putting in such cases the question, "Was the plaintiff guilty of contributory negligence?" involving as it does, both the fact and the law, it would be better to ask, "Could the plaintiff by the exercise of reasonable care have avoided the injury?" and to provide for the case of an affirmative answer by the further question, "If so, in what respect do you think the plaintiff omitted to take reasonable care?" Judgment of *Meredith, C.J.*, reversed. *Brown v. London Street Ry.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 385, 2 O.L.R. 53.

[Reversed in 31 Can. S.C.R. 642, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 390; referred to in *Hinsley v. London Street Ry. Co.*, 16 O.L.R. 350.]

NEGLIGENCE; FINDINGS OF JURY; CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE.

In an action founded on personal injuries caused by a street car the jury found that defendants' negligence was the cause of the accident and also that plaintiff had been negligent in not looking out for the car:—Held, reversing the judgment of the Court

of Appeal (2 Ont. L.R. 53) that as the charge to the jury had properly explained the law as to contributory negligence the latter finding must be considered to mean that the accident would not have occurred but for the plaintiff's own negligence and he could not recover. London Street Ry. Co. v. Edward C. Brown, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 390, 31 Can. S.C.R. 642.

[Applied in Brenner v. Toronto Ry. Co., 40 Can. S.C.R. 556, 13 O.L.R. 423, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 261; followed in Weir v. Town of Amherst, 38 N.S.R. 489.]

TRIAL; NEGLIGENCE OF STREET RAILWAY; MODIFICATION OF INSTRUCTIONS.

Where, in a jury trial of an action for negligence against a street railway company and a municipal corporation, the plaintiff desists from his action as against one of two defendants jointly sued in damages and the trial Judge thereupon modifies the assignment of facts to be submitted to the jury, no prejudice is suffered by the remaining defendant if the assignment of facts as modified allows the jury to find the accident was due either to the negligence of the plaintiff, or to that of the defendant or to that of neither of them. Montreal Street Ry. Co. v. Conant, (Que.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 305, 7 D.L.R. 261.

Note on street railways; Speed; Warnings; Negligence. 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 193.

Note on scope of conductor's authority. 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 201.

Note on right of municipality to stipulate for a percentage of the gross earnings for permitting exercise of franchise by street railway. 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 393.

SUBSIDY.

See Railway Subsidy.

SUBWAY.

See Highway Crossings; Farm Crossings.

SUNDAY TRAFFIC.

For constitutionality of provincial Sunday laws, see Constitutional Law.

FREIGHT TRAFFIC; UNDUCE DELAY; THE LORD'S DAY ACT.

The Grand Trunk Ry. Co. applied to the Board for an order under sub-s. x of s. 12 of the Lord's Day Act, R.S.C. c. 153, permitting it to do certain work on the Lord's Day in order to prevent undue delay to traffic:—Held, upon the evidence that in order to prevent undue delay to traffic the applicants may be permitted on the Lord's Day: 1. To unload grain carriers and load

grain into cars at Ontario Lake ports between September 15th in every year and June 1st in the following year. 2. Between said dates do such work as may be necessary to furnish at such ports a continuous railway service for carrying grain from elevators and vessels. 3. Perform all work necessary for delivery to their destinations of freight cars in transit when the Lord's Day began. Other railways carrying grain from said ports are entitled to the like privileges. Re Lord's Day Act and Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 23.

THROUGH FREIGHT PASSENGER TRAFFIC; UNDUCE DELAY; LORD'S DAY ACT.

Application for an order under sections 3, 12 (i, x) of the Lord's Day Act, R.S.C. c. 153, permitting certain work to be done on the applicant's steamers and trains at Owen Sound and Fort William, Ontario, on the Lord's Day, in order to prevent undue delay to through freight traffic upon its line of railway:—Held, upon the evidence that in order to prevent undue delay to traffic the applicant company may be permitted to do on the Lord's Day: "Any work need sarily incidental to the loading or unloading of freight and merchandise upon or from the said steamers or the transshipping of freight and merchandise between the said steamers and cars of the applicant company at Owen Sound and Fort William, Ontario, and the coaling of the said steamers at Owen Sound." In re Lord's Day Act and Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 193.

OPERATION; SUNDAY LAWS; BINDING EFFECT OF PROVINCIAL ACT ON STREET RAILWAY COMPANY INCORPORATED BY DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

Section 193 of the Ontario Railway Act 1906, 6 Edw. VII c. 30, respecting operation on Sunday is, by virtue of s. 9 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, binding upon an electric railway situate wholly within the Province of Ontario, which was incorporated by the Parliament of Canada in 1910, and declared to be a work for the general advantage of Canada. In order that a railway or part of a railway may form part of a continuous route or system within the meaning of sub-s. 5 of s. 9 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, respecting operations on Sunday, there must be a direct physical connection between it and the other through road of which it is to form a part, and proper facilities by way of sidings and accommodations for the transfer of traffic must exist, which should generally be sanctioned by the proper authorities. Hammans v. Great Western Ry. Co., 4 Ry. & Canal Traffic Cas. 181; Great Central Ry. Co. v.

Lancashire & Yorkshire Ry. Co., 13 Ry. & Canal Traffic Cas. 266; Black v. Delaware & Raritan Canal Co., 22 N.J. Eq. 402, referred to. Kerley v. London and L.E. Transportation Co. (Ont.) 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 111, 6 D.L.R. 189.

[Reversed in 13 D.L.R. 365, 28 O.L.R. 606, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 337.]

LABOUR AND BUSINESS; OPERATING RAILWAY; PROVINCIAL JURISDICTION, HOW LIMITED.

A prosecution under the Sunday observance laws of Ontario against a railway company chartered by the Dominion Parliament with powers of operation beyond the limits of the province cannot be maintained merely upon the ground that the company has not actually exercised such powers outside of the province. 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 111, 6 D.L.R. 189, reversed. Kerley v. London, etc. Ry. Co., 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 337, 28 O.L.R. 606, 13 D.L.R. 365.

SUPERSTRUCTURE.

For assessment of superstructure, see Assessment and Taxation.

SWITCHES.

See Branch Lines and Sidings; Junctions; Railway Crossings; Street Railways.
As affecting tariffs, see Tolls and Tariffs.

TANK CARS.

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TAXATION.

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TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONES.

- A. Telephone Service.
- B. Telegraph System.
- C. Injuries by Wires and Poles.

For regulation of wire crossings, see Wire Crossings.

For powers of power companies to erect poles on highways, see Corporate Powers; Street Railways.

For regulation of tolls and tariffs, see Tolls and Tariffs.

A. Telephone Service.

RAILWAY STATIONS; AGREEMENTS RESPECTING TELEPHONES; RESTRAINT OF TRADE.

Two municipalities owning and operating a joint telephone system within their limits applied to the Board of Railway Commis-

sioners, under s. 193 of the Railway Act, 1903 (3 Edw. VII. c. 58), for an order directing the Railway Company to allow the installation of telephone instruments in the railway stations of the Canadian Pacific Railway and for leave to connect the same with their telephone system. Prior to the enactment of s. 193 and in May, 1902, an agreement was made between the Railway Company and the Bell Telephone Company whereby the Telephone Company, for valuable consideration, was granted for a period of ten years the exclusive privilege of placing telephone instruments, apparatus and wires, in the several stations, offices and premises of the railway stations in Canada, where the Telephone Company had established or might, during the continuance of the agreement, establish telephone exchanges:—Held, per Blair, Chief Commissioner: That the said agreement was valid and not void or voidable as being in restraint of trade or against public policy, and that an order made under s. 193 should provide for payment of compensation upon just terms for all lawful rights and interests injuriously affected thereby. Per Bernier, Deputy Commissioner: While the agreement is valid and compensation should therefore be allowed, the question of compensation should be reserved for future consideration and determined after hearing any case that might be presented by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company or any other railway company in support of damages. Per Mills, Commissioner: That the agreement is in restraint of trade and against public policy, and that compensation should be awarded only for the use of the premises occupied by the applicants' telephones and the expense of operating them. Order suspended pending further argument as to the quantum of compensation. Upon questions of law the opinion of the chief commissioner prevails in case of a difference of opinion amongst the members of the Board under s. 10. Nordenfelt v. Maxim-Nordenfelt Gun, etc. Co. (No. 1), (1893), 1 Ch. 630, (1894), A.C. 535; Rousillon v. Rousillon, 14 Ch. 351; Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Western Union Telegraph Co., 17 S.C.R. 151; London & North Western Ry. Co. v. Evans (1892), 2 Ch. 432, (1893), 1 Ch. 16; In re Cuno, Mansfield & Mansfield, 43 Ch. D. 12, and Wells v. London, Tilbury and Southend Ry. Co., 5 Ch. D. 126, referred to. [The Telephone Case.] Towns of Port Arthur, etc. v. Bell Telephone Company et al., 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 205.

[Reconsidered in 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 279.]

FOREIGN CORPORATION; TELEGRAPH COMPANY; EXCLUSIVE RIGHT; RESTRAINT OF TRADE.

In 1869 the E. & N.A. Ry. Co., owning the road from St. John N.B. westward to the United States boundary, made an agreement with the W.U. Tel. Co., giving the latter the exclusive right for 99 years to construct and operate a line of telegraph over its road. In 1876, a mortgage on the road was foreclosed and the road itself sold under decree of the Equity Court of New Brunswick to the St. J. & M. Ry. Co., which company, in 1883, leased it to the N.B. Ry. Co. for a term of 999 years. The telegraph line was constructed by the W.U. Tel. Co. under the said agreement, and has been continued ever since without any new agreement being made with the St. J. & M. Ry. Co. or the N.B. Ry. Co. The W.U. Tel. Co. is an American company, incorporated by the State of New York, for the purpose of constructing and operating telegraph lines in the State. Its charter neither allows it to engage, or prohibits it from engaging, in business outside of the State. In 1888, the C.P. Ry. Co. completed a road from Montreal to St. John, a portion of it having running powers over the line of the N.B. Ry. Co., on which the W.U. Tel. Co. had constructed its telegraph line. The N.B. Ry. Co. having given permission to the C.P. Ry. Co. to construct another telegraph line over the same road, the W.U. Tel. Co. applied for and obtained an injunction to prevent its being built. On appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada from the decree of the Equity Court granting the injunction:—Held, (1) that the agreement made in 1869 between the E. & N.A. Ry. Co. is binding on the present owners of the road. (2) That the contract made with the W.U. Tel. Co. was consistent with the purpose of its corporation, and not prohibited by its charter nor by the local laws of New Brunswick, and its right to enter into such a contract and carry on the business provided for thereby is a right recognized by the comity of nations. (3) The exclusive right granted to the W.U. Tel. Co. does not avoid the contract as being against public policy, nor as being a contract in restraint of trade:—Held, per Gwynne, J., dissenting, that the comity of nations does not require the Courts of this country to enforce in favour of a foreign corporation, a contract depriving a railway company in Canada of the right to permit a domestic corporation, created for the purpose of erecting telegraph lines in the Dominion to erect such a line upon its land, and depriving it of the right to con-

struct a telegraph line upon its own land. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Western Union Tel. Co., 17 Can. S.C.R. 151.

[Applied in *Jacques-Cartier W. & P. Co. v. Quebec Ry. L. & P. Co.*, 11 K.B. 546; *Lynch v. Wm. Richards Co. Ltd.*, 38 N.B.R. 180; discussed in *Boyle v. Victoria, Yukon Tr. Co.*, 9 B.C.R. 228; followed in *Birkbeck Inv. Sec. & Sav. Co. v. Brabant, Q.R.* 8 Q.B. 319; referred to in *Hewson v. Ontario Power Co.*, 36 Can. S.C.R. 604; *Merritt v. Copper Crown Mining Co.*, 34 N.S.R. 421.]

AGREEMENT BETWEEN RAILWAY COMPANY AND TELEPHONE COMPANY; MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE SYSTEM; RAILWAY ACT.

The towns of Fort William and Port Arthur having renewed their application for an order directing the railway company to allow the installation of telephone instruments in its stations (see 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 205):—Held, adopting the former judgment of a majority of the Board, (1) compensation should be made to the railway company for the use of its stations and the interference with its property consequent upon such installation. *Railway Act*, s. 193. (2) Compensation should also be made to the telephone company for the loss of the exclusive privilege of telephone connection with such stations. *Railway Act*, s. 193. (3) The effect on the exclusive agreement between the telephone company and the railway company, of installing such a municipal telephone system, must be determined by the law of the Province of Quebec where the contract was made. (4) The installation of such a municipal system does not rescind the exclusive contract between the telephone company and railway company. *Quebec Civil Code*, art. 1065. *Dupuis v. Dupuis, R.J.Q.R.* 19 S.C. 500. (5) The evidence does not furnish a satisfactory basis for determining the compensation to be paid by the municipalities and suggestions are made as to its ascertainment hereafter by the Board or by arbitration. (6) Payment of such compensation or the giving of proper security therefor to both companies should be a condition precedent to the installation of the system in each town. (7) Leave was given to state a case for the opinion of the Supreme Court whether the installation of the municipal system entitles the telephone company to a rescission of its contract with the railway company. [The Telephone Case.] *Towns of Port Arthur and Fort William v. Bell Telephone Co. and Canadian Pacific R.W. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 279.

TELEPHONE SERVICE; CONTRACT; DIRECTORY OF SUBSCRIBERS; RIGHT TO.

D., a subscriber in the city of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario, to the telephone service of the respondent, applied to the Board for an order directing the respondent to furnish him with a copy of their official telephone directory, containing the list of their subscribers in the towns in Western Ontario. There was no provision in the contract between D. and the respondent entitling him to be supplied with such directories in or outside of the city of Toronto, although it is the practice of the respondent to furnish their subscribers with directories in their own districts:—Held, (1) that the Board has no jurisdiction under the statute (Railway Act and amendments) to grant the application, (2) Upon the evidence it is unreasonable that subscribers in certain districts should be furnished with directories printed for and furnished to subscribers in other districts. *Dignam v. Bell Telephone Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 200.

INSTALLATION OF TELEPHONES IN RAILWAY STATIONS; PUBLIC CONVENIENCE; EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT.

Upon application to the Board by the P. and C. telephone companies for an order compelling certain railway companies to permit the installation and maintenance in railway stations of telephones:—Held, (1) that, under s. 245 of the Railway Act, the Board has jurisdiction to grant the order applied for and may impose such terms as it deems best and expedient but should not take into consideration any contract giving exclusive privileges to any other telephone company. (2) That the only point to be considered by the Board is whether such telephone connection will be of benefit and convenience to the public having business with the railway company. (3) That telephone companies who may be entitled to such an order being usually incorporated by the province, and thus not subject to the jurisdiction of the Board should enter into a contract containing fair and reasonable conditions to be prescribed by the Board. *People's and Caledon Telephone Cos. v. Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 161.

CONTRACT; INTERPRETATION OF; CONVERSATIONS AND MESSAGES; NECESSARY EQUIPMENT.

On an application for the interpretation of a provision in an agreement between two telephone companies that the Bell (respondent) Company will permit an interchange

of telephonic conversations and messages between the Byron (applicant) Company's system . . . and provide the necessary equipment at its office in the village of Byron. After the two systems were connected an enlarged switchboard was required to enable the subscribers of the applicant to converse with one another by switching through the respondent's office:—Held, that the respondent had performed its duty under the contract if the switchboard was large enough to carry the traffic between the two systems, and the application was refused. *Byron Telephone Co. v. Bell Telephone Co.*, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 433.

TELEPHONE COMPANIES; EXCLUSIVE CONTRACT; APPROVAL; PUBLIC INTEREST.

The respondent entered into a contract providing (clause II) for an exclusive connection. The applicant objected to this clause in the contract being approved by the Board. The applicant and the respondent, the Canadian Telephone Co., operated in Sherbrooke and formerly had a connection:—Held, that the clause should not be approved by the Board in the public interest. *People's Telephone Co. v. Bell and Canadian Telephone Cos.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 19.

B. Telegraph System.

MARCONI WIRELESS SYSTEM; PRESS AND PRIVATE MESSAGES; EXCESSIVE AND DISCRIMINATORY RATES.

An application was made to the Board for an order directing certain telegraph companies to transmit press messages to the Marconi wireless station at Glace Bay at the same rate as to other points along the Atlantic coast of Canada from the city of Ottawa. It was alleged that the rates were excessive and discriminatory because the telegraph companies on messages to Glace Bay charged the higher private rate rather than the lower press rate:—Held, that the evidence did not establish that excessive or discriminatory rates were charged, the rates being lower from Ottawa to Glace Bay than from the same point to other Canadian Atlantic coast points and the application must be dismissed. *Times Publishing Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., Great North Western and Western Union Telegraph Cos.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 169.

C. Injuries by Wires and Poles.

CONSTRUCTION OF TELEPHONE LINES; INJURY TO TREES; RIGHTS OF PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS.

That the ownership of lands adjoining a

highway extends ad medium flum vis is a presumption of law only which may be rebutted, but the presumption will arise though the lands are described in a conveyance as bounded by or on the highway. Gwynne, J., contra. In construing an Act of Parliament, the title may be referred to in order to ascertain the intention of the Legislature. The Act of the Nova Scotia Legislature, 50 Vict. c. 23, vesting the title to highways and the lands over which the same pass in the Crown for a public highway, does not apply to the city of Halifax. The charter of the Nova Scotia Telephone Company authorizing the construction and working of lines of telephone along the sides of, and across and under, any public highway or street of the city of Halifax, provided that in working such lines the company should not cut down nor mutilate any trees:—Held, Taschereau and Gwynne, J.J., dissenting, that the owner of private property in the city could maintain an action for damages against the company for injuring ornamental shade trees on the street in front of his property while constructing or working the telephone line, there being nothing in the evidence to rebut the presumption of ownership ad medium, or to shew that the street had been laid out under a statute of the province or dedicated to the public before the passing of any expropriation Act, 23 N.S. R. 509 reversed. O'Connor v. N.S. Telephone Co., 22 Can. S.C.R. 276.

[Referred to in Washington v. G.T. Ry. Co., 28 Can. S.C.R. 188.]

TELEPHONE POLE; INJURY TO PERSON RIDING ON HIGHWAY.

A person driving on a public highway who sustains injury to his person and property by the carriage coming in contact with a telephone pole lawfully placed there, cannot maintain an action for damages if it clearly appears that his horses were running away, and that their violent, uncontrollable speed was the proximate cause of the accident. In an action against the city corporation for damages in such a case the latter was ordered to pay the costs of the telephone company brought in as a third party, it being shewn that the company placed the pole where it was lawfully, and by authority of the corporation. Bell Telephone Co. v. City of Chat-ham, 31 Can. S.C.R. 61.

[Referred to in Everitt v. Raleigh, 21 O.L. R. 91; Holden v. Yarmouth, 5 O.L.R. 579.]

EXCAVATION ON PUBLIC STREET; INSUFFICIENT LIGHT AND PROTECTION.

The defendant company made an excavation across a sidewalk on a public street, in the city of Halifax, for the purpose of laying cables underground. The excavation was protected after working hours by a number of barrels with plank laid across the tops from one to another. Plaintiff, while passing along the sidewalk, after dark, in the absence of the watchman, fell into a portion of the excavation, from which the barricade had been removed after it had been placed in position, and was severely injured. The evidence given at the trial shewed that the barrier erected was of a frail and insufficient character, and that the place was insufficiently lighted, and that if it had not been for the want of care on the part of defendant in these particulars, the accident would not have happened:—Held, that plaintiff was entitled to a verdict, and that defendant's appeal must be dismissed with costs. Cox v. Nova Scotia Telephone Co., 35 N.S.R. 148.

INJURY BY ELECTRICITY; CONTACT OF TELEPHONE WIRE WITH POWER WIRE.

A telephone company empowered to erect its poles and wires on a street upon which the poles and wires of an electric power line are already strung is under a duty to string the telephone wires at a safe distance from the power wires, and where a telephone lineman is killed by the telephone wires with which he was working becoming charged by contact with an electric wire which had sagged low by the settlement or bending of the electric company's poles not resulting from any negligence on the part of the electric company, the proximate cause of the injury is the negligence of the telephone company and not of the electric company, although the latter had taken no precautions to guy wires or otherwise to obviate the effect of such sagging. Roberts v. Bell Telephone, etc., Co., 10 D.L.R. 459, 25 O.W.R. 428.

[Englehart v. Farrant, [1897] 1 Q.B. 240; McDowell v. Great Western R. Co., [1902] 1 K.B. 618; Dominion Natural Gas Co. v. Collins, [1909] A.C. 640, and Lothian v. Richards, 12 C.L.R. 165, referred to.]

TELEPHONES.

See Telegraph and Telephones.

TEMPERANCE ACT.

For violation of Canada Temperance Act by express company transporting liquor, see Crimes and Offences.

THIRD PARTY PROCEDURE.

THIRD PARTY NOTICE; DIRECTIONS FOR TRIAL; DISCRETION.

On a motion for directions for the trial of an action under Con. Rule 213, it is in the discretion of the Court to determine whether, having regard to the nature of the case, it is a proper one for the application of the third party procedure, notwithstanding that an appearance has been entered to the third party notice. *Miller v. Sarnia Gas and Electric Co.* (1900), 2 O.L.R. 546, and *Holden v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* (1901), 2 O.L.R. 421, considered. *Donn v. Toronto Ferry Co.*, 11 O.L.R. 16 (*Meredith, C.J.*).

[Referred to in *Montgomery v. Saginaw Lumber Co.*, 12 O.L.R. 144.]

THIRD PARTY PROCEDURE; INDEMNITY; DIRECTIONS; ORDER ALLOWING NOTICE; APPEAL.

In an action to recover damages for the death of an employee of the defendants, who was killed at the crossing of defendants' railway with another railway, the defendants obtained an ex parte order allowing them to serve a third party notice upon the other railway company, claiming indemnity under an agreement whereby the latter company were allowed to put in the crossing at the point where the accident happened, upon their indemnifying the defendants against any claim for damages arising during the progress of the work. The defendants asserted and the other company denied that the accident in question happened during the progress of the work:—Held, that it was desirable that the question as to the defendants' liability to the plaintiff should be established in such a way as to be binding upon the third parties, although all the matters in dispute between the defendants and the third parties could not be determined in the action. *Baxter v. France* (No. 2), [1895] 1 Q.B. 591, distinguished. Form of order giving directions as to trial and questions of costs in such a case, settled. *Semble*, referring to *Baxter v. France*, [1895] 1 Q.B. 455, 458, that it was the duty of the third parties, if they objected to being added, to appeal within due time against the order allowing the notice to be served upon them. *Holden v.*

Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 529, 2 O.L.R. 421.

[Discussed in *Donn v. Toronto Ferry Co.*, 11 O.L.R. 16, 6 O.W.R. 929, 973.

THIRD PARTY PROCEDURE.

Where full discovery has been had between plaintiff and defendant, and issue joined, a third party notice for indemnity would be permitted only upon terms by which the defendant seeking to bring in a third party at that stage would be ordered to pay the additional costs, and a notice served under an ex parte order made after the proceedings had reached that stage, was set aside on motion. *Swale v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 1 D.L.R. 501, 3 O.W.N. 601, 20 O.W.R. 997.

[Reversed in 2 D.L.R. 84, 25 O.L.R. 492.]

THIRD PARTY PROCEDURE.

A third party notice served pursuant to an ex parte order got after issue joined is irregular and will be set aside as it is equivalent to commencing a new action. *Parent v. Cook*, 2 O.L.R. 709, 3 O.L.R. 350, followed. *Swale v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 1 D.L.R. 501, 3 O.W.N. 601, 20 O.W.R. 997.

[Reversed in 2 D.L.R. 84, 25 O.L.R. 492.]

THIRD PARTY PROCEDURE.

The right to invoke the third party procedure exists whenever the plaintiff's claim against the defendant, if successful, will result in the defendant having a claim against the third party to recover from him the damages which he has been compelled to pay to the plaintiff. [Rule 209, Ontario Consolidated Rules of Practice (1897), construed; *Pettigrew v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 22 O.L.R. 23, referred to.] *Swale v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.* (No. 2), 2 D.L.R. 84, 3 O.W.N. 664, 21 O.W.R. 225, 25 O.L.R. 492.

THISTLES AND WEEDS.

As causing fires on railway, see Fires.

WEEDS CAUSING INJURY TO EMPLOYEE WORKING ON TRACK.

For a railway company to permit grass and weeds to grow on a side track is not such negligence as will make it liable to compensate an employee who is injured in consequence of such growth while on the side track in the course of his employment. *6 B.C.R. 561*, affirmed. *Wood v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 30 Can. S.C.R. 110.

[Applied in *Hill v. Granby Consol. Mines*, 12 B.C.R. 125; *Jamieson v. Harris*, 35 Can. S.C.R. 639; referred to in *Canada Woollen Mills v. Traplin*, 35 Can. S.C.R. 448; *Center Star v. Rossland Miners' Union*, 11 B.C.R. 205; *Warrington v. Palmer*, 8 B.C.R. 349.

LIABILITY OF RAILWAYS TO REMOVE COMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL FROM RIGHT OF WAY.

It is the duty of a railway, under c. 91 of R.S.N.S. 1900, to clear from off the sides of its roadway, where it passes through woods, all combustible material, such as grass, ferns, bushes, or other material, by careful burning at a safe time, or otherwise, whenever they become combustible. *Schwartz v. Halifax & S.W. Ry. Co.* (N.S.), 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 85, 4 D.L.R. 691.

[Affirmed in 11 D.L.R. 790, 47 Can. S.C.R. 590.]

TICKETS AND FARES.

For regulation of street-car fares, see *Street Railways*.

For regulation of tolls and tariffs, see *Tolls and Tariffs*; *Board of Railway Commissioners*.

RAILWAY TICKET; RIGHT TO STOP OVER.

By the sale of a railway ticket the contract of the railway company is to convey the purchaser in one continuous journey to his destination; it gives him no right to stop at any intermediate station. *Craig v. Great Western Ry. Co.* (24 U.C.Q.B. 569); *Briggs v. The Grand Trunk Railway Co.* (24 U.C.Q.B. 516); and *Cunningham v. The Grand Trunk Railway Co.* (9 L.C. Jur. 57, 11 L.C. Jur. 107), approved and followed; 4 Ex. C.R. 321, affirmed. *Coombs v. The Queen*, 26 Can. S.C.R. 13.

[Adapted in *Emmerson v. Maddison*, 36 N.B.R. 266; applied in *Provident Savings Life Ass. Soc. v. Mowat*, 32 Can. S.C.R. 156; explained *Lamont v. Canadian Transfer Co.*, 19 O.L.R. 291.]

RETURN TICKET; CONDITION OF IDENTIFICATION; NEGLIGENCE TO COMPLY WITH; EJECTION FROM TRAIN.

Plaintiff purchased an excursion ticket from Indian Head, N.W.T., to Toronto and return, one of the conditions, which he signed, being that he should identify himself to the authorized agent of the railway in Toronto before he set out on his return journey, and obtain the agent's official signature, dated and stamped at Toronto. On production of his ticket he secured his

sleeping berth, had his baggage checked and was admitted to the train and started on his return journey, but neglected to identify himself as required and was put off the train, after he had refused to pay his fare, although he offered to identify himself to the conductor. In an action for damages:—Held, that he could not recover. *Judgment of Lount, J.*, affirmed. *Taylor v. The Grand Trunk Railway Co.*, 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 99, 4 O.L.R. 357.

Note on conditions of ticket. 2 Can. Ry. Cas. 106.

TIMBER LICENSE.

For damage to timber licensees caused by fires, see *Fires*.

OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF TIMBER UNTIL PAYMENT; STUMPAGE.

The respondents, owners of timber lands in New Brunswick, granted C. & S. a license to cut on twenty-five square miles. By the license it was agreed inter alia: "Said stumpage to be paid in the following manner: Said company shall first deduct from the amount of stumpage on the timber or lumber cut by grantees on this license as aforesaid, an amount equal to the mileage paid by them as aforesaid, and the whole of the remainder, if any, shall, not later than the 15th April next, be secured by good endorsed notes, or other sufficient security to be approved of by the said company, and payable on the 15th July next, and the timber not to be removed from the brows or landings till the stumpage is secured as aforesaid. And said company reserves and retains full and complete ownership and control of all lumber which shall be cut from the afore-mentioned premises, wherever and however it may be situated, until all matters and things appertaining to or connected with this license shall be settled and adjusted, and all sums due or to become due for stumpage or otherwise shall be fully paid, and any and all damages for non-performance of this agreement, or stipulations herein expressed, shall be liquidated and paid. And if any sum of money shall have become payable by any one of the stipulations or agreements herein expressed, and shall not be paid or secured in some of the modes herein expressed within ten days thereafter, then, in such case, said company shall have full power and authority to take all or any part of said lumber wherever or however situated, and to absolutely sell and dispose of the same either at private or public sale, for cash; and, after deducting reasonable expenses,

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commissions, and all sums which may then be due or may become due from any cause whatever, as herein expressed, the balance, if any there may be, they shall pay over on demand to said grantees, after a reasonable time for ascertaining and liquidating all amounts due, or which may become due, either as stumpage or damages." For securing the stumpage payable to respondents under this license, C. & S. gave to the respondents a draft upon J. & Co., which was accepted by J. & Co., and approved of by the respondents, but which was not paid at maturity. After giving the draft C. & S. sold the lumber to J. & Co., who knew the lumber was cut on the plaintiff's land under the said agreement. J. & Co. failed, and appellant, their assignee, took possession of the lumber and sold it:—Held, per Strong, Taschereau, and Gwynne, J.J. (affirming the judgment of the Court below), Ritchie, C.J., and Fournier, and Henry, J.J., dissenting, that upon the case as submitted, and by mere force of the terms of the agreement, the absolute property in the lumber in question did not pass to C. & S. immediately upon the receipt by the company of the accepted draft of C. & S. on J. & Co., and that appellant was liable for the actual payment of the stumpage. *McLeod v. The New Brunswick Railway Company*, 5 Can. S.C.R. 281.

PERMIT TO EXECUTION DEBTOR TO CUT AND REMOVE TIMBER FROM CROWN LANDS; LIEN; RAILWAY TIES.

An execution debtor was the holder of a permit to cut and remove railway ties from Crown lands. He entered into partnership with another person in the business of tie manufacture, to be carried on upon the lands comprised in the permit, and the partnership got out ties to fill a contract with a railway company. The ties were seized by a sheriff under the execution against the debtor, as claimed by the partnership. It was conceded that the execution was not a lien upon any of the timber embraced in the permit until severed, but it was contended that the moment there was a severance the timber cut vested in the debtor, and eo instanti the execution attached:—Held, that there could be no objection to the execution debtor forming a partnership for the production of the ties with a person willing either to put in cash as capital or to provide the plant, supplies and other materials necessary to enable the work of production to be proceeded with. The product would be the property of the partnership, and not that of the individual who held the permit. Such an agreement

was not in its nature either void or voidable as against creditors. The interest transferred by the debtor was not exigible under a writ, and was not affected by any lien or charge arising therefrom. The execution creditors were entitled to seize the partnership interest of their debtor, but no claim of that kind was before the Court. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Rat Portage Lumber Co.*, 10 O.L.R. 273 (C.A.).

[Distinguished in *Faulkner v. Greer*, 14 O.L.R. 360; followed in *Faulkner v. Greer*, 16 O.L.R. 123.]

TIME TABLES.

See *Train Service; Street Railways.*

TITLE TO LANDS.

For conveyance of lands for railway purposes, see *Expropriation.*

For jurisdiction of Magistrate's Court or County Court involving title to land, see *Jurisdiction.*

SALE OF LAND; DELIVERY OF POSSESSION TO AGENT.

S. T. brought an action to recover \$3,200 as balance of the purchase money of certain lands in Quebec sold by him to the N.S. Ry. Co. To this action the railway company pleaded by temporary exception that out of 3,307 superficial feet sold to them, S. T. never delivered 710 feet, and that so long as the full quantity purchased was not delivered they were not bound to pay. To this plea S. T. replied specially that he delivered all the land sold to P. B. V., the agent of the company with their assent and approbation, together with other land sold to said P. B. V. at the same time. At the trial it was shown that P. B. V. had purchased all the lands owned by S. T. in that locality but exacted two deeds of sale, one of 3,307 feet for the railway company, and another of the balance of the property for himself. By the deed to P. B. V. his land is bounded by that previously sold to the company. P. B. V. took possession and the railway company fenced in what they required:—Held, affirming the judgments of the Court of Queen's Bench for (L.C.), that S. T. having delivered to P. B. V., the agent of the company, with their assent and approbation, the whole of the land sold to them together with other lands sold to the said P. B. V. at the same time, he was entitled to the balance of the purchase money. Per *Taschereau, J.*: That all appellants could claim was a diminution of

price, or cancellation of the sale under arts. 1501, 1502, and that therefore their plea was bad. *North Shore Railway Company v. Trudel* (1887), 24 C.L.J. 57.

RIGHT OF PRE-EMPTION; LANDS RESERVED; AGRICULTURAL SETTLERS.

By 47 Vict. c. 14, sub-s. (f), (B.C.) certain land conveyed to the E. & N. Ry. Co. was, for four years from the date of the Act, thrown open to the actual "settlers for agricultural purposes," coal and timber land excepted. H. and W. respectively claimed a right of pre-emption under this Act.—Held, affirming the decision of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, that the Act did not confer a right of pre-emption to lands not within the pre-emption laws of the province; that only "unreserved and unoccupied lands" came within those laws and the lands claimed had long before been reserved for a town site; and that the claimants were not upon the lands as "actual settlers for agricultural purposes," but had entered with express notice that the lands were not open for settlement. *Hoggan v. Esquimault & Nanaimo Ry. Co., Waddington v. Esquimault & Nanaimo Ry. Co.*, 20 Can. S.C.R. 235.

[Affirmed in [1894] A.C. 429; considered in *Esquimault, etc., Ry. Co. v. McGregor*, 12 B.C.R. 270; referred to in *Esquimault, etc., Ry. Co. v. Fiddick*, 14 B.C.R. 429.]

RIGHTS OF PRE-EMPTION.

Where the appellant claimed as "an actual settler for agricultural purposes," that by s. 23 of the British Columbian Act, 47 Vict. c. 14, he was entitled to a right of pre-emption over certain lands included in a government grant for the purpose of the respondent railway, and it appeared that the land in question had, prior to the Act, been reserved as a town site:—Held, that a settler means a person entitled to record land under the Land Act, 1875, by reason of compliance with its provisions; that the Act did not apply to reserved lands; that under 47 Vict. c. 14, no new right of pre-emption was given, nor was the word "settler" used in any new sense. Accordingly, the appellant's claim failed, since he was not a settler in the only sense known to the law of the colony. *Hoggan v. Esquimault and Nanaimo Ry. Co.*, [1894] A.C. 429.

TITLE TO FORESHORE OF HARBOUR; CLAIM OF DOWER BY WIFE OF GRANTEE; ESTOPPEL.

After the British North America Act came into force the government of Nova Scotia granted to S. a part of the fore-

shore of the harbour of Sydney, C.B. S. conveyed this lot through the C.B. Coal Co. to the S. & L. Coal Co. S. having died, his widow brought an action for dower in said lot to which the company pleaded that the grant to S. was void, the property being vested in the Dominion government:—Held, affirming the judgment of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, Strong and Gwynne, JJ., dissenting, that the company having obtained title to the property from S. they were estopped from saying that the title of S. was defective. After the conveyance to the defendant company an Act was passed by the Legislature of Nova Scotia ratifying and confirming the title of the defendant company to all property of the C. B. Coal Co. Held, that if the Legislature could by statute affect the title to this property which was vested in the Dominion government it had not done so by this Act in which the Crown is not expressly named. Moreover, the statute should have been pleaded by the defendants. 23 N.S.R. 214 affirmed. *Sydney & Louisburg Coal and Ry. Co. v. Sword*, 21 Can. S.C.R. 152.

[Inapplicable in *MacCrimmon v. Smith*, 12 B.C.R. 379; referred to in *R. v. Marsh*, ex p. Walker, 39 N.B.R. 334.]

MEANING OF WORD "LAND"; RESERVATION OF MINERALS.

The E. & N. Ry. Co. executed an agreement to sell certain lands to H., who entered into possession, made improvements, and paid the purchase money, whereupon a deed was delivered to him which he refused to accept as it reserved the minerals on the land while the agreement was for an unconditional sale. In an action by H. for specific performance of the agreement the company contended that in its conveyances the word "land" was always used as meaning land minus the minerals:—Held, reversing the judgment of the Supreme Court of British Columbia (6 B.C.R. 228), *Taschereau, J.*, dissenting, that the contract for sale being expressed in unambiguous language, and H. having had no notice of any reservations, it could not be rescinded on the ground of mistake and he was entitled to a decree for specific performance. *Hobbs v. Esquimault and Nanaimo Ry. Co.*, 29 Can. S.C.R. 450.

[Relied on in *Raymond L. & I. Co. v. Knight Sugar Co.*, 2 A.L.R. 163.]

AMBIGUOUS DESCRIPTION; POSSESSION; PRESUMPTIONS FROM OCCUPATION.

By a deed made in August, 1882, the appellant ceded to the Government of Quebec,

who subsequently conveyed to the respondent, an immovable described as part of lot No. 1937, in St. Peter's Ward in the city of Quebec, situated between the streets St. Paul, St. Roch, Henderson and the river St. Charles, with the wharves and buildings thereon erected. The respondents entered into possession of the lands by virtue of said deeds and remained in possession for twelve years, without objection to the boundaries. They then brought an action to have it declared that, by the proper construction of the deeds an additional strip of land and certain wharves were included and intended to be transferred. They contended that the description in the deed was ambiguous, and that Henderson street as a boundary should be construed as meaning Henderson street extended, and they sought to establish their case by the production of certain correspondence which had taken place between the parties prior to the execution of the deed of August, 1882:—Held, reversing the judgment of the Court of Queen's Bench for Lower Canada, the Chief Justice and King, J., dissenting, that the words "Henderson street" as used in the deed must be construed in their plain natural sense as meaning the street of that name actually existing on the ground; that the correspondence was not shewn to contain all the negotiations or any finally concluded agreement, and could not be used to contradict or modify the deed which should be read as containing the matured conclusions at which the parties had finally arrived; that the deed should be interpreted in the light of the conduct of the parties in taking and remaining so long in possession without objection, which raised against them a strong presumption, not only not rebutted but strengthened by the facts in evidence; and that any doubt or ambiguity in the deed, in the absence of evidence to explain it, should be interpreted against the vendees, and in favour of the vendors. *City of Quebec v. North Shore Railway Company*, 27 Can. S.C.R. 102.

[Affirmed by Privy Council. 31 Can. Gaz. 11; referred to *Lafrance v. Lafontaine*, 30 Can. S.C.R. 20.]

LOCATION OF PERMANENT WAY; FENCING;
LAYING OUT OF BOUNDARIES.

A railway company purchased land from P., bounded by a non-navigable river, as "selected and laid out" for their permanent way. Stakes were planted to shew the side lines and the railway fencing, at the points in dispute, was placed, here and there,

above the water-line, although the company could not have the quantity of land conveyed unless they took possession to the edge of the river. P. remained in possession of the strip of land between the fence and the water's edge and of the bed of the stream *ad medium flum*, and, after the registration of the deed to the company, sold the rest of his property including water rights, mills and dams constructed in the stream to the defendant's auteur, describing the property sold as "including that part of the river which is not included in the right of way, etc." The plaintiffs never operated their line of railway, but, immediately on its completion, under powers conferred by their charter, and the Railway Act, 14 & 15 Vict. c. 51, leased it for 999 years to another company and the railway has been ever since operated by other companies under the lease. The plaintiffs' action *pétitoire*, including a claim for damages, was met by pleas: (1) That the lease was an alienation of all plaintiff's interest in the lands occupied by the railway and left them without any right of action; (2) that the right of way sold never extended beyond the fencing, such being the interpretation placed upon the conveyance by permitting P. to retain possession of the strip of land in question and the river *ad medium flum*; (3) that by ten years' possession as owner in good faith under translatory title the defendant had acquired ownership by the prescription of ten years; and (4) that, by thirty years' adverse possession without title, the defendant and his auteurs had acquired a title to the strip of land and riparian rights in question. On appeal the Supreme Court:—Held, (1) that the description in the deed to the railway company included, *ex jure nature*, the river *ad medium flum* *aque* as an incident of the grant and that their title could not be defeated by subsequent conveyance through their vendor and warrantor, notwithstanding that they may not have taken physical possession of all the lands described in the prior conveyance. (2) That the possession of the strip of land and the waters and bed of the river *ad medium flum* by the vendor and his assigns, after the conveyance to the company, was not the possession *animo domini* required for the acquisitive prescription of ten years under art. 2251 of the Civil Code of Lower Canada, but merely an occupation as tenant by *sufrance* upon which no such prescription could be based. (3) That the failure of the vendor to deliver the full quantity of land sold and the company's abstention from troubling him in his pos-

session of the same could not be construed as conduct placing a construction upon the deed different from its clear and unambiguous terms or as limiting the area of the lands conveyed. (4) That the terms of the description in the subsequent conveyance by P. to the defendant's auteur were a limitation equivalent to an express reservation of that part of the property which had been previously conveyed to the company and prevented the defendant acquiring title by ten years' prescription, and further that he was charged with notice of the prior conveyance through the registration of the deed to the company. (5) That the acquisitive prescription of thirty years under art. 2242 of the Civil Code could not run in favour of the original vendor who had warranted title to the lands conveyed to the company because, after the sale, his occupation of the part of the property the possession of which he had failed to deliver, was merely on sufrance. The judgment of the Quebec Court of King's Bench, appeal side, was reversed on the questions of law as summarized, Davies, J., dubitante, but the findings, on conflicting testimony in respect of damages, made by the trial Judge were not disturbed on the appeal. On the question raised as to the right of action to recover the lands and for damages caused to the permanent way, it was held, affirming the judgment appealed from, that the lease to the companies which held and operated the railway, amounted to an emphyteutic lease assigning the domaine utile and all the plaintiffs' rights in respect of the railway reserving, however, the domaine direct, and, consequently, the plaintiffs had the right of action au pétitoire as the party having the legal estate, although the right of action for the damages if any, sustained would belong to the lessees, who held the beneficial estate. Semble, that, if necessary, the lessees might have been allowed to be added as parties, plaintiffs in the action, in order to recover any damages which might have been sustained, if there had been any satisfactory proof that damages had been caused through the fault of the defendant. *Massawippi Valley Ry. Co. v. Reed*, 33 Can. S.C.R. 457.

[Applied in *Atty.-General of Quebec v. Fraser*, 37 Can. S.C.R. 590; *Atty.-General of Quebec v. Scott*, 34 Can. S.C.R. 614; relied on in *Tanguay v. Canadian Electric Light Co.*, 40 Can. S.C.R. 6.]

PROVINCIAL GRANT TO RAILWAY; PARTITION OF LAND.

By agreement through correspondence the

G.T.R. Co. was to tender for a triangular piece of land offered for sale by the Ontario Government, containing 19 acres and convey half to the C.P.R. Co., which would not tender. The division was to be made according to a plan of the block of land with a line drawn through the centre from east to west, the C.P.R. Co. to have the northern half. The G.T.R. Co. acquired the land, but the Government reserved from the grant two acres in the northern half. In an action by the C.P.R. Co. for specific performance of the agreement.—Held, affirming the judgment of the Court of Appeal, *C.P. Ry. Co. v. G.T. Ry. Co.*, 14 Ont. L.R. 41, Maclellan and Duff, J.J., dissenting, that the C.P.R. Co. was entitled to one-half of the land actually acquired by the G.T.R. Co. and not only to the balance of the northern half as marked on the plan. The Court of Appeal directed a reference to the Master in case the parties could not agree on the mode of division.—Held, that such reference was unnecessary and the judgment appealed against should be varied in this respect. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 39 Can. S.C.R. 220.

LAND SUBSIDY IN THE N.W. TERRITORIES; MINES; RESERVATION IN GRANT; DOMINION LANDS ACT.

By the Act 53 Vict. c. 4, the suppliant railway company, among others, was authorized to receive a grant of Dominion lands of 6,400 acres for each mile of its railway, when constructed. Under the provisions of s. 2 the grants were to be made in the proportion and upon the conditions fixed by the orders-in-council made in respect thereof, and, except as to such conditions, the said grants should be free grants, subject only to the payment by the grantees, respectively, of the cost of survey of the lands, and incidental expenses. The Act came into force on the 16th of May, 1890. On that date there were certain regulations in force, made on the 17th September, 1889, under the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act, which provided that all patents for lands in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories should reserve to the Crown all mines and minerals which might be found to exist in such lands, together with the miles of railway constructed. There was full power to work the same. Orders in council authorizing the issue of patents, for the lands in question, to the suppliant railway company were passed from time to time, according to the number of miles of railway constructed. There was no reference in these orders to the regulations respecting the reservation of mines

and minerals of 17th September, 1889:—Held, that the regulations reserving mines and minerals applied to all grants of lands made under the provisions of the Act, 53 Vict. c. 54, and that the omission of reference to such regulations in the orders-in-council authorizing patents to be issued did not alter the position of the applicant company under the law. Semble, that where Parliament grants a subsidy of lands in aid of the construction of a railway, and nothing more is stated, the grant is made under ordinary conditions, and subject to existing regulations concerning such lands. *Calgary & Edmonton Ry. Co. v. The King*, 8 Can. Exch. R. 83.

[Affirmed in 33 Can. S.C.R. 673; reversed in [1904] A.C. 765.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT; GRANT OF LAND; VALIDITY.

The Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1904, defines a settler as a person who, prior to the passing of the British Columbia Statute, c. 14 of 47 Vict., occupied or improved lands situate within that tract of land known as the Esquimaux and Nanaimo Railway land belt with the bona fide intention of living thereon, and s. 3 of said Act provides that upon application being made to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-council within twelve months from the coming into force of the Act, shewing that any settler occupied or improved land within the said land belt prior to the enactment of said c. 14 with the bona fide intention of living upon the said lands, accompanied by reasonable proof of such occupation or improvement and intention, a Crown grant in fee simple in such land shall be issued to him or his legal representative, free of charge and in accordance with the provisions of the Land Act in force at the time when said land was first so occupied or improved by said settler. The lands within the said belt had been conveyed by the province originally to the Dominion for the purposes of the railway, and by the Dominion transferred to the railway company, which in giving grants or conveyances of portions thereof, reserved the minerals. Defendant, who held from her predecessor in title, applied for and obtained a grant under said s. 3:—Held, on appeal, that the railway company was entitled to be heard upon such application. Held, further, that a grant issued without such opportunity being given to the railway company to be heard on the application, was a nullity, and that the defendant should be restrained from making use of it. Held, further, that one of the conditions in the statute was that

the claims of applicants thereunder should be passed upon by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-council, and the absence of compliance with such condition was fatal, but held, further, that in the circumstances here the defendant should be permitted, on giving notice to the railway company, to proceed with her application and that the Crown need not be a party to the action. *Esquimaux and Nanaimo Ry. Co. v. Fiddiek*, 14 B.C.R. 412.

SUPERSEDING GRANT OF RAILWAY LANDS; SETTLERS' RIGHTS ACT.

The British Columbia Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1904, directed that a grant in fee simple without any reservations as to mines and minerals should be issued to settlers therein defined, and thereunder a grant was made to the appellant of the lot in suit. By an Act of the same Legislature in 1883, land which included the said lot had been granted with its mines and minerals to the Dominion Government in aid of the construction of the respondents' railway, and in 1887 had been by it granted to the respondents under the provisions of a Dominion Act passed in 1884:—Held, that the Act of 1904 on its true construction legalized the grant thereunder to the appellant, and superseded the respondents' title. Held, also, that the Act of 1904 was *intra vires* of the local Legislature. It had the exclusive power of amending or repealing its own Act of 1883. The Act, moreover, related to land which had become the property of the respondents, and effected a work and undertaking purely local within the meaning of s. 92, sub-s. 10 of the British North America Act, 12 B.C.R. 257, reversed. *McGregor v. Esquimaux and Nanaimo Ry. Co.*, [1907] A.C. 462.

[Commented on in *Burrard Power Co. v. The King*, 43 Can. S.C.R. 56; *Esquimaux & N. Ry. Co. v. Fiddiek*, 14 B.C.R. 413.

MINERAL CLAIMS.

Plaintiffs held a Crown grant dated 8th March, 1895, of certain lands from which there were excepted "lands held prior to 23rd March, 1893, as mineral claims." Defendant held certificate of improvements dated 14th August, 1899, and plaintiffs being apprehensive as to form of Crown grant to be issued to defendant applied for injunction restraining him from applying for and receiving Crown grant:—Held, dismissing the motion, that the policy of the Mineral Acts is to compel persons claiming adversely to an applicant for a Crown grant to commence action before a certificate of

improvements is obtained. *Nelson and Fort Sheppard Ry. Company v. Dunlop*, 7 B.C.R. 411.

TITLE BY ESTOPPEL; DUTY OF REGISTRAR.

The registrar in issuing certificates of ownership is bound to take notice of instruments registered or filed, previously to the issue of the patent, under the provisions of the Registration of Titles Ordinance, or the Territories Real Property Act, or the intention of the Territories Real Property Act, and the Land Titles Act, 1894, to recognize and continue, as creating vested interests, the proper effect of all instruments registered or filed under previous legislation in that behalf. Where an agreement for the sale of land by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company was registered under the Registration of Titles Ordinance, and subsequent instruments, purporting to be executed by the purchaser under the agreement, and persons claiming under him, were also registered or filed under that Ordinance or the Territories Real Property Act; the registrar, on an application by the company for a certificate of ownership upon a patent subsequently issued to the company, was directed to issue the certificate of ownership to the company endorsed with memoranda of the agreement and other instruments. Where, on a similar application, a transfer was filed under the Territories Real Property Act, purporting to be executed by the purchaser under an agreement (recited, but not registered or filed) for sale by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and, after the registrar's reference, a quit claim deed from the transferee to the company was produced, the registrar was directed to issue a clear certificate of ownership to the company. Where, on a similar application, it appeared that an agreement purporting to be executed by the purchaser under an agreement (recited, but not registered or filed) for sale by the company, was registered, and also other instruments purporting to be executed by persons claiming under the purchaser, the Judge, to whom the reference was made, was advised to cause notice to be given, to all persons appearing to be interested, of the time and place when the questions submitted by the registrar would be investigated. If such parties failed to appear, or having appeared failed to establish the existence of the agreement, the registrar should be directed to issue a clear certificate of ownership to the company. If the existence of the agreement was properly proved the proof should be filed with the registrar, and he should be directed to

issue a certificate of ownership to the company, indorsed with the memoranda shewing the interests apparently created by the agreement and other instruments. *Re the Land Titles Act, 1894, and the Canadian Pacific Railway Co.*, 4 Terr. L.R. 227.

DISCHARGE OF CAVEAT; DOMINION LANDS ACT; AGREEMENT FOR SALE OF LAND BY HOMESTEADER BEFORE RECOMMENDATION FOR PATENT.

Re Webster and Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 6 W.L.R. 384 (N.W.T.).

[Distinguished in *Gaar Scott Co. v. Guigere*, 2 S.L.R. 376; referred to in *American Abell Co. v. McMillan*, 19 Man. L.R. 115.]

EXECUTION AGAINST LANDS; EQUITABLE INTEREST; EFFECT OF EXECUTION; LAND TITLES ACT.

Plaintiff sold certain land to defendant S., under agreement for sale, whereby he became entitled to a transfer upon payment of the agreed purchase price and compliance with stated conditions. Subsequently the American Abell Co. recovered a judgment against S., and registered execution in the usual form against his land. S., after such registration, assigned his whole equitable interest in such land to the defendant T. J. S. The legal title during this time remained in the plaintiff. In an action by plaintiff under the contract, the American Abell Co. claimed a right to intervene as having an interest in the land under their writ of execution:—Held, (1) that, having regard to the provisions of the Land Titles Act, it was evidently the intention of the Legislature that writs of execution should bind only the interests of registered owners of land, and that the execution did not bind the equitable interest of the defendant S. 2. That no lien is created by an execution against land, only such rights being acquired as are given by the Land Titles Act, and which are not available as against equitable interests. *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Silzer*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 160, 3 Sask. L.R. 162.

SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE; PURCHASERS WITHOUT NOTICE; PUBLIC HIGHWAY; WAY OF NECESSITY; LAND TITLES ACT.

On the 8th October, Vincent signed power of attorney authorizing the execution and registration of a plan of lands including two lots owned by him, shewing a street which occupied 33 feet in width of his two lots. On the 9th October, he himself agreed to sell the two lots to the Grand Trunk Pacific without any reservation of

any street or right-of-way over the 33 feet mentioned in the power. Vincent's attorney, without notice of the sale to the Grand Trunk Pacific, executed a plan which was executed by others shewing the street, and the plan was registered without any of the signers of the plan being aware of the agreement with the Grand Trunk Pacific. The street shewn on the plan did not communicate at either end with, nor was there any outlet anywhere to, any highway. In an action by the Grand Trunk Pacific against Vincent for specific performance of the contract and against the other property owners for the cancellation of that portion of the plan affecting the two lots:—Held, 1. A parcel of land used by the public, terminating at one end as a cul-de-sac, can be a public highway: Bourke v. Davis, 44 Ch.D. 110, 62 L.T. 34, 38 W.R. 167. But a parcel of lands closed at both ends cannot be a public highway: Attorney-General v. Richmond Corporation, 89 L.T. 700, 68 J.P. 73, 2 L.T.R. 628, 20 T.L.R. 131; Bailey v. Jamieson, 1 C.P.D. 329, 34 L.T. 62, 24 W.R. 456. 2. The registration of a plan approved by the municipality in which the subdivided land is situate which shews as a street a parcel of land closed at both ends and from which there is no outlet to any ordinary highway, does not constitute the parcel, a highway even though sales of land have been made accordingly to the registered plan. Such a street becomes merely a private right-of-way. Land Titles Act, sec. 43 (g).—The land mentioned in any certificate of title granted under this Act shall by implication and without any special mention therein, unless the contrary is expressly declared, be subject to . . . (g).—Any right-of-way or other easement granted or acquired under the provisions of any Act or law in force in the province. 3. The mere right to a "way of necessity" until used or otherwise defined and located, cannot be said to apply to any particular place suggested for it. 4. The last clause of sec. 188 of the Railway Act is intended to protect the railway company upon any agreement made by it with any owner, no matter what change of title may take place within a year and whether such change be with or without notice of the company's claim, and the railway company may enforce such an agreement as against any person, although he may be a purchaser for value without notice. 5. The words "set out and ascertained" (used in sec. 188), are not restricted in their meaning to the filing of a plan, profile and book of reference by the railway company, which is necessary before expropriation proceedings

may be taken; and where a railway company obtained an order of the Board of Railway Commissioners authorizing the construction of a railway according to a plan attached to the order and shewing therein that portion of the land which was the subject of a contract made within one year before the order and which order and plan were registered within a year. 6. That the lands required were by such order and plan sufficiently "set out and ascertained" within the meaning of sec. 188, and that the contract could therefore be enforced as against the subsequent purchasers for value without notice. Vincent's agreement for purchase of land provided that conveyance should be "subject to any streets or right-of-way that might thereafter be laid out on said lands in order to provide exit to streets south and east of the property." No right-of-way was laid out and no definite locality was determined for such right-of-way. 7. That this clause did not make the title subject to the implied reservation contained in sec. 43 (g) of the Land Titles Act. The provision of that section is limited to a right-of-way already definitely located and fixed in some way both as to place and as to persons entitled to it. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co. v. Vincent, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 465, 2 Alta. L.R. 393.

SCHOOL LANDS.

Waste Crown lands that were, by an order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council set apart for school purposes pursuant to the Public School Act, 35 Vict. No. 16 (1872), were thereby absolutely and unqualifiedly dedicated for school purposes, and such order constituted an alienation by the Crown within the meaning of sec. 6 of ch. 14 of 47 Vict, 1884, so that such lands could not be subsequently granted by the Crown to another without the consent of the trustees of the school district under the 1882 amendment to the School Act, notwithstanding a school house was not erected thereon until twelve years later, although s. 30 of the Public School Act of 1872 required that the trustees should take possession of land acquired or given for school purposes. Attorney-General v. Esquimaux and Nanaimo Ry. Co., 4 D.L.R. 337, 21 W.L.R. 549.

BUILDING RESTRICTIONS; CAVEAT.

In order that the seller of land may file a caveat against it under s. 125 of the Sask. Land Titles Act, the interest claimed by him must be derived through the document on which the caveat is founded, and must be an interest different from that held by him as owner of the land; and a

right acquired through a restrictive covenant on the part of the purchaser of the land, contained in a contract of sale, is not sufficient to sustain a caveat. The seller of land does not acquire the right to lodge and continue a caveat against it under s. 125 of the Sask. Land Titles Act, by a condition inserted by him in the contract for the sale of the land prohibiting the purchaser from erecting any buildings thereon other than a church, since such condition amounts only to the retention by the vendor of an interest already possessed by him, and did not confer upon him any new or different interest in the land, which is essential to sustain the filing of a caveat. A clause in an agreement of sale of vacant land that "the purchaser" will use the property for the erection of a church and buildings in connection therewith, and for no other purpose does not disclose an intention to bind subsequent purchasers and mortgagees to the restriction, and a caveat under the Land Titles Act, R.S.S. 1909, in respect thereof should, therefore, be discharged, even if such constituted an interest in land under the statute. Re Grand Trunk Pacific Development Co., 7 D.L.R. 911, 5 S.L.R. 313.

[Affirmed in 10 D.L.R. 490.]

TORRENS SYSTEM; CAVEAT AS TO BUILDING RESTRICTION.

Where a contract of sale of lands provided that the vendee would use the property only for a specified purpose (ex. gr., for the erection of a church) and further provided that upon complete payment of the purchase money and surrender of the contract a transfer would be made to the vendee subject to the original reservations by the Crown and to a reservation of minerals, without further mention being made in the contract as to the building restriction, and a transfer was thereupon made without mention therein of the building restriction, the vendor cannot afterwards enforce the stipulation of the contract as to the use to be made of the property by filing and continuing a caveat claiming an interest therein on behalf of the vendor against his vendee as registered owner to prevent the use of the property for other purposes as an easement attaching to the land; the Court will discharge the vendor's caveat under such circumstances. Re Grand Trunk Pacific Development Co. (No. 1), 7 D.L.R. 611, affirmed on different grounds; Sask. Land Titles Act, R.S.S. 1909, c. 41, ss. 71, 72 and 73. referred to; see also Annotation on Building Restrictions in Contracts, 7 D.L.R. 614. Re Jamieson; Re

Grand Trunk Pacific Development Co., 10 D.L.R. 490.

Note on restrictions in contract of sale as to user of land. 7 D.L.R. 614.

TOLLS AND TARIFFS.

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For passenger tickets, see Tickets and Fares.

For continuous route, see Interchange of Traffic.

For street railway fares, see Street Railways.

A. Freight Rates; In General.

DISCRIMINATION IN RATES; CEDAR AND OTHER LUMBER PRODUCTS.

Upon a complaint of discrimination on lumber, ties and poles made from cedar it appeared that an increase had been made in the rates on cedar products without any material change in the rate on common lumber and similar products. This increase was made by the railway company to retard the shipment of cedar products required for their own use.—Held, a discrimination within the meaning of s. 253, sub-s. 2. The railway company were ordered to cease from levying rates on cedar products in excess of the rates on other descriptions of lumber and their products. "Common carriers in making rates cannot arrange them from an exclusive regard to their own interests, but must have respect to the interest of those who may have occasion to employ their services and must subordinate their own interests to the rules of relative equality and justice." [The Cedar Lumber Pro-

ducts Case.] *Scobell v. Kingston & Pembroke Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 412.

[See also *Reynolds v. Western N.Y. & Penn. Ry. Co.*, 1 L.C. Rep. 685; referred to in *Rideau Lumber Co. v. Grand Trunk and Can. Pac. Ry. Cos.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 339.]

OILED CLOTHING; CARLOAD LOTS; DISCRIMINATION.

Oiled clothing when carried in carload lots is not given a carload rate in the Canadian Freight Classification. Upon an application by the Tower Oiled Clothing Company of Toronto for a carload rating it appeared that carload shipments had been made from Toronto to Halifax for fishermen's use, and it is alleged that shipments might also be made to the Canadian North-West for ranchers' use, if the application were granted.—Held, that although the discrimination involved in the difference between C.L. and L.C.L. rating has received tacit assent, a shipper has not thereby the right to demand a lower rate on carloads, unless possibly he can shew that the carload rate demanded would pay reasonably for the service and that a refusal would injure his business. Upon the evidence a third class rate for carloads of not less than 20,000 pounds from Toronto to Halifax, Winnipeg and Calgary and other points reached by applicants was ordered. *Tower Oiled Clothing Company's Case*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 417.

LOGS FOR MANUFACTURING; SPECIAL CONCESSION; SUBSEQUENT INCREASE.

A manufacturing corporation was granted a special low freight rate for the carriage of logs to its factory at Newmarket, upon condition that this raw material, when manufactured into finished product should be handed over for carriage to the same railway. After several years, the factory having in the meantime become sufficiently prosperous to pay a more suitable rate, the rate was increased from 3 cents per 100 lbs. to 4 cents for the same weight. Upon application by the manufacturing corporation to the Board to have the old special rate restored.—Held, that since the increased rate is neither unjust, unreasonable nor contrary to some provisions of the Railway Act, the application must be refused. *United Factories v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 424.

CONCESSIONS IN RATES; CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL; MACHINERY OF INDUSTRIAL CORPORATIONS.

Certain railway companies, members of the Canadian Freight Association, have

been granting a reduction of 25 per cent. in freight rates on the material for construction and machinery for equipment of new industrial plant. Leave is now asked from the Board to authorize the continuance of these reductions.—Held, that although the Board is prepared to give due effect to sub-s. 4 of s. 275 of the Act, it must have a separate and distinct application in such case, so as to judge of the effect of its order upon other industries, shippers and dealers. Application refused. *Re Canadian Freight Association and Industrial Corporations*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 427.

FREIGHT RATES ON FRUIT; CLASSIFICATION; CHARGES FOR ICING IN TRANSIT.

On a complaint by the said Association, (1) that freight rates on fruits are unreasonable and excessive; (2) that the charges for icing in transit are too great. (1) By mutual agreement between the complainants and the railway companies, certain modifications were made in the classification and approved by the Board: (a) Apples in boxes in less than carloads, from second to third class. (b) Pears in boxes and barrels, L.C.L., from first to third class, and in carloads, from third to fifth class; also the following commodity rates. (c) On fresh fruits (small), from the fruit districts to points in Eastern Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritime Provinces, fresh fruit shall be carried at fourth class rates in carloads of not less than 20,000 lbs., instead of third class rates, and at second class rates in L.C.L., of 10,000 lbs. and over instead of first class rates; (d) And from points in Ontario and Quebec to Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie, and Brandon, at fourth class rates in carloads of not less than 20,000 lbs., instead of third class.—Held (2), that the present system of making fixed charges for icing cars, irrespective of the actual cost of such service, is not based on sound principle, and must be discontinued; that the actual cost of the ice and the placing thereof in the cars should not be exceeded. Pending a decision of the Board as to a reasonable charge, a charge of not more than \$2.50 per ton of 2,000 lbs. on the actual weight of the ice supplied was authorized. *Ontario Fruit Growers' Association v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. et al.* (*The Fruit Growers' Case*), 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 430.

RATES ON SPLIT PEAS; EXPORT RATES; RATES ON GRAIN.

Until 27th October, 1902, split peas for export were carried at the rate for grain products (flour, rolled oats, etc.). A mill-

ing company in Port Huron complained to the Inter-State Commerce Commission that railways in Michigan charged a higher rate, and the rate was then advanced on the Grand Trunk and other railways in Canada. On local shipments the rate on split peas is the same as the rate on flour. The Pea Millers' Association complained of the increased rate and consequent loss of the British market.—Held, that the former basis of rates must be restored. [The Pea Millers' Case.] Pea Millers' Association v. Canadian Railway Companies, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 433.

RATES ON COAL; DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN SHIPPERS.

Application was made by the Grand Trunk Ry. Co. for authority under sub-s. 4, s. 275 of the Railway Act, to reduce the rate on bituminous coal to Coloung used for manufacturing purposes by 10c. per ton below the published rate, as they have been in the habit of allowing in the past, on the ground that certain manufacturers were unable to pay the high rate and carry on business successfully.—Held, that no evidence has been offered to sustain this claim; but even if proved, the reduction could not be allowed. The allowance of a reduction in the freight rate on any article of merchandise to one class of shippers, and the refusal of the same rate to another class, is unjust discrimination, and forbidden by s. 252. Castle v. B. & O. Ry. Co., 8 I.C. Rep. 333, approved. [The Manufacturers' Coal Rates Case.] In re Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 438.

[Referred to in Brant Milling Co.'s Case, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 259; followed in Manitoba Dairymen's Assn. v. Dominion, etc., Express Co., 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 142, 7 D.L.R. 868.]

COAL; ARBITRARY RATES; BRANCH AND MAIN LINE RATES.

Under certain conditions rates to a point on a branch or lateral line may be higher than to points on the main line, though at a less distance from the junction point; but such rates must not be unreasonable or disproportionately higher than to nearer points on the main line. The Almonte Knitting Co. complained that the rates on coal to Almonte from the Niagara and Detroit frontiers were unreasonably high as compared with the rates to Carleton Junction, Ottawa, and adjacent stations. The rate to Carleton Junction, Ottawa, and adjacent stations is \$2 per ton from the Niagara frontier, and \$2.25 from Detroit, while the rate to Almonte is 40c. higher, points

on the lateral line from Carleton Junction being charged an arbitrary rate above the rate to Carleton Junction.—Held, that circumstances warrant a higher rate to Almonte than to Carleton Junction and Ottawa; but as to the arbitrary rate to Almonte on 10th class traffic was only 1c. per 100 lbs. (20c. per ton) it must not be exceeded on coal between the same points. [The Almonte Knitting Company Case.] Almonte Knitting Company v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. and Michigan Central Ry. Co., 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 441.

[Followed in Malkin & Son v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 183; Can. Portland Cement v. Grand Trunk, etc., 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 209.]

TOLLS; SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES; REDUCTION FOR CARTAGE; SPECIAL TARIFFS.

The Railway Act, 1903, requires equality in the tolls charged under substantially similar circumstances and conditions, and forbids discrimination between individuals, persons, companies and localities. S. 252. No variation from the authorized tariffs of tolls can be made unless under circumstances or conditions specially provided for in such tariffs or by special tariffs of general application and not discriminating between different localities. Ss. 261-262. For many years prior to 1904 an allowance was made by the railway company to the owner of a mill distant one mile from the nearest railway station, for the cost of cartage of flour and feed shipped from his mill by the company's railway to distant points. This allowance was withdrawn after the Railway Act, 1903, came into force. The mill owner applied to have the allowance restored, alleging that its continuance was necessary to the existence of his business.—Held, that the application either for a continuation of the allowance previously made, or for a change in the authorized tariffs of tolls, in favour of the applicant alone, must fail. Manufacturers' Coal Rates Case, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 438, referred to; Stone v. Detroit, etc., 3 I.C. Rep. 613; Hazel Milling Co. v. St. Louis, etc., 5 I.C. Rep. 57; Re Division of Joint Rates, 10 I.C. Rep. 681, followed. [The Brant Milling Co.'s Case.] Brant Milling Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 259.

[Referred to in Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 33; followed in Montreal Produce Merchants v. Grand Trunk, etc., 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 232; Michigan Sugar Co. v. Chatham, W. & L.E. Ry. Co., 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 354.]

RATES ON STONE; MILEAGE BASIS; EXISTING INDUSTRIES.

In the making of rates for the carriage of freight the question of the distance of haul while important to be considered is in many cases a minor consideration. Where large quarries have been established and capital invested for many years upon the faith of low rates for the carriage of stone being given; upon application by the railway companies for an increase of five cents a ton within certain areas, an application was made by the operators to establish new rates upon a mileage basis for points within a radius of fifty miles from the principal market:—Held, that as the adoption of such a rate would destroy many existing industries, and in no way reduce the price of stone to the consumer, but enure very largely to the benefit of the applicants, or some of them, the application should be refused, and a new scale of rates as recommended by the Chief Traffic Officer based upon the existing system was approved. [Stone Quarry Rates Case.] *Doolittle & Wilcox v. Grand Trunk & Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 10.

REFRUIT RATES; SHORT AND LONG POLES; UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; SPECIAL, LOCAL AND JOINT TARIFFS.

On a complaint to the Board of unjust discrimination between the rates on telegraph, telephone and trolley poles and those on lumber and other forest products:—Held, (1) that the rates charged on poles loaded on one car shall not be greater than those on common lumber as provided in the special, local and joint tariffs of the railway companies. (2) That on poles so long as to require more than one car for their carriage the railways be authorized to charge 20 per cent. higher than for one car. (3) That poles may be exported by Canadian railway companies with the concurrence of their United States connections under joint rail rates for general traffic at the lumber classification. *Seobell v. Kingston & Pembroke Ry. Co.*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 412. referred to. *Rideau Lumber Co. et al. v. Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 339.

EXPORT TRAFFIC; TERMINAL CHARGES; COMPETITION BETWEEN OCEAN PORTS; UNREASONABLENESS AND UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; REFUNDS.

Application (1) that the exporter of cheese in Montreal should be placed upon as favourable basis as to terminal charges at the port of Montreal on his export traffic as his competitor west of Montreal, (2)

that freight tolls on cheese should be put on a parity with those on bacon, (3) complaining of alleged advances in freight tolls. It appeared that cheese may be shipped direct to transatlantic ports from Ontario points via Montreal on a joint rail and ocean bill of lading, or shipment might be made on a separate rail and ocean bill of lading to Montreal for storage and subsequent export. In the first case cheese shipments are switched direct to the steamship piers, the wharfage and Port Warden's fees being absorbed by the railway companies to meet the competition between Canadian and United States ports and carriers. In the second case the cheese is carted from the cars to the warehouse of the exporter and again from the warehouse to the steamship piers. The Montreal exporter is charged for inward cartage, i.e., from cars to warehouse, wharfage and Port Warden's fees, these two latter charges are absorbed in the case of his western competitor:—Held, (1) that the Montreal exporter should not be placed upon a more favourable basis than his western competitor. (2) That no comparison could be made between switching charges and inward cartage charges in order to reduce the latter, these cartage charges not shewn to be unreasonable and unjustly discriminatory; the portion of the complaint as to inward cartage charges should be dismissed. (3) But held, also that so long as the port charges are absorbed on shipments on joint rail and ocean bills of lading these charges should also be absorbed on shipments on separate rail and ocean bills of lading for subsequent export, as the services are identical in each case, and that a tariff embodying these provisions should be filed. (4) That the application to put cheese and bacon on a parity should be dismissed, this being a phase of the competition of markets, and the railway companies have it in their discretion whether or not to make tolls to meet the competition of markets. (5) That the complaint of the advance in freight tolls should be dismissed, the cartage charges being really attacked and it has been shewn to be due to increased cost of service which the shipper or consignee does not pay entirely but a portion is paid by the railway companies. (6) That the application for refunds should be refused, being only allowed when provided for in the tariffs, and the Board has no power of retroactive action. *Brant Milling Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* (The Brant Milling Co.'s Case), 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 259; *Lancashire Patent Fuel Co. v. London & North Western Ry. Co.*, 12 Ry. & C. Tr. Cas. 79, and

Lasalle Paper Co. v. Michigan Central Ry. Co., 16 L.C.C. Rep. 149, followed. Montreal Produce Merchants' Association v. Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos., 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 232.

[Followed in British Columbia Sugar Refining Co. v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 169; Can. Oil Co. v. Grand Trunk, etc., 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 351.]

CONSTRUCTION TARIFFS; FILING.

This question of the powers of a railway company to carry traffic, under what are called construction tariffs, i.e., during the period of construction, arose on a complaint respecting the tolls that the railway company was charging on lumber from points in British Columbia to points in Saskatchewan, situated on branch lines, still under construction. The railway company submitted that these construction tariffs were a public convenience, and that since the operation of the branch lines had not been authorized by the Board, when the construction tariffs were issued, it would have been useless to file them, as the Board would have no authority to approve them.—Held, (1) that the tolls charged in the case in question were all illegally collected in violation of the express provisions of the statute. (2) That under section 261 of the Railway Act, no railway, or portion thereof, without the leave of the Board, could be opened for the carriage of traffic other than for the purposes of construction of the railway. (3) That under s. 327 of the Railway Act, standard freight tariffs must be filed, and sub-s. 4 of that section prohibits the company from charging any toll until the provisions of the section have been complied with. (4) That sub-s. 5 of s. 314 of the Railway Act, prohibits the company from charging, levying or collecting any money for any service as a common carrier, except under the provisions of the Railway Act. Baker, Reynolds & Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 151.

EQUALIZATION; TOLLS ON MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS; UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; COMPETITION.

Application by Winnipeg and St. Boniface manufacturers of metallic shingles and siding for an order directing the railway company to equalize the tolls on those products as compared with the tolls on the unmanufactured product. The Western manufacturers submitted that they were subject to unjust discrimination in competition with Eastern manufacturers of the said products

from the fact that the tolls were higher on the unmanufactured product than on the manufactured product to Western Canada:—Held, that as conditions have changed and manufacturers of the said products have been established in Western Canada, order No. 653 dated July 5th, 1905, fixing the tolls complained of, should be rescinded. Kemp Manufacturing and Metal and Winnipeg Ceiling and Roofing Cos. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 161.

GRAIN TARIFFS; MILEAGE BASIS; EQUALIZATION.

On an application to direct the railway companies to equalize their tolls on shipments of grain from their Lake Huron and Georgian Bay elevators to interior points in Ontario and Quebec with those charged from Montreal to the same points. The railway companies have been, since the movement of grain from Manitoba commenced, charging special ex-lake tolls, mostly to grain mills in Ontario and Quebec and scaling them down on a mileage basis for a distance of 325 miles; while on ex-water shipments to the same points through Montreal, Kingston and other lower lake ports they have been charging the full domestic tolls:—Held, (1) that the tolls on shipments of grain from vessels to cars between Depot Harbour and Montreal, inclusive, shall be the same for equivalent distances from all lake and river ports. (2) That on grain transhipped at ports west of Montreal to points east thereof, to which through tolls are based on arbitraries, the western portion of the tolls shall be based on St. Henri and Outremont mileage in the case of the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific respectively. (3) That railway companies shall give effect to the above two holdings by filing special tariffs. Montreal Board of Trade v. Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos., 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 319.

CARTAGE TOLL; RAILWAY AND TRANSPORT COMPANIES; CONTRACT.

Complaint that the charge for carting a marble slab to the freight sheds of the railway company from the premises of the consignor in Montreal was excessive. The Dominion Transport Company by contract with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company had the sole and exclusive right to cart freight to the freight sheds of the railway company in the city of Montreal for outward shipment. The cartage was included in the railway company's freight bill and paid by the consignee at Hamilton. The company's cartage tariff approved by

the Board did not include any item covering a charge for carting marble slabs in Montreal:—Held, (1) that the charge for cartage was under the authority or consent of the railway company, and was a toll within the meaning of sub-s. 30, s. 2, Railway Act, amended by s. 9, c. 61, 8 Edw. VII, which must be included in a tariff filed and approved by the Board under sub-s. 5, s. 314, Railway Act, amended by s. 11, c. 61, 8 Edw. VII. (2) That the railway company had no legal right to collect the charge for cartage and an order should be declaring it to be illegal. *Stewart v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 197.

CLASSIFICATION; CARTAGE TARIFFS; DIFFERENT WEIGHTS.

Complaint by reason of the note to Rule 12 in the Classification requiring safes of 1,000 lbs. each, or over, to be loaded and unloaded by the owners, and the same exception appeared in the cartage tariffs. Rule 12 provided that freight weighing 2,000 pounds or more per package must be loaded and unloaded by the owners. The respondent submitted that special vehicles and appliances were required for moving such safes, that more men were necessary, that it was an unusual service and involved unusual expense:—Held, (1) that the note favoured of different treatment to manufacturers of safes than that extended to manufacturers of machinery, and must be struck out of the classification and the cartage regulations amended accordingly. *Taylor v. Canadian Freight Association*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 8.

CLASSIFICATION; REDUCTION; CUT GLASSWARE; CHINAWARE.

An application to reduce the rating on cut glassware from double first-class to first-class as on chinaware:—Held, (1) that the application should be dismissed, the reduction not having been shown to be in the public interest or of benefit to the consumer. *Cut Glassware Importers v. Canadian Freight Association*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 10.

CLASSIFICATION; MINIMUM WEIGHT; MIXED CARLOADS.

An application to change Rule 2 (c) of the Canadian Classification so as to permit the shipment of mixed carloads of trunks, valises and saddlery as 3rd class, subject to a minimum weight of 14,000 lbs. in Western Canada, the rating now in force in the East, but subject to a minimum weight of 20,000 lbs. The respondent objected to trunks and valises being placed

in the saddlery list and subject to a minimum weight of less than 24,000 lbs. the minimum weight for saddlery alone:—Held, (1) that trunks and valises should be added to the saddlery list for shipment West of Fort William. (2) That the existing minimum weight of 24,000 lbs. should apply. (3) That the classification distinction under clause (c) of Rule 2 should remain in force. (4) That the existing arrangement, although a compromise and perhaps illogical, caused less dislocation of business and discontent among shippers than the following of a rigid principle and should not be disturbed. *Lamontagne v. Canadian Freight Association*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 291.

CLASSIFICATION; RATING; TOBACCO TOLLS.

An application for approval of Supplement No. 1 to the Canadian Classification No. 15, increasing the rating on L.C.L. and C.L. cut and plug tobacco. The applicant based the proposed increase on the value of the commodity, but did not present exact information regarding values or show that other factors affecting classification would justify the increase. The respondents submitted that the damage claims were infinitesimal, the movements in and out were large and profitable, and that the risk, weight, and space concerned would not justify the proposed increase in the C.L. rating from 5th to 4th class, and in the L.C.L. rating of plug tobacco from 3rd to 2nd class:—Held, that while it was proper to modernize the terminology of the classification to harmonize with trade conditions, such changes should not veil increases which must be made upon their merits; that the proposed increase would mean a serious dislocation of business and the application should be dismissed. *Canadian Freight Association v. Tobacco Merchants*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 299.

CLASSIFICATION; COMMODITIES; GASOLINE AND BLAUGAS; COMPETITION; EQUALIZATION.

An application to give the same rating in the classification to blaugas and gasoline on the ground that there was competition between the two commodities:—Held, (1) that the value of a commodity should justify its rating when compared with the value of a similar commodity. (2) That the ratio of the toll to the value is much higher on gasoline than on blaugas. (3) That the pressure of the freight toll is much less on blaugas, a much more valuable and claimed to be more efficient commodity than gasoline. (4) That the heavier container used was an increase in the cost of pro-

duction which should not be equalized by the railway company when fixing the rating. (5) That the application must be dismissed. *Blaugas Company v. Canadian Freight Association*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 303.

LOCAL AND EXPORT; EQUALIZATION; COMMODITY RATES; VOLUME OF TRAFFIC.

Application under s. 323 of the Railway Act to disallow the proposed increase in the tolls on hay shipped from Ontario and Quebec to certain points in the United States. The respondent had increased the toll 2 cents per 100 lbs. making the local and export tolls equal. The respondent submitted that the old tariff was not fairly remunerative when the nature of the service and the conditions under which it was rendered was taken into account and that the following conspicuous peculiarities distinguish this from other traffic, (1) movement spasmodic, not capable of being foreseen and not occurring with any regularity as to volume; (2) movement affected by usages of the trade and lack of terminal facilities at the chief markets of the United States, resulting in extreme detention of cars and their diversion to remote places. It was also submitted that there had been a great and unforeseen increase in the cost of construction and operation:—Held, (1) that the points urged were factors that might properly be considered in making commodity rates but were not reasons for increasing the rates already established with the knowledge possessed by the framers of traffic conditions. (2) That the volume of general traffic had increased almost pari passu with the increase in the cost of construction and operation. (3) That the present tolls were fairly remunerative and all that the traffic can bear. (4) That all the traffic increases should be disallowed, the respondents not having justified them. *Montreal Hay Shippers' Association v. Canadian Freight Association*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 142.

TRAFFIC; ADDITIONAL TOLL; CLIMATIC CONDITIONS.

Application to restrain the respondent from making an additional charge of 50 cents per 100 lbs. for a service not always performed. During the winter season owing to climatic conditions traffic routed to Prince Edward Island was carried by steamer from Pietou either to Charlottetown or Georgetown. When the harbour of Charlottetown was blocked with ice the traffic was carried by steamer to Georgetown, thence by rail to Charlottetown. For the latter service

an additional charge of 50 cents per 100 lbs. was made, but the same charge was made when the traffic was carried by steamer to Charlottetown direct. The trouble only arose when the traffic was prepaid and the shipper not knowing by which route the traffic would move had to make the higher payment:—Held, (1) that the respondent must be restrained from collecting this additional toll on traffic moving to Island points via Pietou-Charlottetown route, and must file a tariff or tariffs to remove this anomaly, satisfactory to the Chief Traffic Officer. *Halifax Board of Trade v. Canadian Express Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 432.

SEPARATE CORPORATIONS AND OFFICERS; UNIT IN CONTROL; FIXING RATES.

Where one railway company owning 51 per cent. of its stock has de facto control of another railway company, although they are separate corporations with a separate set of officers, the two companies for the purpose of fixing rates, should be treated as one company. *Wylie Milling Co. v. Canadian Pacific and Kingston and Pembroke Ry. Cos.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 5, 8 D.L.R. 949.

[*Wylie Milling Co. v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 8, 8 D.L.R. 953.]

TOLLS; REASONABLENESS; DECISIONS OF INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION.

The Board is concerned with the correction and not primarily with the initiation of rates. The Board must find its criteria of the reasonableness of Canadian rates within Canada and while appreciating the regulative work of the Interstate Commerce Commission (U.S.) and treating the findings of that Commission with great respect, will investigate for itself the special circumstances of all cases coming before it. *Manufacturers' Coal Rates Case*, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 438; *Canadian Oil Cos. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 350, at p. 355, followed. *Manitoba Dairymen's Association v. Dominion & Can. North. Express Cos.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 142, 7 D.L.R. 868.

TOLLS; SAME COMMODITY FOR DIFFERENT USER.

On further consideration of a former order allowing express companies to charge higher rates on cream for domestic use than on cream to creameries for butter making, the Board held that such dual rates are anomalous and inexpedient, and having already established uniform rates east of Port Arthur on cream irrespective of its ultimate use, the Board in this case directed

the express companies to install a tariff west of Port Arthur on the same principle. *Manitoba Dairymen's Association v. Dominion and Can. North. Express Cos.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 142, 7 D.L.R. 868.

RAILWAY FREIGHT; CLASSIFICATION; C.L. RATING; GRAMOPHONES AND GRAPHOPHONES; "MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS."

Gramophones and graphophones should be classified with musical instruments and given a second-class carload rating. *Berliner Gramophone Co. v. Canadian Freight Association*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 175, 3 D.L.R. 496.

TOLLS; REFINING-IN-TRANSIT.

The Board has no jurisdiction to regulate refining-in-transit rates except when such rates discriminate unjustly in favour of one point against another. *Dominion Sugar Co. v. Canadian Freight Association*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 188.

RELATION OF RATES ON RAW MATERIAL AND FINISHED PRODUCT; EQUALIZING COST OF PRODUCTION AT VARIOUS POINTS.

Carriers are not required to adjust their rates (apart from the general question of reasonableness) in such manner as to equalize cost of manufacturing production in different sections; nor is it necessary that rates on raw material and finished product should be so related as to tend to that result. *Dominion Sugar Co. v. Canadian Freight Association*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 188.

GEOGRAPHICAL ADVANTAGE; FOREIGN RAIL ROUTES.

In considering geographical advantage as an element in rate regulation the Board must recognize existing rail conditions in Canada as it finds them, and as, e.g., Wallaceburg and Montreal are practically equidistant from Winnipeg by rail routes within Canada, Wallaceburg is not entitled to a lower rate than Montreal by reason of geographical advantage though over foreign roads its distance from Winnipeg is much shorter. *Dominion Sugar Co. v. Canadian Freight Association*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 188.

TOLLS FOR CARTAGE; INCREASE; JURISDICTION.

Although cartage companies per se are not under the jurisdiction of the Board, the charge made for cartage by railway companies is a toll under s. 2 (30) of the Act, and must be approved by the Board. The tariff of tolls filed by the railway com-

panies increasing the tolls for cartage to the shipping public from two cents a hundred and fifteen cents for smalls to three cents and twenty cents, respectively, was amended by the Board to two and a half cents a hundred, and the present toll on smalls continued. The increase was approved on account of the advance in the cost of horses, wages and feed during the last few years. In re *Cartage Tolls*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 372.

B. Reasonableness; Discrimination.

UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; SIMILAR CONDITIONS; LONG AND SHORT HAUL; HIGH COST OF OPERATION; WATER COMPETITION.

The Boards of Trade of British Columbia Pacific Coast cities complained that the rates levied on all classes of goods from Vancouver to interior points in British Columbia and the North-West Territories as far east as Calgary on the main line and to MacLeod on the Crow's Nest line were discriminatory as against them, as compared with the rates on west-bound traffic from Winnipeg to the same territory:—Held, (1) Mr. Commissioner Mills dissenting, that the evidence as to the cost of operation and maintenance upon different sections of the main line shewed that the rates from Pacific Coast points eastward were really lower than those from Winnipeg westward, than if they were based upon the proportionate expense, that the natural dividing line, or average points of meeting are as fairly situated, and the eastward rates lower as compared with similar railway companies in the United States, and that the traffic on the prairie lines being heavier than in British Columbia, lower rates can be charged thereon. (2) That low rates to the Pacific Coast are necessary to enable the railway companies to obtain traffic in competition with ocean carriers. Such a practice is distinctly authorized by the Railway Act, and does not involve unjust discrimination, unless the higher rates from eastern points to interior western are unjust or unreasonable. The mere fact that westbound rates from Winnipeg or any other point to an interior western point, are less than the rates formed by a combination of the rates from such eastern points to a Pacific point and from the latter to the interior points does not in itself constitute unjust discrimination or undue preference. (3) A mere comparison of distances upon different portions of a railway for the purpose of shewing that higher rates are charged for shorter distances over

a line with small business or expensive in construction, maintenance and operation as compared with one with large business or inexpensive in construction, maintenance and operation does not establish a charge of unjust discrimination. To justify such a charge the nature of the particular lines must be shewn and that there is a material disproportion of rates as against the shorter line after making due allowance for the circumstances above-mentioned. (4) When the Act to authorize a subsidy for a railway through the Crow's Nest Pass [60-61 Vict. c. 5, s. 1 (D.)] was passed and the railway company agreed in return for such subsidy to charge lower tolls upon certain classes of goods from Fort William and all points east to all points west, the Railway Act of 1888 (51 Vict. c. 29, s. 232) then prohibited unjust discrimination between localities, and Parliament should not be considered as having authorized what would, if done otherwise, have produced unjust discrimination between localities, accordingly the rates from Pacific points eastward should be proportionately reduced upon similar traffic carried under similar circumstances. Held, that the complaint should be dismissed, except in so far as it relates to classes of traffic on which reduced rates were given under 60-61 Vict. c. 5, s. 1 (D.) [Vancouver Interior Rates Case.] British Col. Pac. Coast Cities v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 125.

[Followed in Atty.-Genl. B.C. v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 346; referred to in Winnipeg Jobbers Assn. v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 173; Kerr v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 207; followed in Regina Board of Trade v. Can. Pac. etc., 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 381; Can. Oil Cos. v. Grand Trunk, etc., 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 350.]

AGREEMENT; REDUCED RATES ON COAL; UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES.

By an agreement made in 1897 between the applicant coal company and the respondent railway company, the latter agreed for valuable consideration amongst other things to charge the former at the rate of not more than six tenths of its ordinary tariff rates on all "plant" shipped by the coal company over the lines of the railway company. The railway company ceased to comply with the provisions of the agreement as to rates on 1st May, 1907, on the ground of illegality. The coal company applied for an order to compel the railway company to file a tariff of such reduced rates and for a refund of all excesses charged to the applicant.—Held, (1) that

it was impossible to find that the consideration paid to the railway company was "adequate" for the favoured treatment. (2) That other persons and corporations under similar circumstances and conditions in the same district would be unjustly discriminated against by a continuance of the reduced rates and that the agreement in that respect constituted an undue or unreasonable preference or advantage contrary to ss. 315 and 317 of the Railway Act. Assuming that the Board had jurisdiction to make the order asked as to which there is grave doubt, the application must be refused. Reference to Brant Milling Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 259. Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 33.

[Followed in Regina Board of Trade v. Can. Pac. etc., 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 380.]

UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; NEW TARIFFS; HIGHER RATES.

The Winnipeg Jobbers' Association applied to the Board for an order directing the railway company to restore the former Winnipeg westbound rates to the Kootenay district. After the judgment in the British Columbia Pacific Coast Cities v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. (Vancouver Interior Rates Case), 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 125, the company removed the discrimination there found to exist between localities by raising the Winnipeg westbound rates.—Held, that the application must fail, there being no evidence that these rates were excessive. [Kootenay Rate Case.] Winnipeg Jobbers' Association v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 173.

TRADERS' TARIFFS; THROUGH RATES; UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; SHORT AND LONG HAUL; SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES.

The Winnipeg Jobbers' Association applied to the Board for an order directing the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. to restore the Traders' Tariffs previously existing in Western Canada, from Winnipeg, as a distributing centre (giving Winnipeg traders the benefit of the balance of the through rate on re-shipments) instead of the new tariffs recently put in force by the railway company. Upon a complaint by the Portage La Prairie Board of Trade, the Board had held that this system of traders' tariffs was illegal as being an unjust discrimination and undue preference in favour of particular persons and between different localities, and the charging of higher tolls for a shorter than for a longer distance where the shorter distance is included in the longer. The railway company complying

with the view taken by the Board had substituted the tariffs complained of by the applicants:—Held, that the application must fail, there being no evidence upon which the Board can reduce the rates charged in the existing tariffs to the same sums that were paid by the favoured few under the old traders' tariffs. The question of whether it would be possible to standardize the Ontario Town Tariffs, making them applicable to the Western Provinces, and whether the railway companies can or should be compelled to grant commodity rates out of Winnipeg were reserved. [Winnipeg Rate Case.] Winnipeg Jobbers' Association v. Canadian Pacific, Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Cos., 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 175.

CONTRACT; UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; FREIGHT AND PASSENGER TRAFFIC; REDUCED AND HIGHER TOLLS.

The Attorney-General for British Columbia applied to the Board for an order directing the Canadian Pacific Railway Company on the ground of undue or unjust discrimination to reduce the tolls on freight and passenger traffic over the main line of railway in the Province and thus place it upon the same favourable conditions in respect to such tolls as are other portions of Canada. The applicant contended that under the terms of union (see schedule to Imperial Order in Council Rev. Stat. British Columbia, pp. 105 et seq., May 16th, 1871), whereby British Columbia entered Confederation, there was an implied contract that the railway company should charge no higher tolls in one section of territory than another through which the railway ran:—Held, (1) that the application must fail, the Board being unable to find any such contract expressed or implied, and there being no evidence of unreasonable rates or unjust discrimination. (2) That s. 17, sub-ss. 6 and 11 of the Railway Act of 1879, and s. 315 of the Railway Act, allow different tolls to be charged in different localities where different circumstances exist justifying such treatment. (3) That the terms of the contract with the Dominion Government for the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, dated 21st October, 1880, schedule to 44 Vict. c. 1, have nothing to do with freight and passenger tolls in British Columbia; the only party who could make any complaint as to their non-observance being the Government of Canada. British Columbia Pacific Coast Cities v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. (Vancouver Interior Rates Case, No. 104), 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 125, followed. Attorney-

General for British Columbia v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 346.

CITRUS FRUITS FROM CALIFORNIA; COMPETITION; BLANKET RATES; DISCRIMINATION.

Complainants alleged that the rates charged by the respondents on shipments of citrus fruit from points in California, United States, to Regina were unreasonable as compared with the rates charged from the same points to Winnipeg and other points in Manitoba and Ontario. At the time the complaint was heard the rate to Regina on citrus fruits via Kingsgate, British Columbia, was \$1.70 per 100 pounds made up of the full local rates in United States territory with a proportional rate over the Canadian Pacific Railway. Before the opening of the Kingsgate route the rate to Regina via Emerson and Winnipeg was \$1.72, when the Kingsgate route was opened this rate was reduced to \$1.60 via Kingsgate, and was afterwards raised to \$1.70. On account of the competition of railways and markets in the United States the blanket rate to Missouri river common points from shipping points in California is \$1.15, and the rate to Winnipeg is \$1.25:—Held, (1) that the advantage in rates of Winnipeg over Regina is not unreasonable. (2) That the former rate of \$1.60 to Regina was fair and reasonable and should be restored. (3) That the respondents should be required to arrange for the publication of new tariffs with its connections from California shipping points to Regina via Kingsgate or Emerson on basis of \$1.60 per 100 pounds on oranges in straight carloads, or on mixed carloads of oranges and lemons, and \$1.45 per 100 pounds on lemons in straight carloads. Stockton & Mallinson v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 165.

[Distinguished in Stockton, etc. v. Dominion Express Co., 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 459; 3 D.L.R. 848.]

SPECIAL MILEAGE TARIFF; COMPETITION; GRAIN GROWING TERRITORIES; THROUGH SHIPMENTS.

On a complaint to the Board that the rate on grain, grain products and vegetables for local consumption from Frank-
lin to Winnipeg was unjustly discriminatory as compared with the rate from the same point to Fort William, a much farther distance on the same goods for eastern markets:—Held, (1) that the complaint should be dismissed. The conditions affecting through shipments at through rates are such that a division of through rates

cannot be taken as a measure of the reasonableness of a local rate. (2) The competition of other grain growing territories fixes the rate on through shipments to eastern markets. (3) The rates are also affected by the Crow's Nest Pass Agreement; see British Columbia Pacific Coast Cities v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. (Vancouver Interior Rates Case), 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 125. Kerr v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 207.

UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES; MAIN AND BRANCH LINE MILEAGE; LOW-GRADE TONNAGE.

Upon a complaint under ss. 315 and 334 of the Railway Act by the Cement Company that the through toll of \$1.50 per ton on bituminous coal from Black Rock, N.Y., to Marlbank, Ont., was unjustly discriminatory and unreasonable, because, (1) there should be no difference in the tolls on coal to the applicants competing with similar factories receiving more favourable treatment, (2) on the basis of mileage, (3) as compared with tolls to other points such as Belleville and Kingston. From Black Rock to Napanee, a distance of 237 miles, the coal moved over the Grand Trunk Railway, and thence to Marlbank a distance of 36 miles, over the Bay of Quinte Railway. Out of the through toll the Grand Trunk received \$1.05, or 70 per cent., and the Bay of Quinte the balance.—Held, (1) that the "equality" clause of section 315 was not intended to equalize the cost of production between similar competing factories, but applies only when such factories were given more favourable treatment under similar circumstances and conditions of traffic. (2) That a comparison of mileages as if both hauls were on the same railway line was not a proper method of comparison, difference in traffic conditions being in general more important. (3) That the principle recognized in the Almonte Knitting Company case that a higher toll may be charged to points on a branch line than to points on a main line, though at a less distance from the junction point, applies with greater force in favour of a light traffic and low-grade tonnage railway as compared with a heavy traffic and high-grade tonnage railway. (4) That the toll to Marlbank cannot be compared with compelled tolls to other points such as Belleville and Kingston, where there is not effective water competition to Marlbank on traffic important in amount. (5) That, upon the evidence, the toll charged is not unreasonable. (6) The Grand Trunk having stated its willingness to reduce its division of the

through rate to \$1.00 per ton, the Bay of Quinte to participate in such through rate, receiving thirty per cent., the Board approved a rate of \$1.43 per ton. Almonte Knitting Company v. Canadian Pacific and Michigan Central Ry. Cos., 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 441, followed. Canadian Portland Cement Co. v. Grand Trunk and Bay of Quinte Ry. Cos., 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 209.

[Followed in Dominion Sugar Co. v. Can. Freight Association, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 188; Imperial Rice Milling Co. v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 375.]

MAIN AND BRANCH LINE TRAFFIC; SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES; UNJUST DISCRIMINATION.

On a complaint that higher rates were charged from a point on a branch line for a shorter distance than from points on the main line to the same point thereby constituting unjust discrimination between different localities within the provisions of s. 315 of the Railway Act.—Held, that traffic originating on a branch line is not carried to a certain point under similar conditions to traffic originating on the main line carried to the same point until the junction of the branch line with the main line is reached. Almonte Knitting Co. v. Canadian Pacific and Michigan Central Ry. Cos., 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 441, followed. The rates complained of were equal for a group of common points on the main line. Held, that although group rates of necessity result in a certain amount of discrimination, so long as such discrimination is not undue it is not unreasonable. Desel Boettcher Co. v. Kansas City Southern Ry. Co., 12 I.C. Rep. p. 222. Held, also, that the difference in the rates complained of did not constitute undue discrimination within the different sections. Mr. Commissioner Mills dissented, holding that unjust discrimination had been shewn. [Tan Bark Rates (Case.) Malkin & Sons v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 10 Can. Ry. Cas 183.

LUMBER TARIFF; REASONABLENESS; EXPORT AND DOMESTIC TOLLS; UNJUST DISCRIMINATION.

On an application to disallow the special tariffs on lumber which became effective May 1, 1908, and restore the tariffs previously in force, removing the anomalies in the latter without any increase of tolls. The railways submitted in justification of the increase in tolls, that these were as favourable as those charged by railways in the United States and compared favourably with those charged on other building material. Although lumber had increased

greatly in value in the last ten years, the relative increase in tolls had been comparatively small, and the cost of operation and maintenance of railways had materially increased during the same period.—Held, (1) that speaking generally of the new tariffs as a whole, the railways have justified the increase in the domestic tolls; these tariffs should remain effective, and the application should be dismissed. (2) That the decision in this matter would not preclude any one from laying a complaint against any particular toll, alleging unjust discrimination or undue or unreasonable preference. (3) That the railways should be ordered to file tariffs establishing export tolls to Montreal, on the whole, lower than the domestic. Canadian Lumbermen's Association v. Grand Trunk, Canadian Pacific and Canadian Northern Ry. Cos., 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 306.

[Referred to in Canadian Lumbermen, etc. v. Grand Trunk, etc., 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 344.]

COAL TOLLS; UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; MILEAGE BASIS.

On a complaint that the tolls on coal both east and westbound from Lundbreck unjustly discriminated against it and in favour of Lethbridge. The railway company submitted that its tolls were based upon Lethbridge, the eastbound basing point and Fernie, the westbound basing point. Taking Lethbridge as the eastbound basing point the other coal mining and shipping points were given arbitraries over or under the Lethbridge toll according to their location. This tariff of tolls has produced the following anomaly as regards eastbound traffic: by a too rigid adherence to a mileage basis, thereby causing a sudden break in the toll a lower toll is given to Lethbridge than to Lundbreck in shipping to a common destination where the difference in mileage is very slight. In regard to westbound traffic the following anomaly exists although the distances from Lethbridge and Lundbreck to Cranbrook are respectively 200 and 126 miles the toll is only 5 cents in favour of Lundbreck and west of Cranbrook equal in amount which does not recognize the favourable geographical position of Lundbreck, and is not defensible.—Held, (1) that the application should be dismissed; unjust discrimination not having been proven. (2) That more favourable geographical position and superior quality of coal are factors to be taken into consideration when alleging unjust discrimination. (3) That the railway company should thoroughly check its tariff and

either explain or justify any departure from the basis of tolls it has established, and also correct the too rigid adherence to a mileage basis. (4) That the railway company should revise and reissue its special tariff from its Lethbridge, Crow's Nest, and Cranbrook section westward so as to make these tolls relatively reasonable to the special tariff tolls now in force or as they may be reduced from Lethbridge. Galbraith Coal Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 325.

JOINT TOLLS; UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; REFUND.

Complaints have arisen that traffic has, when moving on a through toll been charged a higher toll than would have been obtained from a combination of the local tolls, an order was proposed declaring that (a) joint tariffs should not be filed which are in excess of the sum of the locals; (b) that joint tolls at present in existence should be disallowed when they exceed the sum of the locals.—Held, (1) that it is a fundamental proposition, when a toll joint or limited to points situate on one line of railway has come into force under the Railway Act, it is the only legal toll in respect of the traffic and between the points mentioned. (2) That the reasonableness of a toll cannot be determined aside from the concrete conditions to which it is applicable. (3) That the charging of a joint toll in excess of the sum of the locals is *prima facie* unreasonable and unjustly discriminatory, and the onus of disproof should in individual complaints be on the railway or railways concerned. (4) That the Board whose jurisdiction is in no sense retroactive, cannot grant a refund where a toll has become legally operative. (5) That it is not necessary or expedient that the proposed order should be made. In re Joint Freight and Passenger Tariffs, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 343.

EXCESSIVE TOLLS; UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; COMPETITION.

Complaint of unjust discrimination against the respondent for charging excessive tolls. The applicant made shipments, by the respondent's line, of ores and concentrates from Caribou to Skagway and from that port to destination. Skagway is an ocean port and Caribou an intermediate point, where the applicant's mine is located, a shorter distance from Skagway than White Horse, from which latter point the Atlas Mining Company, a competitor of the applicant, makes similar shipments. The applicant complained that the tolls on his shipments from Caribou to Skagway and

the wharfage and ocean tolls at the latter point were so excessive that he could not operate his mine profitably, and would be compelled to shut it down unless the tolls were lowered. The respondent contended that on account of the large amount of traffic the Atlas Mining Company had contracted to furnish their traffic was and would always be larger than that of the applicant and that the preferential rates given to the Atlas Company by their contract could be justified under sub-s. 3, s. 315.—Held, (1) that it had not been proved that the Atlas Company's shipments were and would always be larger than those of the applicant, and the respondent had not discharged the burden placed upon it by s. 77 of proving that the rates in question did not constitute an unjust discrimination. (2) That the provisions of the respondent's contract with the Atlas Company as to tolls constituted an unjust discrimination against the applicant. (3) That every form of discrimination against the applicant must cease and he must be placed upon an absolutely equal footing with the Atlas Company, not only as to rail tolls, but as to wharfage and ocean tolls as far as the respondent is able to place him. (4) That the respondent must file within thirty days a tariff giving a toll of \$1.75 per ton for the applicant from Caribou to Skagway as compared with the rate of \$2.50 per ton for the Atlas Company from White Horse to Skagway. (5) That tariffs covering the tolls charged by the respondent to the Atlas Company must be filed within a reasonable time. *Conrad Mines v. White Pass & Yukon Ry. Co.*, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 138.

[Referred to in Dawson Board of Trade v. White Pass & Yukon Ry. Co. (No. 2), 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 403.]

TOLLS ON RICE; UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; IMPORT AND DOMESTIC TOLLS; THROUGH OCEAN-AND-RAIL TOLLS; COMPETITION; JOINT TARIFF.

Complaint that the tolls charged on rice cleaned in the Province of Quebec and shipped from Montreal to other Canadian distributing points unjustly discriminated against the applicant and that preferential tolls were charged on rice cleaned in Great Britain or foreign countries, carried by ocean steamships to Montreal, and there reshipped in competition with the applicant. The railway companies maintained that the import tolls were proportionals of through-ocean-and-rail tolls from Great Britain and could not fairly be compared with domestic tolls on traffic carried under

dissimilar circumstances and conditions; that such import tolls were kept down by competition with railways in the United States. It appeared that the import tolls via Montreal were lower than the lowest import tolls on competing railways in the United States for the purpose of diverting traffic to the St. Lawrence route and offsetting the higher marine insurance rates charged by that route.—Held, (1) that there was no ground for complaint against domestic tolls on rice in carloads (C.L.) from Montreal to interior points. (2) That although Canadian railway companies have been entitled to charge higher domestic tolls than railway companies in the United States with heavier traffic, the tolls on rice in less than carloads (L.C.L.) were not proportionate to the differences in circumstances and conditions, and should be reduced. (3) That while full relief could be given by granting the applicant L.C.L. commodity tolls, such a change would disturb the equilibrium between west and east-bound traffic as provided for in the International and Toronto Board of Trade Rate Case, No. 3258, and complaints would follow. (4) That the domestic tolls on rice L.C.L. should be changed from the 3rd to the lower 4th class in the Canadian Classification. *Mount Royal Milling and Manufacturing Co. v. Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos.*, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 347.

TOLLS ON SUGAR BEETS; UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES; JOINT TARIFF; PROPORTIONAL RATE.

Complaint alleging that the tolls charged by the respondent on sugar beets were excessive and unjustly discriminatory compared with those charged to the Dominion Sugar Company. The applicant, a foreign company, purchased sugar beets from growers along the line of the respondent, agreeing to supply free seed, defray the freight charges on sound beets to its factory in Michigan, U.S., and pay therefor at a flat rate. The Dominion Sugar Company was engaged in the same business and purchased its sugar beets under an arrangement that the growers should pay the freight charges to the factory at Wallaceburg, Ontario, and be paid for the beets on the percentage of saccharine matter contained in them. This latter agreement resulted in a higher price for the beets than that paid by the applicant. The respondent charged a low toll on a mileage basis for beets carried to the factory of the Dominion Company at Wallaceburg, but charged a higher toll to the same point on beets destined to the applicant's factory in Michigan. The re-

spondent was only able to charge the low toll on inbound sugar beets by charging a higher toll on raw sugar imported for refining, and on the outbound refined sugar and by-products. The great portion of the freight revenue of the respondent was derived from this sugar traffic:—Held, (1) that there was no competition in the refined product between the two sugar companies, and the respondent was not limiting the market for such product. (2) That under the particular circumstances and conditions of this case there was not unjust discrimination in the tolls under s. 315. (3) That under s. 335 of the Railway Act, where traffic moves from Canada to the United States, it must be covered by a joint tariff which could not be superseded by a proportional rate filed by one of the participating companies. *Brant Milling Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 259, at p. 268, followed; *Denaby Main Colliery Co. v. Manchester, Sheffield & Lincolnshire Ry. Co.*, 14 Q.B.D. 209; *Pickering et al. v. London & North Western Ry. Co.*, 8 Ry. & C. Tr. Cas. 83, at p. 108; *Texas & Pacific Ry. Co. v. I.C.C.* 162 U.S. 197, at p. 217; *Savannah Bureau of Freight & Transportation v. Louisville & Nashville Ry. Co.*, 8 I.C.C.R. 377, referred to. *Michigan Sugar Co. v. Chatham, Wallaceburg & Lake Erie Ry. Co.*, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 353.

UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; COMPETITION;
WHOLESALE AND DISTRIBUTING POINTS;
SPECIAL TARIFFS; AGREEMENTS.

Application by Regina Board of Trade under ss. 314 and 339 of the Railway Act for a reduction in the tolls on classes one to ten inclusive, from the head of the lakes to Regina, alleging that there was unjust discrimination against the applicant in favour of Winnipeg and other points in Manitoba. All tolls are fixed to the west at Fort William and Port Arthur, the basing points at the head of the lakes, in competition with Duluth and Minneapolis, similar points in the United States. The Canadian Northern Railway Co., one of the respondents, entered into an agreement with the Government of Manitoba, providing that in consideration of the guarantee of certain bonds of the respondent it would reduce its tolls to about 15 per cent of its tariff tolls on all freight other than grain to Fort William and Port Arthur from points in Manitoba and vice versa. The Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., the other respondent, reduced its tolls in a similar manner through stress of competition. The last named respondent also reduced its tolls voluntarily between the Manitoba boundary and Can-

more and the Crow's Nest; and in consideration of a subsidy to the Crow's Nest Pass line from the Dominion Government agreed to reduce its tolls from Fort William and points east to points west thereof. The respondents contended that the circumstances and conditions were not substantially similar and that they were justified in charging a higher toll per ton mile to Regina than to Winnipeg, and that under the agreements above-mentioned Regina was not entitled to the benefit of the reductions made by the respondents. It was also contended that the greater density of traffic from the head of the Lakes to Winnipeg and other Manitoba points than to Regina, justified the lower toll basis. That Winnipeg being a wholesale and distributing point had a vested right to tolls on a lower basis than Regina:—Held, (1) that no agreements as to tolls could defeat the prohibitions and obligations imposed by ss. 77 and 315 of the Railway Act. (2) That the reductions were brought about by the different agreements, and not because of a greater density of traffic. (3) That Regina as much as Winnipeg was a distributing point within its own zone. (4) That the special class freight tariffs of the respondents from Fort William and Port Arthur, unjustly discriminated in favour of Winnipeg and other Manitoba points to the prejudice and disadvantage of Regina and points west of the Manitoba boundary. *British Columbia Pacific Coast Cities v. Canadian Pacific Railway Co. (Vancouver Eastbound and Westbound Rate Case, or Vancouver Interior Rates Case)*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 125, at p. 146; *Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. v. Canadian Pacific Railway Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 33, at p. 41, followed. [Regina Toll Case.] *Regina Board of Trade v. Canadian Pacific and Canadian Northern Ry. Cos.*, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 380.

[Affirmed in 44 Can. S.C.R. 328, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 369, 45 Can. S.C.R. 321, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 203; followed in *Edmonton Board of Trade v. Can. Pac. and Can. North Ry. Cos.*, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 395; *British Col. Sugar, etc. Co. v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 354.]

UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; REDUCTION OF
RATES.

The order made in the case of Regina Board of Trade v. Can. Pac. and Can. North Ry. Cos., 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 380, is also to govern rates to Edmonton, and to comply with that order rates to Edmonton must be reduced as asked in the complaint. *Edmonton Board of Trade v. Can. Pac. and Can. North Ry. Cos.*, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 395.

CIGAR TOLLS; UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; CARLOAD RATING; LUXURY; WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTING POINT.

Application for a carload rating on cigars shipped from Montreal to Winnipeg. The applicant manufactured cigars in Montreal and shipped to a distributing warehouse in Winnipeg. There was no evidence that any other manufacturer in the east would ship any number of carloads westward if the application was granted, but the bulk of the traffic would still move L.C.L. Cigars being a luxury should not be reduced from a reasonable L.C.L. first-class rating to a fourth-class C.L. as asked for:—Held, (1) that if the application was granted other similar manufacturers would be unjustly discriminated against. (2) That other luxuries now rated first-class would contend for similar reductions in tolls. (3) That the application should be refused until the Board was satisfied that a C.L. rating would result in a substantial traffic movement. *Ledoux Company v. Canadian Freight Association*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 3.

UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; PERSONS OR LOCALITIES; DIFFERENTIALS.

Application to remove the differential toll of one cent per hundred pounds in favour of traffic carried to and from St. John or Portland as against Halifax:—Held, (1) that under s. 3 of the Railway Act where its provisions and of any Special Act were in conflict, the provisions of the Special Act must prevail. (2) That although the Board had jurisdiction to prevent unjust discrimination against persons or localities, the provisions of the Special Act, 62-63 Vict. c. 5, prevailed and the application failed. *City of Halifax and Halifax Board of Trade v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 55.

PETROLEUM TOLLS; UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; COMPETITION; RAIL AND WATER; MILEAGE DISTANCES; REMISSION OF CUSTOMS DUTIES.

Application directing the respondents to cease unjust discrimination by reducing the tolls from 66 cents to 56 per hundred pounds on shipments of petroleum and its products, in C.L. lots all rail from Petrolia, Ont., to Winnipeg, Man., to enable the applicants to compete successfully with their competitors in the United States and at Sarnia, Ont., who were shippers of the same commodity to the same point by all rail and rail and water, and on the ground that the tolls were unreasonable. The chief object of the application was to reduce the tolls so as to place the applicants in as ad-

vantageous position as they had been in competition with the Kansas shippers of the same commodity, who had been practically prohibited from coming into Canada until the remission of the customs duties of 2½ cents a gallon:—Held, (1) that a mere comparison of mileage distances without consideration of the peculiar circumstances affecting the traffic was not the final criterion of unjust discrimination. *British Columbia Pacific Coast Cities v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. (Vancouver Interior Rates Case)*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 125, at pp. 142, 143; *Lincoln Creamery v. Union Pacific Ry. Co.*, 5 I.C.C.R. 156, at p. 160; *Dallas Freight Bureau v. Missouri, Kansas & Texas Ry. Co.*, 12 I.C.C.R. 427, followed. (2) That railways were not required by law, and could not in justice be required to equalize natural disadvantages such as location, cost of production, and the like. *Black Mountain Coal Land Co. v. Southern Ry. Co.*, 15 I.C.C.R. 286, followed. (3) That it was in the discretion of the railway whether it should or should not meet the competition of markets and other railways. *Montreal Produce Merchants' Association v. Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 232, at p. 233; *British Columbia Sugar Refining Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 169, at pp. 171, 172; *Lancashire Patent Fuel Co. v. London & North Western Ry. Co.*, 12 Ry. & C. Tr. Cas. 79; *National Refining Co. v. Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Ry. Co.*, 20 I.C.C.R. 649, followed. (4) That it was in the discretion of the carriers, whether they would meet the alleged head competition resulting from the remission of the customs duties, but this competition did not create a presumption of unreasonableness in the tolls, which must be proved. *Chicago Board of Trade v. Atlantic City Ry. Co. and New York Produce Exchange v. New York Central and Hudson River Ry. Co.*, 20 I.C.C.R. 504, at p. 518, followed. (5) That the through toll complained of was made up of a basing toll on Fort William, and a toll which arose in the case of both Canadian Pacific and Canadian Northern Ry. Cos. from the mutual inter-relationships of government agreements and competition arising therefrom, and was not equal to the sum of the locals. (6) That a railway has in its own interest the privilege of meeting water competition, but this does not entitle a shipper to demand less than normal tolls because of competition which the railway in its own interest did not choose to meet. *Plain & Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 222, at p. 223, followed. (7) That the burden

as to unjust discrimination had therefore been withstood and the complaint as to unreasonableness of tolls had not been established. *Canadian Oil Cos. v. Grand Trunk, Canadian Pacific and Canadian Northern Ry. Cos.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 350.

[Affirmed in 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 201; followed in *Manitoba Dairymen's Assn. v. Dominion & Can. North. Express Cos.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 142, 7 D.L.R. 868.]

PETROLEUM TOLLS; JOINT TARIFF.

The Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada has power upon an application by the shipper to make a declaratory order as to what is the proper tariff of tolls applicable to a certain class of goods although no consequential relief was granted to the complainant on the application. The tariffs of tolls applicable to shipments of petroleum and its productions from the United States into Canada is the "joint tariff" of January, 1907, filed with the Board to the exclusion of subsequent tariffs filed, but not sanctioned by the Board. *Canadian Oil Cos. v. Grand Trunk, Canadian Pacific and Canadian Northern Ry. Cos.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 350, affirmed. *Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos. v. Canadian and British American Oil Cos.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 201.

UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; EXPORT AND LOCAL TOLLS; PROPORTIONAL TOLLS.

Complaint of unjust discrimination against the respondent, alleging that the tolls for export from Routhier and other points north of Nomining to Montreal are excessive and bear a higher proportion to the locals from points north of Nomining than from points south of it:—Held, that the export tolls to Montreal from Loranger, Hebert and Campeau must be reduced to 5 cents and from Routhier and Mont Laurier to 6 cents and a tariff to that effect filed. *Canadian Lumbermen's Association v. Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos.* (Export Tolls on Lumber (No. 2)), 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 344, referred to. *Cox & Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 20.

UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; COMMODITY OR FIFTH-CLASS RATES; COMPETITION.

Application that the tolls charged were unjustly discriminatory and that they should be reduced, being unreasonable per se. The applicant submitted that the existing commodity or fifth-class rate from Auburn in the United States to points in Canada, less two cents, should be the maximum subject to the qualification that when

the rates from Welland, Ontario, to shorter distance points were less than the Auburn rate they should apply as maxima. It was alleged by the respondent and admitted by the applicant that there was no movement of binder twine from Auburn into Canada:

—Held, (1) (*Mr. Commissioner McLean*), that since the rate from Auburn was only a paper rate there could be no competition and no unjust discrimination. (2) Held, however (the Chief Commissioner and *Mr. Commissioner Mills*), that the toll was unreasonable and the Auburn rate less two cents should be applied. *Town of Welland v. Canadian Freight Association*, [*Plymouth Cordage Co.'s Case*], 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 140.

[Followed in *Consumers' Cordage Co. v. Grand Trunk, etc.*, Ry. Cos., 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 222.]

UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; COMPETITION; COMMODITY RATES; INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION; INCREASE IN WEIGHT.

Application to withdraw and cancel s. "D" of Canadian Railway Classification (C. R.C.) No. 2, on the ground that shippers of other classes of commodities were unjustly discriminated against in favour of the shippers of commodities under s. "D" and application by the respondents that s. "D" should be extended to any weight up to \$10 in value. The applicants framed s. "D" of C.R.C. No. 2 to meet the competition of the Post Office Department upon a large quantity of commodities. The respondents submitted that s. "D" should apply to any weight up to \$10 in value although the Post Office Department competed only up to five pounds in weight. By conference between officers representing the express companies of Canada and the United States s. "D" was placed in the International Classification applying to traffic carried to common points between Canada and United States and vice versa:—Held, (1) that the said section should remain in the classification and should not be eliminated. (2) That the discrimination was not undue because it was not caused by any initiative of the express companies. (3) That under the exceptional circumstances, the scale of rates should not be removed without affirmative evidence that it was not profitable to the express companies carrying that class of traffic. (4) That if s. "D" was eliminated, shippers in Canada might be injured by very much lower rates being charged on traffic originating at points in the United States coming to Canadian common points and in the same car. (5) That it was optional with the express companies to meet the reduced rates introduced by the Post

Office Department or not, and the Board had no jurisdiction to order them to carry traffic in competition with the department. Express Traffic Association v. Canadian Manufacturers Association et al., 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 169.

[Followed in British Columbia News Co. v. Express Traffic Assn., 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 176.]

AGREEMENT FOR SPECIAL RATES: UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; PRACTICE.

In virtue of an agreement with the Government of Manitoba, validated by statutes of that province and of the Parliament of Canada, the Canadian Northern Railway Company established special rates for the carriage of freight, etc., to points in Manitoba, and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company reduced its rates, which had been in force prior to the agreement, in order to meet the competition resulting therefrom. The complaint made to the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada by the respondent was, in effect, that as similar proportionate rates were not provided in respect of freight, etc., to points west of the Province of Manitoba there was unjust discrimination operating to the prejudice of shippers, etc., to and from the western points. On questions submitted for the consideration of the Supreme Court of Canada:—Held, that the facts mentioned are circumstances and conditions, within the meaning of the "Railway Act" to be considered by the Board of Railway Commissioners in determining the question of unjust discrimination in regard to both railways; that such facts and circumstances are not, in law, conclusive of the question of unjust discrimination, but the effect, if any, to be given to them is a question of fact to be considered and decided by the Board in its discretion. (Cf. The Montreal Park and Island Ry. Co. v. The City of Montreal), 43 Can. S.C.R. 256; Regina Board of Trade v. Canadian Pacific and Canadian Northern Ry. Cos. (Regina Toll Case), 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 380, affirmed. Canadian Pacific and Canadian Northern Ry. Cos. v. Regina Board of Trade (Regina Toll Case), 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 203, 45 Can. S. C.R. 321.

UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; FREIGHT AND PASSENGER TRAFFIC; COMPETITION.

Held, that by s. 317 the respondent was prohibited from unjust discrimination in favour of its contractors by carrying their supplies for sale in competition with other merchants. That the respondent should cease unjust discrimination, subject to a

fine of \$100.00 for any and every case of default or continuation. That the Board had no jurisdiction to compel the respondent to open its railway for traffic; but if it applied for permission to do so it must carry freight and passengers under the provisions of the statute. British Columbia and Alberta Municipalities v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co., 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 463.

UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; MERCHANDISE AND EXPRESS ORDER SCALES.

Application complaining that a charge of sixty-five cents for return C.O.D. collection from Vancouver to Nananee, of \$27.00, was excessive, and alleging unjust discrimination. For some years the agent at the delivery office of the express company, instead of, as formerly, remitting and carrying back the cash on a C.O.D. return collection, issued an express order and posted it direct to the shipper, applying the merchandise scale of charges instead of the lower express order scale:—Held, (1) that the charge was excessive and constituted unjust discrimination against the C.O.D. shipper. (2) That the respondent should frame tariffs based upon other than the merchandise scale of tolls. Boyes v. Dominion Express Co., 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 517.

CONTRACTOR'S SUPPLIES; UNJUST DISCRIMINATION.

The fact that the officers of a railway company that gave a contractor, who was building it, a preference in the transportation of freight over the road before it was opened for traffic to the public by an order of the Board of Railway Commissioners, under s. 261 of the Railway Act, did not have knowledge that the goods transported were being sold by the contractor for his own benefit, or that they were not camp and contractor's supplies necessary for the construction of the road, will not relieve the company from the charge of giving an unlawful preference under s. 317 of the Act, where no attempt was made by them to ascertain if the goods transported were actually necessary to the construction of the road. Re Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co., 3 D.L.R. 819.

UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; COMPETITION; DISSIMILAR CONDITIONS.

It constitutes an unlawful preference and discrimination, under s. 317 of the Railway Act, for a railway company to carry for an independent contractor over a road he is constructing which had not yet been opened to the public for traffic by an order of the Board of Railway Commissioners

under s. 261 of the Railway Act, camp and contractor's supplies other than those actually necessary for the construction of the road, to be sold by the contractor for his own benefit. *Re Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co.*, 3 D.L.R. 819.

UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; SIDE-HAUL TOLL.

It is not unjust discrimination for a railway company to charge a side-haul toll to points where there is no competition, although no such toll is charged to points where competition exists. *Wylie Milling Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 8, 8 D.L.R. 953.

[Vide *Wylie Milling Co. v. Can. Pac., etc. Cos.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 5, 8 D.L.R. 949.]

INCREASE; COMMODITY RATES; UNJUST DISCRIMINATION.

The Board allowed tariffs which had the effect of cancelling commodity rates less than 5th class theretofore enjoyed for many years on rope in carload lots out of Montreal upon its appearing that Montreal was the only point in Canada where a less than 5th class rate applied and that there had, therefore, been unjust discrimination in favour of Montreal against other Canadian points. [*Town of Welland v. Canadian Freight Association (Plymouth Cordage Co.'s Case)*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 140, followed.] *Consumers' Cordage Co. v. Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cas.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 222.

UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; STOP-OVER PRIVILEGES; CANNERS; DIFFERENT LOCALITIES.

The Board held that it was unjust discrimination to grant stop-over privileges to canners in one locality and refuse them to canners in another locality. *British Canadian Cannery v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 346.

UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; BETWEEN LOCALITIES; TOLLS; COMMODITY; FIFTH CLASS; HIGHER BASIS; COMPETITION.

The fifth class tolls on wire fencing from Montreal, westbound being on a higher basis than the commodity tolls, on shipments moving from Ontario points eastbound, there was unjust discrimination against the Montreal manufacturer in competition with the Ontario manufacturer. The application of Montreal manufacturers for a reduction in tolls below the fifth class on shipments to points on the branches north of the main line of the Canadian Paci-

fic, Montreal to Toronto, and north of the Grand Trunk main line, Toronto to Sarnia, was refused because all manufacturers shipping to the northern localities were subject to the fifth class and the Board was not dealing with the reasonableness of the tolls, but with unjust discrimination against Montreal. The tolls to points midway between Montreal and Toronto and to certain points at the same distance from Montreal as others from Toronto, were placed on a parity, but to points immediately west of Montreal a reduction below fifth class was refused because the advantage of the shortness of the haul against the long haul of the competing Ontario manufacturers would result in equalizing the tolls. *Montreal Board of Trade v. Canadian Freight Association*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 347.

UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; MILEAGE BASIS; DIFFERENT COMMODITIES.

Putting the tolls on cornmeal on a mileage basis by reducing them from 17½ to 15c per 100 lbs., from Montreal to New Brunswick points, would be unjust discrimination against the Maritime millers, and these tolls should not be disturbed. It did not appear that there was any such essential difference between the commodities corn and wheat and oats as would justify a higher toll basis in the case of corn. It has not been shown that either in point of water competition, or in point of conditions affecting carriage, there was such a difference of condition as to justify the discrimination between the ex-lake toll on corn and that on wheat, oats, and barley and corn should, therefore, be given the same treatment as the latter, where an ex-lake toll on it was in effect. *Montreal Board of Trade v. Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 351.

UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; BETWEEN LOCALITIES; TOLLS; REDUCTION; COMPARISON; TOLL BASIS; EAST AND WESTBOUND; COMPETITION.

An application that the alleged unjust discrimination in favour of Eastern refiners be removed and for lower freight tolls from Vancouver to all points in Alberta and Western Saskatchewan, raises the point: Is the difference in rate basis eastbound over the mountains from the Pacific Coast justifiable as compared with the rate basis from Montreal and from the head of the lakes westbound? which is part of the pending Western Rate Investigation, and a ruling will not be given on this particular case in advance of the ruling on the general case. [*Regina Board of Trade v. Can-*

adian Pacific and Canadian Northern Ry. Cos. (Regina Toll Case), 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 380, referred to.] British Columbia Sugar Refining Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 354.

REASONABLENESS OF TOLLS; INCREASE; VOLUME OF TRAFFIC; COST OF OPERATION.

A toll established in the first instance by a carrier of its own volition having remained some time in force, is presumptively reasonable, and the onus is on the carrier to shew, with reasonable conclusiveness, that changed conditions or increased cost of operation justified an increase. [Laidlaw Lumber Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 192, at 194; Montreal Produce Merchants' Association v. Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos., 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 232, at 238; Canadian Manufacturers' Association v. Canadian Freight Association (Interswitching Rates Case) 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 302, at 308, followed; Cadwell Sand & Gravel Co. v. Canadian Freight Association, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 172, re-heard and reversed.] Canadian Freight Association v. Cadwell Sand & Gravel Co., 12 D.L.R. 48, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 156.

C. Continuous Route; Joint Tariffs.

CONTINUOUS ROUTE; JOINT TARIFF; LINE OF RAILWAY AND WATER LINE.

A line of steamships operated by a railway company running to ports reached by the line or lines of another company does not constitute therewith a continuous route within the meaning of ss. 266 and 267 of the Railway Act, 1903. An application by the first-named company to compel the second company to enter into a joint tariff with it under these sections was dismissed. Ss. 253 and 271 relate solely to railway traffic, and not to traffic between a line of railway and water line. Algoma Central & Hudson Bay Ry. Company v. Grand Trunk Ry. Company, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 196.

INTERCHANGE OF TRAFFIC; BRANCH LINE; CONTINUOUS ROUTE.

The Grand Trunk Railway Company constructed a branch line connecting its line of railway with that of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company; both companies having terminal facilities in the city of London and no other connection at or near London, except this branch. The Grand Trunk Railway Company refused to interchange traffic by means of such branch line, claiming that in the division of rates for traffic interchanged by this branch by the two com-

panies, a larger proportion should be assigned to them than would be a fair remuneration for the service to be rendered in transporting cars over this branch and its London terminal lines and loading and unloading them:—Held, that the Grand Trunk Railway Company was obliged to furnish for the carriage over its proportion of the continuous line (formed by this branch with the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company), and for the receipt and delivery of such traffic and for the loading and unloading of cars for the purpose, the same facilities as in respect of traffic passing over its own lines only or transferred to or by it at distant points of the Canadian Pacific Railway system, and that the apportionment of rates should be deemed to be made on this basis that the division between the railway companies of the joint rates for traffic thus interchanged should be made upon the principle of giving reasonable compensation for the services and facilities furnished by the respective companies in respect of the particular traffic thus interchanged and not by reference to the magnitude of the business of one company or the other at particular points or the respective advantages which each can offer to the other there, or a comparison of the loss which one is likely to sustain with the gain likely to accrue to the other from the giving of the facilities which the law requires. Upon appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada. Held, (1) that the Board had authority under the Railway Act, 1903, and particularly under ss. 253, 271, 266 and 267 to make the order in question under the circumstances in this case. (2) That ss. 266 and 267 of the Railway Act, 1903, are applicable under the circumstances of this case where one and the same through rate is charged to and from all points within the district lying in and about the city of London to which the Order applies. (3) That the Order appealed from does not involve the obtaining by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company of the use of the tracks, station or station grounds of the Grand Trunk Railway Company at London for which the Grand Trunk Railway Company should obtain compensation under the Railway Act, 1903, and particularly under s. 137. (4) That the Board was not "bound as a matter of law" to take into consideration, in estimating the remuneration or compensation to be allowed to the Grand Trunk Railway Co. in consequence of or for what was required of that company by the said order: (a) the magnitude of the business of the Grand Trunk Railway Co. at London as compared with that of the

Canadian Pacific Railway Co. at that point; (b) the comparative advantages which each of the said two companies can offer to the other there; (c) a comparison of the loss which one company is likely to sustain with the gain likely to accrue to the other company from the giving of these facilities which the law requires; (d) the amount which may have been expended by the Grand Trunk Railway Co. in the acquisition of its terminal facilities at London or the value of its investments therein, otherwise than as evidence of the fair value of the service to be ordered and of the use of the facilities to be afforded under the said order. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co. and City of London*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 327.

[Affirmed in 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 435; followed in *Can. Manufacturers Assn. v. Can. Freight Assn.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 303.]

INTERCHANGE OF TRAFFIC; GENERAL INTER-SWITCHING ORDER; PUBLIC INTEREST.

Application for the rescission of the judgment and order of the Board of July 20 and 25, 1905, respectively (*Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. and City of London*, affirmed by the Supreme Court, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 327), and to substitute the tolls chargeable under the General Interswitching Order of July 8, 1908:—Held, (1) that the application should be refused. (2) That since the applicant was given greater facilities than it would be entitled to under the General Order it should continue to pay the tolls now in force. Mr. Commissioner Mills concurred with the Chief Commissioner. The Assistant Chief Commissioner, dissenting, that railway companies who had special facilities at certain points might then be justified in applying to the Board for exemption from the General Order, but that such a course would be detrimental to the public interest and would weaken the benefits to the public from uniformity of practice. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. and City of London* (*London Interswitching Case*), 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 327, affirmed. [*London Interswitching Case*.] *Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 435.

JOINT TARIFFS; REASONABLENESS; THROUGH RATES; CONTINUOUS ROUTE.

The *Algoma Central & Hudson Bay Ry. Co.* applied to the Board for an order directing the *Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* to make a joint tariff with them. The steamers of the applicant railway wished to obtain a joint tariff with the *Grand Trunk* so as to

compete for traffic from points in Ontario reached by the lines of the *Grand Trunk* and carry such traffic from lake ports by their steamers to ports in Northern Ontario and vice versa reached by their steamboats and railway. The *Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* has now a similar joint tariff arrangement with the *Northern Navigation Company*:—Held,

(1) that the applicant has not proved that there is a public interest involved, or (2) That the existing rate arrangement is unreasonable. *Algoma Central & Hudson Bay Ry. Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 46.

CLASSIFICATION; JOINT TARIFF; CONTINUOUS ROUTE; THROUGH RATE; FOREIGN AND CANADIAN CARRIERS; REFUND.

An application was made to the Board under the foregoing sections of the Railway Act, to ascertain the legal rate on crude oil from Stoy, Indiana, to Toronto. The *Indianapolis Southern Railway Company*, on whose line Stoy is a station, filed with the Board on December 19th, 1906, a joint tariff making the joint fifth-class rate twenty cents per hundred pounds from Stoy to Toronto. Prior to January 1st, 1907, crude oil had no classification, but on that date the official classification coming into force in the United States placed it in the fifth class, this classification being used by the *Grand Trunk Railway Company*. Prior, however, to the coming into force of this classification the *Grand Trunk Railway Company* on November 30th, 1906, issued and filed with the Board an "exception" refusing to honour on petroleum and its products the fifth-class rate from points in the United States to points in Canada, and provided that on such traffic from frontier or junction points the local or special commodity rates would govern. The *Grand Trunk Railway Company* admitted that the joint rate was not unreasonable or unprofitable to them and that the local rate was intentionally made excessive to keep out oil from the United States:—Held, (1) that the "exception" filed by the *Grand Trunk Railway Company* had no effect and the procedure provided by the Railway Act, s. 338, must govern. (2) That if a railway company in the United States without the approval of the connecting carrier in Canada files a joint tariff in which the latter does not desire to participate, the Canadian company should apply under s. 338 to have it disallowed, and if this is not done then the tolls provided in such joint tariff are the only tolls that can be charged until such tariff is superseded or disallowed by the

Board. (3) That if the Canadian railway company desires any change to be made in any classification used in the United States for such joint tariff, it should apply under sub-s. 4, s. 321. (4) That the legal rate chargeable on the shipments in question is twenty cents per hundred pounds and that the Grand Trunk Railway Company should be at liberty to refund the difference between such rate and the sum collected by it. *British American Oil Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 178.

[Affirmed in 43 Can. S.C.R. 311, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 118; referred to in *British American Oil Co. v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 327; *Can. Oil Co. v. Grand Trunk, etc., Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 334.]

THROUGH TRAFFIC; JOINT INTERNATIONAL TARIFFS; FILING BY FOREIGN COMPANY.

Under s. 336 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, tariffs filed by foreign railway companies for rates on through traffic originating in foreign territory, to be carried by continuous routes owned or operated by two or more companies from foreign points to destinations in Canada, are effective and binding upon all Canadian companies participating in the transportation, although not expressly assented to by the latter, and may be enforced by the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada against such Canadian companies. *Anglin, J.*, contra. *Per Anglin, J.* (dissenting): The Railway Act requires concurrence by the several companies interested as in other joint tariffs on through traffic mentioned in the Act. *British American Oil Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 178, affirmed. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. British American Oil Co.*, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 118, 43 Can. S.C.R. 311.

[Followed in *Great Northern v. Can. Northern Ry. Co.*, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 425; referred to in *British American Oil Co. v. C.P.R. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 327; *Can. Oil Co. v. Grand Trunk, etc., Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 334.]

THROUGH TRAFFIC; JOINT TARIFF; FREIGHT AND PASSENGER TOLLS; CLASS AND COMMODITY TARIFFS; RAIL AND WATER ROUTE; UNJUST DISCRIMINATION.

Complaint alleging that the tolls in the joint freight tariff C.R.C. No. 9, filed by the respondent for transporting traffic by a rail and water route (known as the White Pass and Yukon Route) from Skagway in Alaska, a foreign port, through a portion of British Columbia to White Horse in the Yukon Territory, by rail, and thence by

water to Dawson were unreasonable and excessive. The respondent's rail and water route had four months of profitable traffic during the season of navigation from about June 1st to October 1st. It was alleged that when navigation closed the local traffic did not meet the operating expenses and the business was practically all through traffic inbound. For the purpose of relevant comparison the grades are on the whole more favourable on the Canadian Pacific Railway's Mountain Division than on the respondent's railway and the tolls on that division are the next highest to those on the respondent's railway. In both cases the business was almost all through traffic, and it was alleged that the local traffic did not pay operating expenses. The Canadian Pacific carried through traffic throughout the year on the Mountain Division. It was found impossible to ascertain upon the evidence or by an investigation of the respondent's records the true cost of the railway. The respondent offered no evidence of physical valuation of the undertaking in its present condition or of the cost of reproduction:—Held, (1) that the tariff C.R.C. No. 9, was unreasonable and excessive. (2) That through joint tariff tolls must be prepared and substituted for C.R.C. No. 9, shewing a reduction of 33.3 per cent. on passenger and freight traffic, these tolls to be a maximum to intermediate points, between the international boundary and White Horse, lower tolls to or from the said points not to be affected. (3) That the Board has only dealt with the class tariff, but will not allow a commodity tariff on ores or concentrates unjustly discriminatory against White Horse. (4) That it is equally the duty of the Board to protect capital invested in the railway by its stockholders as to protect the public against unjust tolls being charged by those operating the railway. (5) That the tolls enforced upon a railway should not be reduced if only sufficient revenue is produced to pay the proper expenses of maintenance of way and equipment, transporting of traffic, general expenses, fixed charges and a fair dividend upon the capital invested. (6) That while the ton-mile toll is not an infallible measure of the reasonableness or otherwise of a toll, it should be given due weight. *Dawson Board of Trade v. White Pass and Yukon Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 190, and *Conrad Mines v. White Pass and Yukon Ry. Co.*, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 138, referred to. *Dawson Board of Trade v. White Pass and Yukon Ry. Co.* (No. 2), 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 402.

[Reversed in 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 527.]

JOINT TARIFF; FREIGHT AND PASSENGER TOLLS; REDUCTION; EARNINGS AND OPERATING EXPENSES.

Application for rescission of the order of January 18th, 1911, reducing the tolls charged by the respondents by one-third. By that order the respondents were directed, upon through traffic from Skagway to White Horse, and upon local traffic between points on the portion of the railways in Canada, to substitute for their existing class and passenger tariffs new joint tariffs of freight and passenger tolls reduced by at least one-third in each case, on the rail division of their undertaking. The respondents shewed, by reference to statistics of their earnings and operating expenses, that if the proposed reduction took effect they would be unable to pay interest upon the bonded indebtedness, that no dividend could be paid upon the stock and the railway would pass into the hands of a receiver. The respondents undertook voluntarily to make some reduction in certain of the tolls charged on the freight and passenger traffic upon the rail and water divisions of the undertaking. The applicants contended that during the "boom" period the stockholders had been repaid in stock and cash dividends all the moneys originally invested.—Held, (1) that the reduction in tolls directed by the said order should not be made, (2) That although it was of great importance that the public should be protected from extortionate or unreasonable transportation charges, it was equally important that capital invested in transportation companies should be permitted to earn fair and reasonable dividends, (3) That carriers should have the opportunity of earning not only enough to pay the interest upon their bonds but also a fair return upon the actual capital invested in their railways, (4) That if the stockholders had been repaid in dividends the whole of the original investment that was no reason why they should not continue to receive a fair return upon the capital invested, (5) That the voluntary changes in the tolls might be put into effect in order to see what the result would be, upon which any further intervention by the Board would depend, after the next year's operations. Dawson Board of Trade v. White Pass and Yukon Ry. Co., 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 190, referred to; Dawson Board of Trade v. White Pass and Yukon Ry. Co., 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 402, re-heard and reversed. Dawson Board of Trade v. White Pass and Yukon Ry. Co. (No. 3), 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 527.

FOREIGN RAILWAY COMPANIES; JOINT TARIFF; CONTINUOUS ROUTE; THROUGH TRAFFIC; TRAFFIC BY WATER.

The complainants alleged that the respondents, the White Pass & Yukon Ry. Co., were charging excessive tolls for transporting traffic by a land and water route (known as the White Pass & Yukon route) from Skagway in Alaska through a portion of British Columbia to White Horse in the Yukon Territory and thence by water to Dawson. The respondents were incorporated in England and holding all the stock of, owned, controlled and operated the Pacific and Arctic, the British Columbia, Yukon and the British Yukon Ry. Cos., the first incorporated in the State of West Virginia, the second in the Province of British Columbia, and the third in the Dominion of Canada, and also the British Yukon Navigation Company, authorized to operate steamers on the Yukon river leading from White Horse to Dawson:—Held, (1) that under s. 336 of the Railway Act, the Board had power to order the various railway companies and the controlling railway to file a joint tariff for the land portion of the route from Skagway to White Horse, (2) That the British Yukon Ry. Co. could be called upon to file a joint tariff for the continuous route from Skagway to White Horse, (3) That the British Columbia Yukon, a provincial railway connecting with the British Yukon, a Dominion railway, is by s. 8 (b), as regards through traffic carried over it, subject to the Railway Act, (4) That the Board had jurisdiction under s. 336 to call upon the White Pass and Yukon Ry. Co. to require the Pacific and Arctic Ry. Co., a foreign railway, to enter into the necessary agreements for filing a joint tariff for the said route, (5) That the Board itself under the recent amendment to the Railway Act (8 & 9 Edw. VII. c. 32, s. 11) might require the Pacific and Arctic to enter into such agreements, (6) That the respondents as controlling and operating the two Canadian Ry. Cos. (authority to construct or operate not being required) are by the said amendment made subject to the Railway Act, (7) That the Board had no jurisdiction over the tolls of traffic delivered to the respondents at Skagway destined to Dawson, the water route between White Horse and Dawson not being part of a "continuous route in Canada" under s. 333, (8) That under s. 338, sub-s. 2, the Board had power to disallow or otherwise deal with the tolls in such joint tariff, (9) That the question of reasonable rates should be dealt with after the joint tariff has been filed. Daw-

son Board of Trade v. White Pass & Yukon Ry. Co. et al, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 190.

[Referred to in Dawson Board of Trade v. White Pass & Yukon Ry. Co., 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 402, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 527.

TOLLS ON WOOD PULP; INCREASE IN TOLLS; REFUND.

On a complaint that the tolls on wood pulp should be reduced from three cents per hundred pounds in carloads to two cents the latter rate having been in force for many years, and for a rebate of tolls paid under the former tariff. The railway company submitted that the increase was justified on account of the increased cost of operation and that the former toll did not give sufficient revenue to pay operating expenses.—Held, upon the evidence that the increased toll should be disallowed; the two cent toll being fair and reasonable. Held, that the increased toll being lawful according to the tariff in force when the complainant's shipments moved, the Board had no jurisdiction to grant a refund. Davy v. Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Ry. Co., 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 493.

[Reversed in 43 Can. S.C.R. 277, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 109.]

INTERNATIONAL THROUGH TRAFFIC; REDUCTION OF JOINT RATE.

On a complaint in respect to a joint tariff, between the appellant company and the Michigan Central Railroad Company, under which a rate of three cents per hundred pounds was charged on pulp-wood in car-loads for carriage from Thorold, in Ontario, to Suspension Bridge, in the State of New York, the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada decided that the rate should be reduced and ordered the appellants to restore a joint rate which had previously existed of two cents per hundred pounds for carriage of such goods between the points mentioned. The Michigan Central Railroad Company, over whose railway the goods had to be carried from the point where the appellants' railway made connection with it at the international boundary to the foreign destination, was not made a party to the proceedings before the Board. On appeal by leave of a Judge to the Supreme Court of Canada:—Held, per Fitzpatrick, C.J. and Idington and Duff, J.J., that the Board had no jurisdiction to make the order. Per Girouard, Davies and Anglin, J.J.: As the Michigan Central Railroad Company was not a party to the proceedings, it was not competent for the Board to make the order. The appeal was

allowed without costs. Davy v. Niagara, St. Catharines & Toronto Ry. Co., 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 493, reversed. Niagara, St. Catharines & Toronto Ry. Co. v. Davy, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 109, 43 Can. S.C.R. 277.

[Followed in Davy v. Niagara, St. Catharines, etc., 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 61.]

JOINT TARIFF; INCREASE IN TOLLS; FOREIGN RAILWAYS.

A renewal of the former application that the tolls on pulp should be reduced from three cents per hundred pounds in carloads to the former rate of two cents (see 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 493). The Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Ry. Co. submitted that the increase was justified because of the increased cost of maintenance and operation, that when the present proprietors took over the railway changing the motive power from steam to electricity, it was in a bankrupt condition, and the increase in this pulp toll, along with increases of other tolls, were necessary to put it on a paying basis, but a complete statement shewing a comparison of cost of operation during the periods before and since the increase of tolls and other necessary information as to increase in the volume of traffic was not given, and the Chief Traffic Officer reported that the pulp tariff was the only one that seemed to have been revised. The Michigan Central Ry. Co. submitted that it was only getting one cent of the three-cent toll for a twelve-mile haul, and that its revenue should not be further reduced. The applicant submitted that pulp had gone down in value since last year, when the toll was increased, and that on his shipments of pulp consisting of 50 per cent water, he would be charged freight for 2,000 lbs., only getting paid for 900 lbs. of pulp:—Held (1) that the Board had no jurisdiction to grant the application; the portion of the toll charged by the Michigan Central Ry. Co. for services in the United States being under the sole control of the Interstate Commerce Commission. (2) That if the Interstate Commerce Commission was of opinion that the toll charged by the Michigan Central Ry. Co. should be reduced, then orders might be made by the two Commissions establishing a proper joint tariff, and the applicant should bring complaint before the Interstate Commerce Commission. (3) That the Niagara, St. Catharines & Toronto Ry. Co. had not justified the increase in the toll for the Canadian portion of the carriage and the former rate should be restored. Niagara, St. Catharines & Toronto Ry. Co. v. Davy, 43 Can. S.C.R. 277, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 109, followed.

Davy v. Niagara, St. Catharines & Toronto and Michigan Central Ry. Cos. (No. 2), 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 61.

[Followed in Dominion Sugar Co. v. Can. Freight Assn., 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 188.]

JOINT TARIFF; COMPETITION; INTERMEDIATE POINT; CONTINUOUS ROUTE.

On a complaint that the Great Northern Railway Company charged higher tolls from Nelson to Gateway, B.C., than from the same point to Fernie, B.C., or Spokane, in the United States, the distance from Nelson to Fernie, via Canadian Pacific short line being 197 miles, by Great Northern 476 miles. The goods were shipped from Nelson (the basing point) at a toll based on a combination of tolls on Spokane, thereby making a joint tariff and through toll by a continuous route over Canadian and foreign lines. A joint tariff at a through rate over a continuous route between Gateway and Nelson, B.C., had not been filed as required by s. 335.—Held, that under s. 315 (5) of the Act, although Gateway is an intermediate point, Fernie is a competitive point; the charging of a higher local toll to Gateway than the through toll to Fernie was not a violation of this sub-section. Held, that under ss. 314 (5) and 335 of the Act, the failure to file a joint tariff with the Board, rendered the collection of tolls illegal. *Bonners' Ferry Lumber Co. v. Great Northern Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 504.

EXPORT AND DOMESTIC TRAFFIC; THROUGH RATE; COMPETITION; RAIL AND WATER TOLL; LONG AND SHORT HAUL.

The applicant, operating a line of steamers from St. John and Halifax, in winter, and Montreal, in summer, to Puerto, Mexico, thence via the Tehuantepec National Ry. Co., across the Isthmus to Salina Cruz, and thence by the Canadian Mexican Steamship Line to British Columbian points, applied for an order directing the respondents to apply the established export tariff basis to cover shipments of general merchandise and commodities from eastern Canadian points via Montreal, Halifax and St. John to British Columbian points and that the export, or, in the alternative, the furtherance tolls, should be applied in order to enable the applicants to compete more successfully with respondents on all rail traffic across the continent to points in British Columbia and that respondents should not charge the higher domestic toll to further their own interest on shipments from eastern Canada to the said ocean ports. A joint tariff has not yet been prepared between

the applicants and the railway across the Isthmus for freight from the said ocean ports to British Columbia, but the tolls over this route require to be approved by the Mexican Government, which owns a half interest in the said railway. The applicants submitted that unless the lower export toll was applied to their Canadian traffic for British Columbia then that and the all-rail traffic of the respondents would go via New York, and would be lost to the respondents as well as the applicants. The respondents submitted on the contrary, that if a lower export toll was granted they would lose their all-rail long haul across the Continent to British Columbian points, and that export tolls are only granted on shipments destined for British and foreign markets, and not for a Canadian market:—Held, (1) assuming, but without deciding that the Board has jurisdiction, that the application should be refused, with leave to any one interested to apply for relief, upon a different state of facts being presented. *Elder, Dempster Steamship Co. v. Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 334.

[Followed in *Great North Ry. Co. v. Can. North Ry. Co.*, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 425.]

UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; JOINT TARIFF; THROUGH TRAFFIC; CONTINUOUS ROUTE; LOCAL TOLLS; REFUND.

An application to declare that the respondent had unjustly discriminated against crude oil shipments from Stoy, Illinois, to Toronto, by refusing to carry them at the legal rate of twenty cents in accordance with the published tariff and Official Classification, that the respondent had overcharged the applicants, and that Order No. 7093 made upon the complaint of the applicants against the Grand Trunk Railway Company was binding upon the respondent; see 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 178. The Indianapolis Southern Railway Company, a United States carrier connecting with the respondent, published a 5th class toll of twenty cents, and named the respondent as a party participating in this joint tariff, effective January 20th, 1907, it then filed a Supplement effective October 18, 1907, and a further Supplement, effective May 14, 1908, providing that the tolls named in the above described joint tariff did not apply on petroleum and its products to Canadian points, but that the tolls would be on a basis of lowest combination to and from Canadian gateways, and that no through tolls were in effect. The applicants asked a declaration as to what was the legal toll during the period that their shipments moved. The

respondent alleged that the only claim made was for a refund of the difference between the twenty cent toll and that actually charged:—Held, (1) that the Supplement filed by the United States carrier had not the effect of destroying the joint tariff with its through joint twenty cent rate which was in force on and subsequent to January 20, 1907, and applied to the shipments in question. (2) That to change a joint tariff it must be superseded by another. (3) That the Board had no power to order any refund, it can only declare what the legal rate was or should have been, leaving the parties to whatever redress they are entitled to under the circumstances. *British American Oil Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 178, and *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. British American Oil Co.*, 43 S.C.R. 311, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 118, referred to. *British American Oil Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 327.

**FOREIGN RAILWAYS; LONG AND SHORT HAUL;
JOINT TARIFF; CONTINUOUS ROUTE.**

On an application directing the respondent to agree and concur in a joint tariff of \$2.50 per ton on coal from Duluth to Winnipeg. The applicant, a foreign railway company, had been transporting coal from Duluth via Emerson in Manitoba and the Canadian Northern Ry. Co. to Winnipeg at a joint tariff of \$3.00 per ton. It now desires to reduce this tariff to \$2.50 per ton to enable it to divert the coal traffic from Fort William and Port Arthur, the Canadian lake ports, to Duluth, a similar foreign port, and thus secure the long haul from the latter port to Emerson confining the Canadian Northern to the short haul from Emerson to Winnipeg. The respondent had expended large sums of money in establishing a plant at Port Arthur, and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company at Fort William, to handle coal, and if this traffic was diverted it would seriously injure these cities. The respondent contended that it would lose the long haul of coal cars to Winnipeg, and haul instead empty grain cars:—Held, (1) that if the applicant filed the proposed tariff it would be disallowed. (2) That there was already a reasonable through route and toll. (3) That the Board, if it has jurisdiction, would only interfere in the public interest to establish more than one route with a joint toll between two points. (4) That the Board will not allow the Railway Act to be used to divert traffic from the lines of the respondent to those of the applicant, so that the applicant may obtain the revenue earned by the respondent from such

traffic without any benefit to the public. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. British American Oil Co.*, 43 Can. S.C.R. 311, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 118; *Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 289; *Elder, Dempster Steamship Co. v. Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 334, followed; *Dicoet, Newbury & Southampton Ry. Co. v. London & South Western Ry. Co.*, 10 Ry. & C. Tr. Cas. 9; *In re Through Passenger Routes*, 16 I.C.C.R. 310; *Baer Brothers v. Missouri Pacific Ry. Co.*, 17 I.C.C.R. 225; *Spring Hill Coal Co. v. Erie Ry. Co.*, 18 I.C.C.R. 508, referred to. *Great Northern Ry. Co. v. Canadian Northern Ry. Co.*, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 424.

**UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; OVERCHARGE;
JOINT TARIFF; CONTINUOUS ROUTE.**

An application directing the respondents to cease unjust discrimination in overcharging on shipments of petroleum and its products from certain points in the United States to Toronto, and for an order prescribing proper tolls at fifth-class rates in accordance with the United States Official Classification No. 29, effective January 1, 1907. Prior to that date petroleum and its products had no classification, but by this classification they were given a fifth-class rating. The respondents and their connections in the United States had filed supplements to prevent the fifth-class rate from applying to these commodities and had framed a joint tariff consisting of the sum of the local tolls charged by the several carriers intending (1) either that the Canadian carriers should be protected from the lower oil tolls prevailing in the United States, or (2) that the Canadian refiners should be protected against the importation of crude oil from the United States:—Held, (1) that the latter object was illegal; while railway companies were entitled to fair and remunerative tolls they had no right to so adjust them as to protect or assist any one industry or section of the public such as oil refiners. (2) That under s. 336 of the Railway Act, the traffic should be covered by a joint tariff. (3) That when an initial carrier had filed a tariff under s. 336 it became a joint tariff even if composed of the sum of the locals and could not be changed unless superseded by another or disallowed by the Board under s. 338. (4) That the supplements to the various tariffs could not have the effect of a joint tariff because any of the tolls could be changed by the participating carriers at their option. (5) That since the United States Official Classification No. 29

was used, without any order or direction of the Board, contrary to the provisions of sub-s. 4 of s. 321 of the Railway Act it was binding on the respondents until superseded or disallowed as above stated (3). (6) That petroleum and its products should have been given a fifth class rating at the time the shipments in question moved. *British American Oil Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 178, and *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. British American Oil Co.*, 43 Can. S.C.R. 311, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 118, referred to. *Canadian Oil Co. v. Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 334.

UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; COMMODITY RATE; THROUGH TRAFFIC; FOREIGN CARRIERS.

Application directing the respondents to reduce their commodity rate on oil and its products from 35 cents per hundred pounds to 22 cents from basing points in the United States, St. Paul, etc., to Winnipeg or a proportionate reduction to points beyond Winnipeg in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta not to exceed the rates from Fort William to the same points. The commodity rate from the basing points in the United States, St. Paul, etc., and from those in Canada, Fort William and Port Arthur to Winnipeg, is 35 cents per hundred pounds, through competition, but from the Canadian basing points to other points in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta it is lower than from those in the United States. The applicants submitted that the commodity rate from St. Paul should be lowered or the rate from Fort William raised so that a proportionate reduction would result in their favour to western points beyond Winnipeg as against traffic via Fort William, presumably in competition with oil refiners in eastern Canada. The respondents submitted that such a reduction or raising of rates to Winnipeg and points west thereof would be unjust discrimination in favour of the applicants and would divert the traffic to foreign competing railways. The respondents further submitted that they were enabled to lower these rates because a single line haul for substantially similar distance has advantages over a two or more line haul, its net revenue is a unit coming to it alone, while in the latter case the net revenue must be subdivided between the participants in the carriage:—Held, that the Board had no jurisdiction to order a reduction in rates from initial points in the United States and the application must be dismissed. *Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos.* (Muskoka

Rates (No. 2)), 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 139, at pp. 147, 148, followed. *Continental, Prairie and Winnipeg Oil Cos. v. Canadian Pacific, etc. Ry. Cos.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 156.

[Followed in *Shippers by Express v. Can. North, etc., Ry. Cos.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 183.]

THROUGH TRAFFIC; FOREIGN EXPRESS COMPANIES; INITIAL CARRIER; LOCAL AND THROUGH TOLLS; JOINT THROUGH TARIFFS.

Application for a joint through tariff of tolls from points in the United States contiguous to Spokane to Regina, Sask., of \$2 per 100 lbs. on berries, small fruit, and vegetables:—Held, (1) that under s. 338 the Board had no jurisdiction to order the initial foreign carrier to file or concur in joint tariffs at the request of the applicant. (2) That while the Board could not require the foreign carrier to either file or concur in filing joint tariffs, it might require the respondent to file same if the foreign carrier concurred and vice versa if such joint tariffs were thought by the Board to be fair and reasonable. (3) That since the foreign carrier had not concurred, and the difference in toll was such that it would be unfair to require the Canadian carrier to accept all the shrinkage necessary to bring the toll down to \$2; this application must be refused: *Stockton and Mallinson v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 165, distinguished. *Stockton and Mallinson v. Dominion Express Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 459, 3 D.L.R. 848.

LATITUDE IN REGULATING RATES; BOARD; EXPRESS TOLLS OVER TWO OR MORE LINES; SUM OF THE LOCALS.

Traffic handled by two or more companies over connecting lines may well bear a heavier toll than if handled by one only and where two companies charged tolls equal to the sum of the locals over their respective lines, the Board refused to interfere in the absence of proof that the charges were excessive, notwithstanding that a lower through rate had formerly been charged when one express company operated over both lines. *Shippers, etc. v. Canadian Northern, etc.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 183.

THROUGH TOLLS; INCREASE; JOINT TARIFFS.

Joint tariffs increasing the through tolls on pulpwood from shipping points in Eastern Canada to manufacturing points in the Eastern States of the United

States were authorized by the Board. The proposed through tolls on pulpwood which were not attacked as unreasonable per se through (being held down by water competition) and being lower than the tolls between the same points on other rough forest products (in force some time without complaint) may fairly be considered reasonable. The right of the carrier to consider the resultant traffic as a reason for the lower toll on the original commodity where hauled to points of manufacture on the carrier's line is well established. [Michigan Sugar Co. v. Catham, Wallaceburg and Lake Erie Ry. Co., 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 353, followed.] Where the carrier reduced the local tolls on the raw material even lower than on firewood, having the assurance of the second haul of the pulp or paper products, and under the schedules in force prior to September 2, 1912, the proportions accruing to the Canadian carriers from through shipments to the United States are lower than the tolls paid by Canadian manufacturers, there is no unjust discrimination against their foreign competitors, the tolls for Canadian delivery being based on the resultant traffic. In the apportionment of the through tolls between two or three and, in some cases four carriers, it is reasonable that the joint through tolls should be on a higher basis than for similar distances on the line of a single company. Continental Prairie & Winnipeg Oil Cos. v. Canadian Pacific et al. Ry. Cos., 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 156, followed. No attention need be paid to the consideration that the toll charged upon the raw material should be such as would conserve the resources of the country. If the toll is an improper one, with which the Board is alone concerned, there is no reason why it should be allowed to stand because the foreign manufacturer absorbs the increase instead of the Canadian producer. Mr. Commissioner McLean, dissenting. International Paper Co. v. Grand Trunk, etc., Ry. Cos. (Pulpwood Case), 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 111.

D. Competitive Tariffs.

SPECIAL RATES ON BOTTLES IN CARLOADS; FOREIGN COMPETITION; REDUCTION.

Bottles in carloads were formerly carried from Wallaceburg to Toronto, Hamilton, Berlin and Montreal at special rates less than the regular basis of fifth-class. Upon the Railway Act coming into force on 1st February, 1904, these special rates were increased. The Sydenham Glass Company applied for the restoration of the for-

mer special rates. It appeared that at the present rates the Glass Company cannot maintain its position in the home market against foreign competition:—Held, that the rates should be reduced to the following scale, viz., to London 8 cents, to Toronto, Hamilton and Berlin 13 cents, to Montreal 23½ cents. The Sydenham Glass Company Case, 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 409.

COOPERAGE STOCK LOCAL DELIVERY AND EXPORT; LUMBER; MILEAGE TARIFFS; COMPETITION.

The complainants object to the increase in the rates on cooperage stock between points in Eastern Canada, and more especially to the increase from Wallaceburg and other Western Ontario points to Montreal for local delivery and for export:—Held, that rates on cooperage stock should not exceed rates on common lumber according to the mileage lumber tariffs of the railways, but such rates when specially reduced on account of water competition, etc., need not necessarily apply to cooperage stock. From points in Western Ontario to Montreal, the maximum rate for local delivery was fixed upon the evidence at 16½ cents, and for export, including "terminal," at 18 cents per hundred pounds. [The Cooperage Stock Rates Case.] Sutherland-Innes Company and the Wallaceburg Cooperage Company v. Pere Marquette, Michigan Central, Wabash, Grand Trunk, and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos., 3 Can. Ry. Cas. 421.

EXCESSIVE TOLLS; WATER COMPETITION; SHORTER AND LONGER DISTANCES.

On a complaint to the Board under a. 315 (5) of the Railway Act, that the rate on a shipment of apples from Picton to Smith's Falls was excessive as compared with the rate from Picton to Ottawa; Smith's Falls being an intermediate point located on the Rideau Canal and the distance from Picton to Smith's Falls being shorter than the distance from Picton to Ottawa:—Held, (1) that the complaint should be dismissed, the rate to Ottawa being a compelled rate based on water competition. (2) That a shipper could not demand less than normal rates on account of water competition which a railway company, in its own interest, did not choose to meet. Plain and Company v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 222.

[Followed in Can. Oil Co. v. Grand Trunk, etc., 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 351.]

SUGAR TOLLS; COMPETITION; EQUALIZATION. Application for an order directing re-

spondents to reduce the tolls on sugar from Vancouver to Winnipeg and other Manitoba points, so as to equalize them with the tolls charged by the Pere Marquette Ry. Co. on the same commodity from Wallaceburg, Ontario, to the same points:—Held, that it is entirely within the discretion of one railway company whether it will meet the competition of the tolls charged by another, and the application must be refused. Montreal Produce Merchants' Association v. Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos., 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 232, at p. 240; Lasalle Paper Co. v. Michigan Central Ry. Co., 16 I.C.C. Rep. 149, at p. 150; Lancashire Patent Fuel Co. v. London & North-Western Ry. Co., 12 Ry. & C. Tr. Cas. 79, followed. Written arguments were submitted by the complainant and the railway company. British Columbia Sugar Refining Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 169.

[Followed in Can. Oil Cos. v. Grand Trunk, etc., 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 351; Dominion Sugar Co. v. Can. Freight Assn., 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 188.]

TOLLS; EXPORT; DOMESTIC; WATER COMPETITION.

Complaint of non-compliance with order No. 10528 directing the respondents to file tariffs of tolls on lumber to Montreal for export "which in general shall be lower than the tolls on lumber to Montreal." The tolls in dispute were those from Ottawa district and certain points in the Province of Quebec. The former Ottawa domestic toll was proportionately lower than some of the other tolls in the Province of Quebec on account of water competition. The former export toll from that district was, generally speaking, one cent lower than the domestic toll. Under the new tariff these tolls were made the same except in two cases. The respondents explained that the tolls for export from points in the Province of Quebec not controlled by water competition were controlled by market conditions in Montreal which were regulated by shipments from the Ottawa district:—Held, (1) that the words "in general" were put in Order No. 10528 intentionally because the Board could not in every case require the export toll to be lower than the domestic, even if, in certain individual cases, the former tolls might, or might not, have been reasonable. (2) That the tolls from the Ottawa district were low in comparison with other tolls and the respondents should not be required to make a still lower toll for export than the domestic toll. (3) That from points in the Pro-

vince of Quebec north and east of Montreal not affected by water competition of the Ottawa river the tolls for export should be reduced so that the same difference should exist between the present as existed between the former domestic and export tolls. Canadian Lumbermen's Association v. Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos., 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 306, referred to. Canadian Lumbermen's Association v. Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos. [Export Tolls on Lumber (No. 2)], 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 344.

[Referred to in Cox & Co. v. Can. Pac. Ry. Co., 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 20.]

CARLOAD RATING; COMMODITY TOLLS; LIGHT AND BULKY COMMODITIES; COMPETITION.

An application for a reduction in the minimum carload weight of toasted corn flakes from London to points west of Port Arthur and Port William. The applicant's shipments to points in Eastern Canada were covered by a special tariff on the basis of a minimum weight of 20,000 pounds per car. On western shipments the applicant made no complaint as to the class rating, but contended that the minimum carload weight should be reduced from 30,000 to 24,000 lbs. per standard 36-foot car. The applicant dealt only in toasted corn flakes, a light and bulky commodity which never goes above 15,000 lbs. per car, contended that he was subject to unfair competition with regard to similar dealers in grain products and cereals, who by mixing other commodities brought the carload weight up to 30,000 lbs., but still remained under the same class rating as the applicant. The respondent submitted that a minimum carload weight was fixed to correspond with the loading capacity of a standard car and provided for a uniform rating to all kindred articles; that carload rating and minimum weight were inseparably connected, and the combination of the two would result in a fair and equitable carload toll. In cases of this kind the respondent established a commodity toll at a higher class or toll with a minimum approximating to the actual carload weight, thus insuring to the carrier the same earnings as would be obtained from the carriage of commodities of the same class. The applicant stated that his western shipments were nearly all C.L., but the Chief Traffic Officer of the Board reported that in practice there was no C.L. rating, the L.C.L. rating applying on any quantity shipped to Western Canada:—Held, that without changing the rating, the minimum carload

weight for a standard car of flaked or cooked cereals should be reduced so as not to exceed 24,000 lbs. *Battle Creek Toasted Corn Flake Co. v. Canadian Freight Association*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 11.

TOLLS ON GAS HOUSE COKE; INCREASE; COMPETITION.

An application complaining of an advance in the freight tolls on gas house coke from Black Rock to Hamilton, and other Ontario points. The respondent increased the tolls on coke on the Canadian end of the haul from 50 cents per ton to 80 cents and from 80 cents to \$1.00 from Black Rock to Hamilton and Toronto respectively. The Consumers' Gas Company claimed that on account of having to pay 53 cents per ton duty and 60 cents freight tolls from the Suspension Bridge to Toronto on bituminous coal from which coke is manufactured, they were at a disadvantage of \$1.13 per ton in competition with the Buffalo Gas Company. They had therefore asked that the tolls from Toronto to Hamilton and Brantford be lowered to meet the tolls of the Buffalo Gas Company from Buffalo to the same points. Instead of complying with this request the respondents had increased the Buffalo-Hamilton coke toll by 30 cents per ton:—Held, that nothing was shewn justifying this increase, and these increases must be cancelled and the old tolls restored. *Myles & Sons v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 289.

TOLLS ON GRAIN; UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; SPECIAL JOINT TOLLS; COMPETITION.

A complaint that the increase in the tolls in the special and competitive joint freight tariffs on grain and grain products in C.L. lots to points in the Maritime Provinces, were unjustly discriminatory. The railways stated that there were three kinds of tolls in these tariffs which might be denominated as (a) Special joint tolls or "normal" tolls. (b) Competitive joint tolls. (c) Competitive joint "furtherance" tolls. The so-called "normal" tolls are lower than the other class tariffs and cover the bulk of the rail points in the Maritime Provinces. The present basis of the "normal" tolls develops from the arrangement arrived at between the railways and the Dominion Millers' Association in 1905. The Chief Traffic Officer reported that the normal tolls were in accordance with this agreement:—Held, (1) that the increase in the competitive joint tolls and competitive joint "furtherance" tolls was due to lessened competition, and that it

was within the discretion of the railways to vary these tolls within the limits fixed by the "normal" tolls provided such increases were not unjustly discriminatory, which had not been shewn in this case. (2) That in shipments east of Montreal of grain products the same arbitrariness should be applied from Montreal as are applied by the Canadian Pacific in arriving at through rates from Fort William. (3) That if competition forces the tolls of a railway below its normal basis, it follows that when the competition is less effective the railway may bring its tolls up more closely to such basis. *Dominion Millers' Association v. Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 363.

[Followed in *Dominion Sugar Co. v. Can. Freight Assn.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 188.]

MAGAZINES AND PERIODICALS; COMPETITION; UNJUST DISCRIMINATION.

Application directing the respondent to establish a flat toll of one cent per pound on magazines and periodicals from Vancouver to out-of-town dealers in competition with the Post Office Department. The respondent submitted and the applicant admitted that at the present time there would not be very much profit to the carrier in the experimental toll applied for:—Held, (1) that it was entirely in the discretion of the respondent whether competition should be met or not. (2) That the Board had no jurisdiction to require the respondent to enter into any such competition. (3) That the right to a reasonable profit to the carrier as well as to the shipper must be recognized. (4) That it is the policy of the Railway Act that, subject to the prohibition of unjust discrimination there should, in the public interest, be elasticity in toll making. (5) That the Board was not justified in ordering the fixing of experimental tolls since it has not been established that the tolls charged are unreasonable. *Express Traffic Association v. Canadian Manufacturers Association and Boards of Trade of Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 169; *Florida Fruit and Vegetable Co. v. Atlantic Coast Line Ry. Co.*, 17 I.C.C.R. 560, followed. *British Columbia News Co. v. Express Traffic Association*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 176.

TOLLS ON LUMBER; COMPETITION; REDUCTION.

Application directing the respondent to charge the same tolls on the applicants' shipments from Fort William to Vancouver as were charged their competitors in British Columbia shipping in the opposite

direction. The applicants alleged that some commodities such as pine, clear cedar, sash, doors, etc., bearing a 55 cent Vancouver-Fort William toll came into competition with them in the Fort William market. They claimed that the Vancouver-Fort William toll of 45 cents per 100 lbs. on the cheap soft lumber such as fir, hemlock, larch, spruce, and common cedar should be applied to hardwood lumber and flooring from Fort William to Vancouver which now was charged 80 cents per 100 pounds. The respondent submitted that the normal lumber toll was the clear cedar toll of 55 cents per 100 pounds:—Held, (1) that hardwood flooring should not have the same rating as cheap soft lumber, being a more valuable commodity with the exception of fir. (2) That this, however, did not justify so great an existing difference and a toll of 55 cents per 100 pounds should be established from Fort William to Vancouver common points. *Seaman, Kent Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 420.

TOLLS AND RATES; REASONABLENESS; INCREASE OF PREVIOUSLY EXISTING RATES; ONUS.

Where special circumstances have operated for a time, e.g., effective water competition, to induce a carrier to give a low rate, the burden of disproving unreasonableness is not necessarily upon the carrier when the rate is subsequently increased. *Dominion Sugar Co. v. Canadian Freight Assn.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 188.

COMPETITION; FOREIGN ROAD; TOLLS AND RATES; REASONABLENESS.

A carrier is not obliged to meet a lower rate made by a competing foreign road and failure to meet it is not necessarily evidence of the unreasonableness of the higher rate. *Davy v. Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto and Michigan Central Ry. Cos.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 61; *Dominion Millers' Association v. Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 363; *Canadian Portland Cement Co. v. Grand Trunk and Bay of Quinte Ry. Cos.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 209; *British Columbia Sugar Refining Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 169, followed. *Dominion Sugar Co. v. Canadian Freight Assn.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 188.

ALL RAIL AND LAKE AND RAIL; ROUTES; COMPETITION; UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; EAST AND WESTBOUND.

The tolls for the lake and rail route being on a competitive basis and the all-rail route eastbound having the advantage of

one cent over the rail portion of the route westbound to Winnipeg there was no unjust discrimination. The Board is concerned with seeing that tolls are on a relatively equal basis. It is not its function to equalize costs of production and upon the evidence a case for reduction in tolls was not made out. *Canadian Portland Cement Co. v. Grand Trunk and Bay of Quinte Ry. Cos.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 209, followed. *Imperial Rice Milling Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 375.

TOLLS; COMPETITION BY WATER.

In the case of a compelled toll based on water competition, it is the privilege of a carrier, in its own interests, to meet water competition, but it is not the privilege of the shipper to demand less than normal tolls because of such competition which railway in its discretion does not choose to meet. *Plain & Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 223; *Canadian Oil Cos. v. Grand Trunk, Canadian Pacific, and Canadian Northern Ry. Cos.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 350, followed. *Blind River Board of Trade v. Grand Trunk, etc., Cos.*, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 146.

E. Interswitching Charges.

DEMURRAGE CHARGES; STANDARD TARIFF; REASONABLENESS.

By the tariff of tolls approved by the Governor-in-council under the Railway Act of 1888 railway companies were authorized to charge higher tolls than by a special tariff filed under the Act of 1903 which specifically provided for car service or demurrage charges. The latter were also recognized by the classification rules authorized by the Board and in force at the time in question:—Held, that the company not having sought to charge the maximum tolls approved by the Governor-in-council (of the nature of a standard tariff) must be understood as having accepted the goods for carriage at lowest rates conditional upon its right to make a charge for demurrage. Held, that the rate charged was *prima facie* reasonable and that no order should be made against the railway company. *Duthie v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 4 Can. Ry. Cas. 304.

[Approved in *Robinson v. Can. North Ry. Co.*, 19 Man. L.R. 306.

COMPETITIVE AND NON-COMPETITIVE TRAFFIC; INTERSWITCHING; JOINT TARIFF; RE-FUND.

Upon complaints by shippers and consignees at various points as to the practice of

adding to the tariff rates of the railway company carrying to a particular place the switching charge of another company to which the traffic is transferred for carriage and delivery at another point in or near the same place, and in cases of such transfer absorbing these extra charges where the traffic originates at competitive points (i.e., competitive traffic), while adding the charges when the point of origin is non-competitive (i.e., non-competitive traffic).—Held,

(1) that a railway company's tariffs to and from particular places should, in the absence of indication to the contrary, be read as covering only traffic originating at and for delivery upon its own tracks and connecting sidings within its own terminals, and not as including traffic originating at or for delivery at or near the same places upon the lines of another carrier. (2) That a reasonable additional rate should be payable for switching (i.e., the service for the short carriage on receipt or delivery). (3) That while the company carrying such traffic for the long distance should not be obliged to absorb the whole of such switching charge, it may not necessarily be debarred from absorbing the whole of such charges, provided this does not involve unjust discrimination or preference and in case of competitive traffic it may do so. (4) Held, also, that two such companies may be required to treat such traffic as joint traffic and to establish traffic therefor under Railway Act, s. 333, and the joint rate may be less than the sum of the two rates, and each or one of the companies required to accept less than its full rates. It had long been the practice of two railway companies to absorb switching charges in respect of traffic upon their respective lines to and from Toronto received or delivered on the line of the other (in respect of non-competitive freight). Without any change of tariffs this practice was recently abandoned and the switching charges added to the regular tariff rates. This practice, it was shewn, originated upon the construction of the junior company's lines into Toronto, when it had to receive or deliver its traffic wholly or mainly upon the tracks of the senior company and was practically compelled to bear the switching charges therefor. As the junior company established and enlarged its terminals, and acquired industrial sidings, the senior company followed the same practice. Upon complaint being made of this change and an application for a refund of such charges.—Held, that although the continuance of the practice afforded some evidence of its reasonableness it was not conclusive, that an ex-

ception could not be made in the case of Toronto, that the two companies were not bound to continue the practice and all claims for refunds should be disallowed. *Laning-Harris Coal & Grain Co. v. A. T. & S. F. R. Co.*, 12 L.C.C. Rep. 479; *Leonard v. C.M. & St. Pr. Co.*, 12 L.C.C. Rep. 492; *London Interswitching Case*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 327, followed. Upon the report of the Chief Traffic Officer the Board fixed the basis of such joint switching rates and ordered, dividing non-competitive traffic into two classes, that (1) for switching performed upon orders of the shipper or consignee after the shipment has reached the terminal of the contracting carrier, the additional toll should not be more than 20 cents per ton for any distance not over 4 miles, with a minimum of \$3 and a maximum of \$8 per car, the whole of such charge being paid by the shipper or consignee; and (2) where the traffic is so consigned by the shipper as to indicate and involve switching service by another company at the time of shipment then the consignee or shipper should only be charged with 50 per cent. of such charges. An order of the Board defining "Interswitching" and "Contracting Carrier" and embodying the above basis was issued. [*Interswitching Rates Case*, No. 182.] *Canadian Manufacturers' Association v. Canadian Freight Association*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 302.

[Referred to in *Laidlaw Lumber Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 192; distinguished in *Ancor Elevator, etc. v. Can. North, etc. Ry. Cos.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 175; inapplicable in *Red Mountain Ry. Co. v. Columbia & West. Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 224.]

INTERSWITCHING CHARGES; REFUND.

Charges for interswitching collected prior to 1st September, 1908, although paid upon protest, cannot be recovered back. *Canadian Manufacturers' Association v. Canadian Freight Association*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 302, referred to. *Dominion Concrete Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 514, followed. *Laidlaw Lumber Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 192.

INTERSWITCHING CHARGES; THROUGH RATE; STOP-OVER PRIVILEGE; INTERMEDIATE AND TERMINAL POINTS; REFUND.

Upon a complaint to the Board that excessive interswitching charges were made by the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. for the transfer of cars from the line of the Canadian Northern Ry. Co. to the elevators of the complainants. The complaints arose with reference to traffic originating upon

the lines of the Canadian Northern to be carried by them at a through rate to Fort William or Port Arthur when delivered in transit to the elevators of the complainants upon the stop-over privilege of 1 cent per 100 pounds:—Held, (1) that the interswitching order of July 8th, 1908, did not apply, that the charge of \$5.00 per car made by the Canadian Pacific for interswitching was reasonable and tariffs should be filed accordingly. (2) That the Canadian Northern could not be called upon to absorb any of this charge, the provisions of the interswitching order of July 8th, 1908, only applying to terminal and not to intermediate points. (3) That refunds in excess of the charge of \$5.00 already paid could not be directed, the railway companies charging the tolls called for in their tariff. *Canadian Manufacturers' Association v. Canadian Freight Association (Joint Switching Rates Case)*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 302, distinguished. *Anchor Elevator & Warehousing and Northern Elevator Cos. v. Canadian Northern and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 175.

INTERSWITCHING CHARGES; THROUGH FREIGHT TRAFFIC; REDUCTION OF TOLLS; HIGHER GRADE ORE.

The Red Mountain Ry. Co. applied to the Board for a variation of its order fixing the tolls to be paid them for interswitching services performed on through traffic of ore from the Le Roi Mines to the "transfer track" of the Columbia and Western Ry. Co. The Board had on the application of the Columbia and Western fixed at \$3.50 and subsequently reduced to \$3.00, per carload, the tolls for interswitching paid to the Red Mountain. The variation to raise the tolls was sought on the ground that higher grade ore should pay a higher toll and a less movement of cars was not so profitable as a larger:—Held, (1) that the application should be refused, the conditions not having changed and the car movement considered when the order was made. (2) That the order must be held to have been properly made and the tolls to be fair and proper until the contrary was conclusively shewn. (3) Held, further, that the application could not be entertained because the proprietors of the Le Roi Mines who were interested parties, had not been notified. (4) That the Columbia and Western should absorb any increase in the tolls charged for interswitching. (5) That the general interswitching order of 8th July, 1908, *Canadian Manufacturers' Association v. Canadian Freight Association (Joint Switching Rates Case)*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas.

302, does not cover the present case. *Red Mountain Ry. Co. v. Columbia & Western Ry. Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 224.

THROUGH RATE; DEMURRAGE CHARGE; STOP-OVER CHARGE; REASONABLE RATE.

Upon a complaint against a charge of one cent per hundred pounds made by the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. on grain and grain products in carload lots consigned to Cartier "for orders" and a like charge made by the Grand Trunk Ry. Co. on lumber and forest products in carloads from British Columbia consigned to Sarnia Tunnel "for orders." It appeared that the railway companies had previously made no charge for this stop-over privilege, except a per diem charge of 25 cents a day for the first 48 hours' delay and the usual charge for demurrage of \$1 per day on cars delayed over 48 hours, and shippers were allowed to ship freight at a through rate to a certain intermediate point and there await further instructions from the consignee as to final point of destination:—Held, (1) that the tariff imposing the additional stop-over charge of 1 cent per hundred pounds should be disallowed. (2) That this stop-over privilege was originally taken into consideration as an element in fixing a reasonable per diem rate and that a stop-over charge of 25 cents per diem per car for the first 48 hours, and the car service toll of \$1 a car for each additional 24 hours be substituted for the charge complained of. [*Cartier Stop-over Case*.] *Montreal Board of Trade (Transportation Bureau) and the Fullerton Lumber Co. v. Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk Ry. Cos.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 227.

SWITCHING AND HANDLING TRAFFIC; COMPETITIVE PLANTS; EQUALITY.

Application of the railway company to fix the toll for switching and handling traffic to and from the respondents' spur, two and a half miles north of Hespeler. The applicants relied on a similar order made in the case of the Pilon spur on the Canada Atlantic Railway near Casselman, where an additional charge of \$3.00 per car was allowed, on the increased cost of construction, on the increased cost of operation on account of grade, and that the \$3.00 per car which the respondents had paid under protest did not cover cost of operation. The respondents contended that they were not bound by the Pilon order, of which they had no notice, there was a discrimination of \$6.00 per car as compared with free service to competitive plants between stations on the line from Guelph to Galt:—Held,

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that under s. 315 (4) of the Railway Act it is required that all competitive industries should be treated alike. Held, that the railway company were not entitled to make an extra charge for switching services. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Christie, Henderson & Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 502.

INTERCHANGE SWITCH; INTERSWITCHING CHARGES.

An application by the town of Brampton for an order directing the railway companies to provide and construct an "interchange switch" at the intersection of the lines of the said railway companies. The traffic officers of the Board reported that the railway companies had very few joint tariffs, so that if a firm located on the tracks of one company, desired to ship or receive traffic to or from points on the line of the other, it had either to team the traffic to the station of the other or pay the two local rates to the nearest junction point where the interchange could be made, that although this traffic originated at a common point the railway companies refused to absorb the tolls charged for inter-switching competitive traffic, but if the interchange switch was established the traffic in question would then necessarily become strictly competitive and the provisions of the General Interswitching Order, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 302, would apply automatically; the traffic which might be interchanged if the connection was made was estimated at from 150 to 200 cars.—Held, (1) that the business situation justifies the order for this connection. (2) That it is the duty of railway companies, within reason, to furnish interchange facilities to shippers at the point of intersection of their respective lines. [*Brampton Interchange Case.*] *Town of Brampton v. Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 173.

PRIVATE SIDING AND WAREHOUSE; FREIGHT SHEDS; TOLL FOR SWITCHING; REFUND.

A railway company after placing a carload of freight at the consignee's warehouse desired to inspect its contents, but this was objected to by the consignee. The company then returned the car to its freight sheds and after inspection notified the consignee that the car was ready for delivery at its own teaming track, or would be placed at his warehouse upon payment of the toll for switching or "new delivery." The consignee having paid the toll applied for its refund, contending that inspection should take place before delivery, that it was in-

convenient for inspection to be made at his private warehouse and the company had no right to use his property for its own purposes. The company submitted that inspection of carloads at private warehouses was recognized in the classification and was a practice followed for the protection of shippers, that it was also a saving of time and enabled the company to make quick delivery.—Held, (1) that no definite rule could be laid down as to the point at which inspection should take place. (2) That although a railway company, under sub-s. 2 of s. 400 of the Railway Act has the right to make inspection, it has no right to use private property for that purpose to the detriment or inconvenience of the owner. (3) That if a carload of freight after having been placed at a private warehouse, or on a private siding, is removed by a railway company for the purpose of inspection, it should be returned without any toll being charged to the consignee for the movement. *Cottrell v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 349.

INTERSWITCHING CHARGES; SPECIAL COMMODITY TARIFF; GENERAL INTERSWITCHING ORDER.

An application to direct the respondent to absorb the interswitching charges collected by the Canadian Northern Ry. Co. for the transfer of cars of pig iron within its yard at Port Arthur to the lines of the respondent. The applicant submitted that under s. 2 of the General Interswitching Order of 8th July, 1908 (7 Can. Ry. Cas., p. 332), the entire interswitching charge should be absorbed. The respondent alleged that the low toll given by the special commodity tariff of 14th October, 1909, was on condition that the applicant would ship summer and winter by its lines, that when such tariff was arranged nothing was said about the question of switching, and the respondent was not aware that the applicant's plant was located on the line of the Canadian Northern Railway and that such switching would be necessary.—Held, (1) that the special commodity tariff went into force subject to the terms of the General Interswitching Order, and no silence on the question of switching could take the traffic out from under its provisions. (2) That the traffic fell under ss. 4 and 8 of the General Order and the respondent should absorb one-half of the Port Arthur interswitching charge. *Atikokan Iron Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 6.

FRUIT COMMODITIES; COMPLETION OF CARLOADS; STOP-OVER PRIVILEGES; THROUGH RATES; JOINT ROUTE.

For a number of years carriers carried a certain fruit commodity to concentration points for storage, inspection or completion of carload and reshipment at a reduction of one-third of the local tolls, the combination of these tolls in and out not to be less than the through toll from the first shipping point to final destination plus 2 cents per 100 lbs., and if to the concentration point a joint route had to be used, the reduction applied only to the portion of the earnings that the carrier received from the second haul or reshipment from that point, the railways not having satisfactorily justified withdrawing the completion of carload concession and restricting the storage and inspection privileges to carloads, an order should be made directing that the former arrangement should be re-established. *Simcoe Fruits, Ltd. and Ontario Fruit Growers' Association v. Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 370.

F. Passenger Fares.

CARRIAGE OF PASSENGERS; RATES AND ACCOMMODATION.

Two questions must be found in favour of the applicant before the writ of prerogative mandamus can issue: first, has the applicant a specific legal right to the performance of some duty by the respondent; and, second, will the applicant without the benefit of the writ be left without effectual remedy? Where the applicant sought a mandamus to compel the Grand Trunk Railway Company, pursuant to s. 3 of their Act of incorporation, 16 Viet. c. 27 (C.), to run a train containing third-class carriages, and to permit the applicant to travel therein on payment of a fare not exceeding one penny a mile.—Held, that the applicant had an adequate remedy under the provisions of the Dominion Railway Act, 1903 (ss. 8, 23, 25, 44, 214 and 294 being specially referred to), and that that remedy could be more conveniently applied and executed under the direction and supervision of the Board of Railway Commissioners than by the Court; and the application was refused. *Re Robertson and Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 490, 14 O.L.R. 497.

[*vide Robertson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 494.]

THIRD-CLASS PASSENGERS; TWO CENT (PENNY) FARE.

Section 3 of the Act of Incorporation of

the Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 16 Viet. c. 37 (C.), enacting that the fare or charge for each third-class passenger by any train on the said railway, shall not exceed one penny currency per each mile travelled, and that at least one train having in it third-class carriages, shall run every day throughout the length of the line, has not been repealed either expressly or by implication by subsequent general railway legislation, and is still in force. Upon an application under s. 26 of the Railway Act, c. 37, R.S.C. 1906, the Board made an order requiring the company to run every day throughout the length of its line between Montreal and Toronto at least one train having in it third-class carriages, and forbidding it to charge third-class passenger fares at more than two cents per mile, and directing it to amend its special tariffs accordingly. *Robertson v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 494.

[*vide Re Robertson and Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 490, 14 O.L.R. 497; affirmed in 39 Can. S.C.R. 506, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 267.]

PASSENGER TOLLS; THIRD-CLASS FARES.

The legislation by the late Province of Canada and the Parliament of Canada since the enactment of s. 3 of the Statute of Canada, 16 Viet. c. 37, in 1852, has not expressly or by implication repealed the provisions of that section requiring third-class passenger carriages to be run every day upon the line of the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada, between Toronto and Montreal, on which the fare or charge for each third-class passenger shall not exceed one penny currency for each mile travelled. 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 494 affirmed. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Robertson*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 267, 39 Can. S.C.R. 506.

SPECIAL PASSENGER RATES; DELEGATES TO CONVENTION; STANDARD PASSENGER TARIFF; RECOVERY OF AMOUNT OVERPAID.

A railway company agreed with a lodge to give reduced excursion rates, provided a certain number took advantage of them; but these rates were not approved by the Board of Railway Commissioners under the Railway Act, 1906, s. 331. On the return trip the railway company refused to grant the reduced rate and collected full fare. In an action to recover the amount overpaid:—Held. (following *Lees v. Ottawa & New York Ry. Co.*, 31 O.R. 567), that notwithstanding the absence of approval of the rate under s. 331 of the Railway Act, the amount overpaid could be recovered. *Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias v. Great Northern*

Ry. Co., 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 263, 6 West. L.R. 425.

PASSENGER TOLLS; THROUGH RATES; JOINT TARIFFS; CONTINUOUS ROUTE; COMPETITIVE AND NON-COMPETITIVE POINTS.

The Canadian Northern Ontario Railway Company applied to the Board for an order under s. 317 of the Railway Act, directing the Grand Trunk and the Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos. to provide facilities for passengers desiring to travel from or through points on lines of the respondent companies, or either of them, to points on the lines of the applicant and its connections and to issue tickets at through rates accordingly, the application covering points in Canada and the United States. The object of the application was to oblige the respondent companies to transfer to it at Toronto passengers desiring to reach the Muskoka district which is served by the lines of the three companies. The applicant has no connections east or west of Toronto, but Toronto may be reached from the United States by steamer from the Niagara frontier during the summer months. As to competitive points:—Held, (1) that it has not been shown that any "obstruction is offered to the public desirous of using such railways as a continuous line of communication" within sub-s. 4 of s. 317. (2) That the arrangement between the respondents has not been shown to constitute an undue or an unreasonable preference as against the applicant nor to be to the public disadvantage. (3) That a change for the pecuniary benefit of the applicant is not, of itself, a sufficient reason for granting the application. Without deciding that s. 317 applies only to non-competitive points:—Held, (1) that joint fares and rates should be established on joint traffic from non-competitive points destined to points common to the applicant's and respondents' lines. (2) That the other requests in the application should be refused. [Muskoka Rates Case.] Canadian Northern Ontario Ry. Co. v. Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos., 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 289.

[Referred to in Can. North. Ry. Co. v. Grand Trunk, etc. Ry. Cos., 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 139; followed in Great North. Ry. Co. v. Can. North. Ry. Co., 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 425.]

COMMUTATION PASSENGER TICKETS; UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; UNDUPE PREFERENCE.

Upon an application to the Board for an order directing the Grand Trunk Ry. Co. to issue commutation tickets as well between Toronto and Brampton as between the

same point and Oakville, Brampton being within 4/100 of a mile of the distance from Toronto to Oakville, but on a different line; it was contended that the passenger fares between the said points constituted an unjust discrimination or undue preference in favour of Oakville and against Brampton, and that the onus lay on the railway company by s. 77 to shew that it did not exist:—Held, (1) that under s. 341 the railway company was within its rights in issuing such reduced fare tickets between Toronto and Oakville. (2) That the application must be refused, Oakville not having profited at the expense of Brampton. (3) A railway company has the right under the Railway Act to discriminate between points and is only required to prove itself free from unjust discrimination or undue preference. [Brampton Commutation Rate Case.] *Wegenast v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 42, 168.

[Followed in Toronto and Brampton v. Grand Trunk, etc. Ry. Cos., 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 370.]

COMMUTATION TICKETS.

The Board of Railway Commissioners under s. 55 of the Railway Act, stated for the opinion of the Supreme Court the following question: Is s. 341 of the Railway Act of Canada controlled, modified or affected by s. 77, or any other section of the Act, and if so to what extent?—Held, Davies, and Anglin, JJ., dissenting, that the provisions of s. 77 of the Railway Act do affect the issue of commutation tickets under s. 341. [Brampton Commutation Rate Case (No. 2).] *City of Toronto v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co. and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos.*, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 365.

UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; COMMUTATION TOLLS; PERSONS OR LOCALITIES; FIXED RADIUS.

Application by the town of Brampton under ss. 315, 318 and 323 of the Railway Act for orders directing the Grand Trunk Ry. Co. to cease unjust discrimination between Brampton and other localities in commutation tolls, to provide proper commutation tolls and to disallow the present toll. Application by the city of Toronto under ss. 77, 315, and 323 of the Railway Act for orders directing the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos. to cease unjust discrimination between the city of Toronto and suburban municipalities in regard to commutation tolls, and fix commutation tolls within a certain radius of the city. Counsel for the town of Brampton relied upon the proceedings upon the former ap-

plication reported in *Wegenast v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* (Brampton Commutation Rate Case), 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 42. Counsel for the city of Toronto contended that the Board should be guided in fixing the radius to which commutation tolls should apply by the distances of suburban points which now have them from Toronto; that there is unjust discrimination in certain suburban points further away being granted these tolls and others nearer being refused them and in the distance from Montreal to suburban points to which such tolls are now extended. The railway companies contended that the granting of commutation tolls was within their discretion, being authorized by the Railway Act to discriminate between persons or localities:—Held, (1) that affirmative evidence must be presented to shew unjust discrimination between persons or localities, although the onus is on the railway companies to disprove it. (2) That the application of the town of Brampton must be refused for the reasons given in *Wegenast v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 42. (3) That unjust discrimination not having been shewn, the application of the city of Toronto must be refused. (4) That no evidence was given of the stations in the vicinity of Montreal to which commutation tolls were granted, or of the amount of traffic in the case of either city. *Wegenast v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.* (Brampton Commutation Rate Case), 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 42, followed. *City of Toronto and Town of Brampton v. Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos.* (Brampton Commutation Rate Case (No. 2)), 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 370.

THIRD-CLASS PASSENGER FARES.

Section 3 of 16 Vict. c. 37 (Province of Canada) is not inconsistent with or impliedly repealed by the Dominion Railway Act, 1906 (6 Edw. VII. c. 42). Accordingly the appellants are bound to carry third-class passengers for the fare of a penny per mile, and to provide one train every day with third-class carriages between Toronto and Montreal. *Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Robertson*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 149, [1909] A.C. 325.

PASSENGER FARES; STANDARD PASSENGER AND SPECIAL FREIGHT TARIFFS; DEFICIENT CAR SERVICE; PASSENGER FACILITIES.

Complaint that the respondent corporation charged excessive passenger, freight and express tolls, and did not furnish sufficient car service and passenger facilities. The respondent corporation operate a railway and collieries; own large areas of irri-

gated lands and town lots, and is the result of amalgamation of the Alberta Railway and Coal, Canadian North West Irrigation, St. Mary's River Railway, Alberta Railway and Irrigation Companies. Counsel for the respondent contended that the tolls should not be reduced and greater facilities furnished, because the railway and irrigation works did not pay, and the land and coal areas covered the deficits. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company recently acquired a controlling interest in the respondent corporation, and will probably operate its railway:—Held, (1) that there was no evidence that the railway did not pay. (2) That the respondent corporation be required to file within a specified time, (a) standard passenger tariffs charging three cents per mile and one-sixth less for round trip tickets, (b) special tariffs of freight rates between all the stations on a basis that shall not exceed those of the Canadian Pacific for the same or similar distances and on the same commodities, (c) a special tariff of class rates not higher than the same tariff of the Canadian Pacific Railway for the same or the nearest equivalent distances, and (d) express tariff of tolls as required by s. 350 of the Railway Act. (3) That the complaints relating to the respondent's express service and charge should stand for disposition until the general express enquiry is dealt with. (4) That the complaint as to deficient car service and passenger facilities may be renewed if necessary at the expiration of six months. *Cardston Board of Trade v. Alberta Railway and Irrigation Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 214.

THROUGH PASSENGER TOLLS; JOINT TARIFFS; CONTINUOUS ROUTE; INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY.

After the judgment of the Board on a previous application (*Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos.*, 7 Can. Ry. Cas. 289), for the granting of facilities under s. 317, whereby the applicant and respondent companies were directed to issue joint tariffs of passenger tolls upon joint traffic interchanged between the said companies from non-competitive points to points common to the applicant's and respondents' lines, a further application was made for the filing by the respondent companies of tariffs from frontier points in the United States to non-competitive points on the applicant's line:—Held, refusing the application, (1) that the Board has no jurisdiction over rates charged by railways from points in the United States up to the International boundary. (2) That the Board has juris-

diction the very moment the traffic crosses the International boundary, whether it is a dividing point on land or water. Mr. Commissioner Mills dissenting. [Muskoka Rates Case (No. 2).] Canadian Northern Ry. Co. v. Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos., 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 139.

[Followed in Continental, etc. Oil Co. v. Can. Pac., etc. Ry. Co., 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 156.]

UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS; EXCURSION FARES.

Application to prohibit the respondent from charging 25 cents for vising railway certificates entitling persons attending meetings to return to their homes without payment of a return fare and to reduce the number of persons entitled thereto from 300 to 250 or 200. To avoid confusion, errors and more serious faults, the principal railway and steamship companies operating in Canada formed the respondent association with an office in Montreal, maintained in part by this 25 cent charge; and officials being sent to the different society meetings for the purpose of vising the certificates of the members. In the tariff filed with the Board the statement appeared that a fee of 25 cents was charged to defray the expenses of the special agent vising the certificates—it was shewn that there was a yearly deficit in the expenses of the office which was made up by contributions from the railway companies, members of the respondent association. The applicant contended that the charge of 25 cents was not a toll under s. 9 of c. 61 of 7 & 8 Edw. VII. and that members travelling a short distance were unjustly discriminated against in favour of those travelling a longer distance by being compelled to pay such charge:—Held, (1) that such charge was a toll or charge made in connection with the transportation of passengers and that it was covered by the tariff filed by the respondent. (2) That the Board has no jurisdiction to compel the respondent to issue excursion rates or fix the number of persons entitled thereto. Mr. Commissioner McLean, dissenting in part: The 25 cent charge as described in the tariff did not fall within the definition of tolls in c. 61, s. 9 of 7 & 8 Edw. VII. Canadian Fraternal Association v. Canadian Passenger Association, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 178.

G. Electric Railways.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY; PASSENGER FARES; APPROVAL OF TARIFF BY PARK COMMISSIONERS.

The Ontario Railway and Municipal

Board, upon an application by the Board of Trade above-named, made an order compelling the International Railway Company, owning and operating an electric railway along the bank of the Niagara river from Queenston to Chippawa, and incorporated by 55 Vict. c. 96 (O.), to comply with s. 171 of the Ontario Railway Act, 1906, by accepting a five cent cash fare for conveying passengers for any distance not exceeding three miles, etc.:—Held, reversing the order of the Board, that the company came within sub-s. 5 of s. 171, providing that "this section shall not apply to a company whose tariff for passenger fares is subject to the approval of any commissioners in whom are vested any park or lands owned by the Crown for the use of the public of the Province of Ontario;" and, s. 171 being thus excluded, that the Board had no power, on an application such as was made in this case, to direct what fares the company should charge. The effect of the incorporation into the Companies Act of s. 21 of the Railway Act of Ontario, R.S.O. 1887, c. 170, was not to abrogate clause 32 of the agreement with the Commissioners for the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park, set out as schedule B to the Companies Act. They should be read together in such a way as to give effect to both; and reading them as subjecting the company's tariff to the approval of both the commissioners and the Lieutenant-Governor-in-council (or the Board substituted therefor) was not inconsistent with the intention of the parties. In re Niagara Falls Board of Trade and International Ry. Co., 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 63, 20 O.L.R. 197.

AGREEMENT AS TO SPECIAL RATES; UNJUST DISCRIMINATION.

A company operating, subject to Dominion authority, a tramway through several municipalities adjacent to the city of Montreal, and having connections and traffic arrangements with a provincial tramway in that city, entered into an agreement under statutory authority with one of the municipalities whereby, in consideration of special privileges conceded in regard to the use of streets, etc., lower rates of passenger fares were granted to persons using the tramway therein, for transportation to and from the city, than to denizens of the adjoining municipality with which there was no such agreement. On the hearing of a complaint, alleging unjust discrimination in respect to fares, the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada refused to take the agreement into consideration when tendered in evidence to justify the granting of

the special rates and ordered the company, appellants, to furnish the service to persons using the tramway in both municipalities at the same rates of fare. On an appeal, by leave of the Board, in respect of the propriety of overlooking the contract, submitted as a question of law:—Held, Davies and Anglin, J.J., dissenting, that, as the existence of the contract was one of the elements bearing upon the decision of the question of substantial similarity in circumstances the Board should have admitted the evidence so tendered in regard to the agreement in consideration of which the special rates of fares had been granted. Montreal Park and Island Ry. Co. v. City of Montreal, 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 254, 43 Can. S.C.R. 256.

[Referred to in Can. Pac., etc. Ry. Cos. v. Regina Board of Trade, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 203, 45 Can. S.C.R. 321.]

H. Telegraph and Telephone Tolls.

TELEGRAPH TOLLS; FILING TARIFFS; UNJUST DISCRIMINATION; PRESS DESPACHES.

Application by the Western Associated Press for reduction of rates charged by the respondents for press despatches, alleging an unjust discrimination in favour of the respondents' customers. The rates charged from points in Eastern Canada to respondents' customers were one cent per word for day service and one-half cent per word for night service, subject to a rule that those rates are "special for publication at point addressed in one newspaper only." The rates charged to the applicants for the same service were one and one-half cents for day and three-quarters of a cent for night despatches:—Held, (1) that the rate made for one class, a single newspaper, should not be arbitrarily applied to another class, an association of newspapers; the different rates not being in themselves unreasonably high. (2) That telegraph companies are brought under the jurisdiction of the Board by 7-8 Edw. VII. c. 61, Part 1, and their tariffs must be approved by it under s. 314 (5) of the Railway Act. (3) That these tariffs must be so framed as not to work unjust discrimination against the applicants, or any other person or association, engaged in like work. (4) That s. 315 would have no application whatever, unless the traffic (press despatches) in question passed over the same portion of the telegraph line from start to finish. (5) That under s. 9 of 7-8 Edw. VII. c. 61, the definition of "toll" or "rate" has equal application to railway, telegraph and tele-

phone companies. Western Associated Press v. Canadian Pacific Ry. and Great North Western Telegraph Cos., 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 482.

TELEGRAPHS; TELEGRAPH TOLLS; UNJUST DISCRIMINATION.

The Board held that an increase from 25 to 50 cents per 100 words in telegraph tolls for "press specials" in the Maritime Provinces, while the former rate of 25 cents was continued in Ontario and Quebec was *prima facie* an unjust discrimination against the Maritime Provinces and in the absence of evidence of special circumstances justifying the difference in rate ordered the former rate to be restored. Canadian Press v. Great North Western, etc., Telegraph Cos., 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 151.

TELEGRAPHS; TELEGRAPH TOLLS; UNREMEMORATIVE BUSINESS.

The Board refused to order telegraph companies to provide special tolls for press service similar to tolls provided by another telegraph company under special agreement when it appeared that the objecting companies had not sought the press business or provided the necessary facilities for it and that it would be unremunerative. Canadian Press v. Great North Western, etc., Telegraph Cos., 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 151.

TELEPHONE TOLLS; BUSINESS TOLL; RESIDENTIAL TOLL.

Complaint that a toll of \$45 for the rental of a telephone in a nurse's residence, used also as her office, was excessive and not justified by the amount of user. The complainant used the telephone at her residence for the purposes of her business or profession as a nurse and was charged the higher or business toll rather than the lower or residential toll. It appeared that her business use of the telephone averaged about once a week:—Held, (1) that the complainant was not in the same position as a subscriber who has a telephone at his place of business and another at his residence, and the complaint must be dismissed. (2) That a telephone in the residence of a business or professional man who has no office telephone is properly charged the business toll, irrespective of the amount of user. Bayly v. Bell Telephone Co., 11 Can. Ry. Cas. 190.

TOLLS; LONG DISTANCE CONNECTION; OUTBOUND AND INBOUND TRAFFIC.

An application under sub-s. 5 of s. 4 of 7 & 8 Edw. VII. c. 61, Railway Act amend-

ment, directing the respondent to provide long distance connection with the systems of the applicants:—Held, (1) that it is the duty of the Board in granting the application to protect invested capital of the respondent. (2) That the connection desired should be provided by the respondent at the expense of the applicants for one year. (3) That for outbound traffic (i.e., calls originating on local lines) the applicant shall pay the respondent fifteen cents for each long distance call in addition to the regular long distance tariff of the respondent, and that there shall be no charge upon the inbound traffic (i.e., the calls originating upon the respondent's system). *Rural Telephone Cos. v. Bell Telephone Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 319.

TELEPHONES; TOLLS; INCREASE; PROPER BASIS FOR FIXING.

Valuable as cost of replacement may be under certain conditions as a basis of toll regulation, nevertheless, the company being in an admittedly satisfactory position financially, it would be unnecessary for it, in order to justify an increase of tolls in specified territory, to shew that the exchanges operating in the territory affected had not contributed their proper proportion to the general revenues and reserves of the company and failing such proof application for leave to increase was refused. The burden being on the party attacking the existing toll to make out an affirmative case, an attack upon the reasonableness per se of existing tolls failed where it appeared that the return earned under them was apparently about 8.28 per cent. on the book value of the plant. Preparation for future needs and readiness to serve are requisites of proper management of a public utility corporation, and advantageous to present as well as to prospective users of the service, and it is proper to consider these elements in fixing tolls, when determining whether the value of idle plant shall be included in the amount on which fair return should be allowed. With regard to depreciation, the percentage or composite life basis as compared with the setting aside of an arbitrary annual amount per instrument has both the sanction of business experience and the approval of regulative tribunals, and either the straight line or the sinking fund method may be used. A scientific basis for distribution of long distance revenue as between the lines originating or terminating the message within a city, and the lines transmitting it beyond, is at present unattainable, and to the extent of the undefined costs

outside the city, it is unfair in fixing tolls to attribute to the city territory as revenue the total long distance business of the company originated and terminated in the city regardless of such additional costs. There is no necessary connection between free exchange limits and civic limits; when untrammelled by arrangements already made by the company it is a question of distance and of particular facts; and where the company had extended its flat toll applicable within the city, to certain territory outside, it was in the absence of circumstances to justify the discrimination ordered to extend the same toll to all territory within an equal distance from its main exchange. The existence of excess mileage does not in itself constitute unjust discrimination, but where the conditions of telephone transmission up to the limit of the free area of an exchange are the same, it is unjust discrimination to treat the man living beyond this area and within the exchange territory in a different manner, from the man living inside this area; that is to say, he should have the same free mileage allowed, and excess mileage should be charged only on the portion of the subscriber's line located beyond the boundary of the free mileage zone. *Winnipeg Jobbers' & Shippers' Association v. Canadian Pacific, Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Cos.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 175, at p. 182, followed. It is not the function of the Railway Board to order that specified apparatus should be continued or discontinued unless the efficiency of the service is involved. *City of Montreal v. Bell Telephone Co.*, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 118.

TELEPHONE TOLLS; ANNEXATION; EXCHANGE LIMITS; EXTRA MILEAGE.

Upon the annexation of the district of North Toronto on 1st January, 1913, to the city, application was made to have the tariff of telephone tolls in force within the Toronto Exchange limits (i.e., the limits of the city on 1st January, 1911) extended to the annexed territory. Subscribers outside said limits were charged extra mileage of \$5.00 per quarter mile or fraction thereof, computed from a point three-quarters of a mile distant from the nearest exchange. The nearest exchange to North Toronto is the North Exchange in the city, one and three-quarter miles south of the southern boundary of North Toronto, with which telephones in North Toronto continued to be connected. The circumstances and conditions affecting the telephone service in North Toronto were found to be

dissimilar from those existing within the Toronto Exchange limits, and the application was refused except as to the computation of extra mileage, which was changed to commence at what was the limits of the city on 1st January, 1911, instead of at a point three-quarters of a mile from the North Exchange of the city, following the Montreal Telephone Tolls Case, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 118. [North Toronto Telephone Tolls Case.] City of Toronto v. Bell Telephone Co., 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 142.

I. Rebates and Refunds.

RATES ON CONCRETE BLOCKS; STANDARD TARIFFS; REBATE AND REFUND OF TOLLS.

The Dominion Concrete Company complained to the Board that there was an unjust discrimination in favour of bricks as against concrete blocks in the freight rates charged. After these rates had been satisfactorily adjusted and those on concrete blocks reduced the company applied to the Board for a refund of the difference between the higher and the reduced rate:—Held, that under ss. 323, 327, and 401 of c. 37, R.S.C. 1906 the Board has no power to make a retroactive alteration in a tariff and grant rebates and refunds of tolls which have been charged. Dominion Concrete Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 514.

[Followed in Laidlaw Lumber Co. v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co., 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 192.]

TOLLS FOR CARRIAGE OF GOODS; BY-LAW FIXING RATES; REASONABLENESS.

An action by plaintiff as liquidator of the Canada Coal and Railway Company, Limited, to recover an amount claimed from the defendant company for car rental, etc. Defendant pleaded by way of offset, a claim for repayment of over-charges for the carriage of coal made by the company in liquidation. The evidence shewed that the Joggins Railway Company predecessors in title of the Canada Company, passed a by-law which was approved by the Governor-in-council fixing the rate per ton for the carriage of coal over their line, and that the Canada Company subsequently passed a by-law increasing the rate, and that the defendant company were charged tolls as fixed by the latter by-law, although it had never received a sanction of the Governor-in-council and they claimed to be entitled to recover the difference between the two amounts:—Held, that the by-law

passed by the Joggins Company relating to the tolls to be taken by that company, was not a regulation affecting the road and running with the property, and was not binding upon their successors in title. Held, also, that the Canada Company was not liable to refund moneys paid to them for the carriage of goods simply because they had failed to secure the approval of the Governor-in-council to the by-law fixing the rates. Held, nevertheless, that the trial Judge should have allowed an amendment applied for on the trial, intended to raise the question of the reasonableness of the rates taken, and that the appeal must be allowed and a new trial ordered on this ground. Rodger v. Minnie Coal Co., 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 424, 32 N.S.R. 210.

SEIZURE FOR UNPAID TOLLS; TERMINATION OF CARRIER'S LIEN; DEMAND; CONVERSION.

By s. 345 of the Dominion Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, a railway company may, instead of proceeding by action for the recovery of tolls upon goods carried, "seize the goods for or in respect whereof such tolls are payable, and may detain the same until payment thereof," etc.:—Held, that a railway company are not, by this enactment, given a lien on property carried, to such an extent and of so general and wide an application as to allow them to re-take goods which have been delivered, and as to which the ordinary carrier's lien has terminated; the section does nothing more than confirm and establish the carrier's lien; there is the right to seize and detain, but the right must be exercised and enforced before there is an absolute and unconditional delivery of the goods to the consignee. Semble, that in this case there was not a sufficient demand for the tolls due to the defendants, on account of which they seized goods which they had previously delivered to the consignee, the demand being for a gross sum, including a sum for tolls. Held, also, that the defendants, having converted the goods, were liable for damages; and the measure was the value of the goods. Clisdell v. Kingston and Pembroke Ry. Co., 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 73, 18 O.L.R. 169.

CONTRACT; CARRIAGE BY WATER; COMPULSORY PAYMENT.

An agreement was completed in Canada with an American steamship company to carry oats from a port in Ontario to one in the United States, "at the rate of 2½ cents per bushel," and the master of the

vessel, as agent of the steamship company, accepted the cargo as measured by weight on the Canadian standard of 34 pounds to the bushel, and so indicated on the bills of lading signed by him at the port, which stated "rate of freight as per agreement:"—Held, (Magee, J., dissenting), that the Canadian standard and not the American standard of 32 pounds to the bushel was to be applied to the contract. Where, on delivery by vessel of cargo, freight in excess of the amount due was paid as demanded, without protest. Held, that nevertheless such payment was not voluntary, since, if it had not been made, expenses for storage, with possibly demurrage and loss by reason of non-delivery to purchasers, would have been incurred; and the excess paid was recoverable by action. A contract by telegram is made at the place where the telegram of acceptance is sent from. *Melady v. Jenkins Steamship Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 78, 18 O.L.R. 251.

WRONG-BILLING; EXCESSIVE TOLLS; REFUND.

On an application to recover damages for the company's alleged negligence in way-billing a skiff to the wrong address, and charging excess tolls for sending it in a roundabout course to its proper destination, it being in dispute who was responsible for the erroneous way-billing:—Held, that the Board had no jurisdiction to entertain the complaint; the complainant must be left to her rights in the Courts. Held, that the Board could only investigate the error in computing the express tolls of the company, but as the company offers to refund the excess the Board should not interfere. *Rogers v. Canadian Express Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 480.

REFUND; MISTAKE; PUBLISHED TARIFFS; UNJUST DISCRIMINATION.

Application for a refund for an overcharge on a carload shipment of evaporated milk, alleged to be due to a mistake of the respondent's agent. The applicants, under the impression that there was a special commodity tariff of 95 cents per hundred pounds on a minimum basis of 30,000 pounds per carload, paid the freight as estimated by the respondent's agent on that basis. Subsequently the applicants received a debit note for \$91.67 from their consignees in Vancouver making with what they had already paid, \$380 according to the published special commodity tariff of 95 cents per hundred pounds on a minimum basis of 40,000 pounds per car:—Held, (1) that the application for a refund must be refused, the applicants hav-

ing made the initial error of assuming that the minimum carload weight was 30,000 pounds, which they could have avoided by examining the published tariffs. (2) That if the shipment had moved at the lower toll it would have been an unlawful variation from the published tariff. (3) That the granting of a refund would also be unlawful and might constitute unjust discrimination in favour of the applicants as against other shippers paying upon the basis of the published tariffs. *Canadian Condensing Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 1.

OVERCHARGE; MISTAKE; REFUND.

Application for a refund of an overcharge on the transportation by water of a shipment of carbide from Vancouver to Alberni, B.C., and for a reimbursement of expense in obtaining redress:—Held, (1) that the Board had jurisdiction under s. 7 of the Act, over the charges for transportation by water when such transport is under the control of a railway company. (2) That the Board could only declare the overcharge illegal, having no jurisdiction to order a refund in a case of mistake. (3) That the Board has not set a precedent by ordering reimbursement of expense in obtaining redress, but that means should be adopted by railway companies to rectify plain and palpable errors leading to overcharges and that if this is not done it may be necessary for the Board to compel railway companies to reimburse those incurring expense in similar cases. *Currie v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 31.

FREIGHT TOLLS; REBATE AGREEMENT; BY-LAWS TO FIX TOLLS APPROVED BY LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL.

The rebate agreement upon freight charges between a railway company and a forwarder, made in the absence of a by-law or of a resolution of the shareholders of the company at a general meeting and approved by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-council, violates the prohibition embodied in s. 6607 and following R.S.Q. 1909, is consequently null and void and leaves the forwarder without redress. *Kennedy v. Quebec & Lake St. John Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 153, Q.R. 39 S.C. 344.

[Reversed in *Que. R. 21 K.B. 85*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 161.]

PROVINCIAL RAILWAYS; FREIGHT TOLLS; REBATE AGREEMENT; POWER OF DIRECTORS.

Held, (1) an agreement between a pro-

vincial railway company and a shipper whereby a rebate is allowed upon freight tolls is not a violation of art. 5172, R.S.Q. 1888, art. 6607 et seq. R.S.Q. 1909, unless it entails an undue preference or advantage. Hence, if entered into for special reasons, e.g., the obligation of the forwarder to ship all his products over such railway, to himself pay the cost of loading and unloading, etc., the agreement is presumed to be lawful, until it is shown to conceal an injustice. (2) The directors of the company, without being specially authorized thereto by the shareholders, have the power and capacity to enter into the aforesaid agreement. *Kennedy v. Quebec & Lake St. John Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 161, Q.R. 21 K.B. 85.

Note on interchange of traffic between steamship and railway companies as constituting a continuous route, 5 Can. Ry. Cas. 199.

Note on jurisdiction of Board respecting joint tariffs in connection with international through traffic, 12 Can. Ry. Cas. 66.

Note on discretion of carriers to fix rates to meet competition of other transportation agencies or markets, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 182.

Note on regulation of rates and tariffs on through traffic, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 556.

TRAFFIC.

See Sunday Traffic; Interchange of Traffic.

For traffic agreements, see Carriers of Goods.

For opening road for traffic, see Board of Railway Commissioners.

CONSTRUCTION PERIOD; DUTY TO TRANSPORT GENERALLY.

A railway company cannot lawfully carry passengers over a road that has not been opened for traffic by an order of the Board of Railway Commissioners under s. 261 of the Railway Act, except labourers employed in the construction thereof. *Re Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co.*, 3 D.L.R. 819.

TRAIN.

For definition of a train, see Signals and Warnings.

TRAIN SERVICE.

As affecting passengers, see Carriers of Passengers.

For car equipment, see Cars.

For regulation of street railway service, see Street Railways.

TRANSFER COMPANIES.

See Carriers of Goods; Limitation of Liability.

TRAUMATIC NEURASTHENIA.

For damages for injuries causing nervous disorder, see Damages.

TRESPASS.

For trespass to lands in consequence of construction of railway, see Expropriation.

SURVEYORS CUTTING TREES; ACTION FOR DAMAGES IN RUNNING TRIAL LINE.

If damages are occasioned to a landowner by the exercise of the powers conferred on a railway company by the Railway Act and there is no negligence in the mode of exercising such powers, the person injuriously affected is limited to the provisions of the Act for compensation. But if there is negligence in such exercise of statutory powers, or if damages are unnecessarily inflicted, then an action will lie and the complainant is not limited to the remedy given by the arbitration clauses of the Act. The plaintiff's claim was for damages for cutting down trees in his grove through which the defendants were making a survey for a trial line for a proposed branch of their railway, but the possibility of running the trial line through the grove without cutting down the trees by making a rectangular detour around it was not raised at the trial and the trial Judge did not pass upon it:—Held, per Richards and Mathers, J.J., that the plaintiff, who had been nonsuited at the trial, was entitled to a new trial to determine whether the line could not have been run in the manner suggested. At the new trial ordered the County Court Judge again nonsuited the plaintiff who appealed to the Court of Appeal. Held, that the evidence shewed that it was unnecessary to cut down the trees for the purpose of running the required trial line and that the plaintiff was entitled to recover in the action, and that judgment should be entered for him for \$250 damages and cost of both trials and both appeals. *Barrett v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 16 Man. L.R. 549 and 558, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 356 and 364.

KNOWLEDGE OF REASONABLE USER OF LAND; NOTICE PRESUMED.

A trespasser on lands is to be dealt with as having notice or knowledge that the

owner of the land will try to use it in any reasonable and usual way which may be profitable to him, and is accountable for damages accordingly. [10 Halsbury's Laws of England 317, discussed; *Lloy v. Dartmouth*, 30 N.S.R. 298, specially referred to.] *Marson v. Grand Trunk Pac. Ry. Co.* (Alta.), 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 26, 1 D.L.R. 850.

[Followed in *Lavallee et al. v. C.N. Ry. Co.*, 4 D.L.R. 376.]

Note on damage resulting from the exercise of corporate powers, and the right of recovery. 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 365.

TRESPASSERS.

For persons travelling without tickets, see Carriers of Passengers.

For trespassing animals, see Fences and Cattle-guards.

For employees as trespassers, see Employees.

For trespassing children, see Negligence, Fences and Cattle-guards; Street Railways.

TRIAL.

See Pleading and Practice.

ULTIMATE NEGLIGENCE.

See Negligence; Employees; Street Railways; Carriers of Passengers.

UNDERPASS.

See Farm Crossings.

UNJUST DISCRIMINATION.

As affecting classification of tariffs, see Tolls and Tariffs.

Unjust discrimination in supplying cars, see Cars.

VENUE.

See Pleading and Practice.

For condition of free transportation granting railway company change of venue, see Pleading and Practice.

VERDICT.

See Pleading and Practice.

VESTIBULE CAR.

See Carriers of Passengers.

VIADUCT.

See Bridges.

VOLENS.

See Employees; Pleading and Practice.

WAREHOUSES, YARDS AND WORKSHOPS.

For municipal bonus on condition of non-removal of workshops, see Railway Subsidy.

RAILWAY YARD; INJURY TO VISITOR; LICENSEE; DAMAGES.

The plaintiff's son was given leave by a yardmaster of the defendant's to learn in the railway yard the duties of car-checker, with the expectation that if he became competent he would be taken into the employment of the defendants in that capacity, and he was free to devote as much or as little time to acquiring the necessary knowledge as he saw fit. While he was in the railway yard a few days after this permission had been given he was killed by an engine of the defendants which was running through the railway yard without the bell being rung though the rules of the defendants required this to be done.—Held, that the deceased was a licensee and not a trespasser; that the defendants were bound to exercise reasonable care for his protection; and that the omission to give the warning was negligence which made them liable in damages for his death. The Court being of opinion, however, that damages of \$3,000 allowed by the jury were excessive, ordered that there should be a new trial unless the plaintiff should consent to accept \$1,500. *Collier v. Michigan Central Ry. Company*, 27 Ont. App. 630.

[Referred to in *Renwick v. Galt Street Ry. Co.*, 11 O.L.R. 158, 12 O.L.R. 35.

STATUTORY OBLIGATION; ENFORCEMENT BY MUNICIPALITY; PROHIBITION AGAINST REMOVAL OF "WORKSHOPS."

Upon a motion made by the plaintiffs, pursuant to leave given in the judgment reported in 1 O.L.R. 480, for leave to amend by claiming a remedy against the defendants by virtue of the prohibition contained in s. 37 of 45 Vict. c. 67 (O.), providing that "the workshops now existing at the town of Whitley, on the Whitley section, shall not be removed by the consolidated company (the Midland Railway Company of Canada) without the consent of the council of the corporation of the said town":—Held, that this section im-

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posed an obligation upon the Midland Railway Company of Canada for the benefit of the plaintiffs, who were entitled to maintain an action thereon in their own name; and by virtue of 56 Vict. c. 47 (D.), amalgamating the Midland Company with the defendants, and cl. 3 of the agreement in the schedule to that Act, the plaintiffs could maintain an action against the defendants for damages for any breach of the obligation committed by the Midland Railway Company before, or by the defendants since, the amalgamation; and the plaintiffs should be allowed to amend and to have judgment for such damages as they were entitled to. Held, also, that "the workshops now existing" meant the buildings used as workshops; and damages could not be assessed on the basis of the prohibition being against the shutting down of or reducing the extent of the work carried on in the workshops. *Town of Whitby v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 1 Can. Ry. Cas. 276, 3 O.L.R. 536.

DUTY AS TO SAFETY AND CARE.

The obligation resting upon a railway company as the owner or occupier of a building to which the public is invited to commit themselves or their property is to have the structure in a reasonably safe condition so far as the exercise of reasonable care and skill can make it so. *Pollock on Torts*, 8th ed., pp. 508, 512, referred to; see also *Underhill on Torts*, 9th ed., p. 171. *Gunn v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 1 D.L.R. 232, 20 W.L.R. 219, 48 C.L.J. 153, 22 Man. L.R. 32.

STABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR HORSES.

Where a railway company is the owner or occupier of a stable, and supplies stable accommodation and feed for horses at a fixed sum per day, but without giving the exclusive use of any part of the stable, it is under obligation to see that the stable is in a reasonably safe condition so far as the exercise of reasonable care and skill can make it so and this obligation subsists notwithstanding that the horses were fed and cared for by their owner. *Francis v. Cockrell*, L.R. 5 Q.B. 501; and *Stewart v. Cobalt*, 19 O.L.R. 667, applied; see also annotation to this case. *Gunn v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.*, 1 D.L.R. 232, 20 W.L.R. 219, 48 C.L.J. 153, 22 Man. L.R. 32.

WATCHMEN.

See *Highway Crossing; Railway Crossings; Crossings. Injuries at.*

WATERS.

For power of Dominion Parliament to regulate Provincial foreshore and harbour, see *Constitutional Law*.

For damage caused by waters, see *Nuisance*.

NAVIGABLE RIVER; RIGHTS OF RIPARIAN OWNERS; OBSTRUCTION; DAMAGES.

Held, (1) reversing the judgment of the Court below, *Taschereau, J.*, dissenting, that a riparian owner on a navigable river is entitled to damages against a railway company although no land is taken from him, for the obstruction and interrupted access between his property and the navigable waters of the river, viz., for the injury and diminution in value thereby occasioned to his property. (2) That the railway company in the present case, not having complied with the provisions of 43 & 44 Vict. (P.Q.) c. 43, s. 7, sub-ss. 3 & 5, the appellant's remedy by action at law was admissible. 12 Q.L.R. 205 reversed. *Plon v. North Shore Ry. Co.*, 14 Can. S.C.R. 677. [In this case the Judicial Committee affirmed the judgment of the Supreme Court. See 14 App. Cases 612. At p. 614, it is stated that Mr. Justice Strong dissented from the judgment of the Court. This is an error: Mr. Justice Strong concurred with the majority of the Court in allowing the appeal. See *Bigoquette v. North Shore Ry. Co.*, 17 Can. S.C.R. 363.]

[Applied in *Montreal v. Montreal Brewing Co.*, Q.R. 18 K.B. 405; referred to in *Audet v. Quebec*, Q.R. 9 S.C. 342; *Ontario and Quebec Ry. Co. v. Vallières*, Q.R. 36 S.C. 358; relied on in *Sandon Water Works and Light Co. v. Byron N. White Co.*, 35 Can. S.C.R. 321; applied in *Chaudière Machine and Foundry Co. v. Canada Atl. Ry. Co.*, 33 Can. S.C.R. 14; *Queen. The. v. Barry*, 2 Ex. C.R. 348; *Saunby v. London Water Commissioners* (1906), A.C. 110; *Vancouver v. Canadian Pac. Ry. Co.*, 23 Can. S.C.R. 17; *Water Commissioners of London v. Saunby*, 34 Can. S.C.R. 659; approved in *Arthur v. Grand Trunk*, 22 A.R. (Ont.) 89; distinguished in *Clair v. Temiscouata Ry. Co.*, 37 N.B.R. 614; followed in *Barter v. Sprague's Falls Mfg. Co.*, 38 N.S.R. 216; *Bigoquette v. North Shore Ry. Co.*, 17 Can. S.C.R. 363; *Smith v. Public Parks Board*, 15 Man. L.R. 258; referred to in *Bannatyne v. Suburban Rapid Transit Co.*, 15 Man. L.R. 19; *Barter v. Sprague's Falls Mfg. Co.*, 38 N.B.R. 216; *Can. Pac. Ry. Co. v. Parke*, 6 B.C.R. 14, 16; *McArthur v. Northern & Pacific, etc. Ry. Co.*, 17 A.R. (Ont.) 86; *Wood v. Atl. & N.W.*

Ry. Co., Q.R. 2 Q.B. 355; relied on in *The King v. McArthur*, 34 Can. S.C.R. 577; *Winnipeg v. Toronto Gen. Trusts*, 19 Man. L.R. 427.

DIVERSION OF WATER; ORDER OF RAILWAY COMMISSION.

The direction by the Board of Railway Commissioners of work to be done and its approval of plans and of the tariff of rates as provided by the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, is a condition precedent to the right to maintain an action confessoire by the owner of higher lands against a railway company with a federal charter, owner of the lower lands, to compel it to receive water diverted thereto and for damages for its refusal to do so. *Blais v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, Q.R. 39 S.C. 236 (Sup. Ct.).

ACCESS TO HARBOUR; CONSTRUCTION OF EMBANKMENT; RIPARIAN RIGHTS.

Application by land owners that in case the respondents' plans were filed for approval, authorizing the respondent to construct a solid embankment across the entrance to Market Cove, the rights of the parties located thereon should be protected. The respondent had already by the construction of a solid embankment cut off all access from the harbour of Prince Rupert to all points around the cove or bay:—Held, (1) that these applicants by taking leases of lots abutting on the cove acquired access to the water and riparian rights. (2) That the statement of the respondent when withdrawing the location plans that the embankment was constructed on their own lands was untrue, but even if the respondents had title to the said lands it had no right to construct its railway without approval of the route map by the Minister and the location plans by the Board. (3) That the applicants' lands and business had been damaged and injured by the wrongful and illegal acts of the respondent. (4) That there was no necessity for the embankment and no reason existing why a means of access inward and outward should not have been left. (5) That the respondent must leave an opening in the embankment at least 30 feet wide. *Rochester v. Grand Trunk Pac. Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 421.

[Affirmed in 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 306.]

ROUTE AND LOCATION PLANS; OBSTRUCTION TO NAVIGATION.

Where a railway company, in the proposed exercise of its powers as a railway company and without the approval of the

route by the Minister and of the location plans and works by the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada, has constructed a solid filling across navigable waters, the Board, under the provisions of ss. 230 and 233, coupled with sub-ss. (h) and (i) of s. 30 of the Railway Act, R.S.C. 1906, c. 37, has jurisdiction to order the demolition of the works so constructed. *Rochester v. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co.*, 13 Can. Ry. Cas. 421, affirmed. *Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co. v. Rochester*, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 306, 48 Can. S.C.R. 238.

SURFACE WATER; DEFLECTING AND DIVERTING; INJURY TO ADJOINING LANDS.

A defendant railway company is liable for damage caused to the plaintiff, an adjoining owner, by deflecting and diverting the course of the surface water so as to make it flow over the plaintiff's land, and for bringing water on the defendant's own lands and then discharging it on to the plaintiff's land, to his injury; and the statutory powers, in furtherance of the objects for which the defendant company was incorporated, do not, by implication or otherwise, empower it so to carry on its operations as to cause damage to adjoining owners by deflecting or diverting such surface waters to the injury of adjoining lands. [*Rylands v. Fletcher*, L.R. 3 H.L. 330, applied.] *Niles v. Grand Trunk Ry. Co.*, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 73, 9 D.L.R. 379.

WATER AND WATER RIGHTS; DAMS.

Statutory powers of expropriation in the incorporating statute of a power company are to be strictly construed so as not, by mere general words authorizing expropriation for the damming of a river, to deprive the public of rights theretofore existing unless a clear legislative intention to abrogate public rights is disclosed in the statute. (*Per Ritchie, J.*) *Miller v. Halifax Power Co.* (N.S.), 13 D.L.R. 844.

WHARVES AND FERRIES.

WHARF INSUFFICIENTLY LIGHTED; NO GATE OR CHAIN; FERRY.

The respondent, plaintiff, alleged in her declaration that, on or about the 29th October, 1883, her husband, Louis Hésique Fournier, upon whose labour she and her eleven children were dependent for their support, was drowned at the Grand Trunk wharf, in the city of Quebec; that the appellant company was the cause of his death by its gross negligence and culpable and malicious imprudence and want of fore-

thought ("par sa négligence grossière, son imprudence et imprévoyance coupable et malicieuse;") that the company was bound by law to keep its wharves, pontoons, etc., in good order; to put railings, guards and gates, and lights sufficient to ensure the safety of its passengers, and to light in a proper manner its wharves and pontoons, whenever necessary, all which it had failed to do for four or five months previous to the 29th October, 1883; that on that day the weather was rainy and very dark; that the husband of the plaintiff having purchased a ticket to cross on the appellant's ferry boat, went down to its wharf to take the steamer which was advertised to leave at 6.15 p.m.; that by reason of the imprudence and malicious and culpable negligence of the company, its wharf and pontoon were insufficiently lighted, and were in a dangerous and slippery condition, and not provided with doors, guards or gates, and that the ferry boat was not at the wharf, notwithstanding that the hour of its arrival had passed; that her husband, while proceeding to take the ferry, which he believed to be at the wharf, without negligence and imprudence on his part, and notwithstanding that he took all possible precautions, but by reason of the want of light, and the absence of guards or gates, fell over the wharf and was drowned; and she prayed for a condemnation for \$5,000. A perusal of the declaration establishes that the plaintiff relied upon charges of general negligence on the part of the company, and upon specific omissions: 1st, Insufficiency of light, 2nd, Want of gates, guards or railings. 3rd, The late arrival of the ferry boat. To this action the appellants pleaded the general issue, thus negating the allegations of care and prudence on the part of plaintiff's husband, and of negligence, general or special, on its own part. The company's premises consist of a large wharf, upon which the offices, etc., are built, and a double pontoon, necessary by reason of the great rise and fall of the tide to the outer one of which the ferry boat moors. The pontoons are reached by a slip in the wharf. Upon the outer pontoon is built a large freight shed, through which a passage about twelve feet wide by thirty feet long leads to the river, and by means of which the ferry boat is reached. The deceased Hésique Fournier, on his way home, at about 6 o'clock in the evening, came to the Grand Trunk ferry; he crossed diagonally the first pontoon and had to enter the narrower corridor or passage-way on the covered pontoon, at the end of which passage he expected to find the steamboat ferry

already moored and prepared to receive passengers on board. The end of this passage is closed by a door or gate sliding on rollers, which is usually kept shut for the safety of freight, and for preventing rain or snow from coming in. This door was not then closed. The deceased walked through this passage-way to get on board the ferry boat (which was late that evening), and the night being dark and foggy, and the passage lighted with only one lamp, he walked or slipped into the water and was drowned. After a lengthy trial, in which the main point urged by the plaintiff was the pretended insufficiency of the lights, the Judge who heard the case found that the death of the plaintiff's husband was solely due to his own gross negligence, want of care and prudence, and that the accident could not have happened had he exercised ordinary care and prudence, and dismissed the action. This judgment was reversed on appeal to the Court of Queen's Bench for the Province of Quebec (Mr. Justice Cross dissenting), the Court holding that the accident had been occasioned by the negligence and want of due care of the company, and not to any fault or negligence on the part of Fournier, and adjudged \$1,000 to the plaintiff. On appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada:—Held, affirming the judgment of the Court of Queen's Bench, that the evidence shewed culpable negligence on the part of the railway company in not having sufficient lights, and in not having a gate or chain to guard against accidents. The damages would not be increased, but interest should be allowed on the amount awarded by the Queen's Bench from the time of the demand. Appeal dismissed with costs. Grand Trunk Ry. Co. v. Boulanger, 17th March, 1886. See Can. S.C.R. Dig. 1893, p. 733.

NEGLIGENT MANAGEMENT OF FERRY; LIABILITY FOR INJURY TO PASSENGER.

The ticket issued to M., a traveller by rail from Boston, Mass., to St. John, N.B., entitled him to cross the St. John harbour by ferry, and a coupon attached to the ticket was accepted in payment of his fare. The ferry was under the control and management of the corporation of St. John:—Held, that an action would lie against the corporation for injuries to M. caused by the negligence of the officers of the boat during the passage. The approaches of the ferry to the wharf were guarded by a chain extending from side to side of the boat at a distance of about one and a half feet from the end. On approaching the wharf the man whose duty it was to moor the

boat unloosed the chain at one side, and when near enough jumped on the floats to bring the mooring chain aboard. A number of passengers rushed towards the floats and M. seeing the chain down and thinking it safe to land followed them and fell through the space between the wharf and the boat and was injured. When this happened the boat was not moored. Held, affirming the judgment of the Court below, that the corporation of the city were liable to M. for the injuries sustained by the negligent manner of mooring the boat, and that he was not guilty of such contributory negligence as would avoid that liability. 25 N.R.R. 318 affirmed. Mayor, etc., of St. John v. McDonald, 14 Can. S.C.R. 1.

[Observed in Collins v. St. John, 38 N. B.R. 92; referred to in Shaw v. Winnipeg, 19 Man. L.R. 243.]

FERRYMAN; LIABILITY AS COMMON CARRIER.

To render a person liable as a common carrier he must exercise the business of carrying as a public employment, and must undertake to carry goods for all persons indiscriminately, and hold himself out, either expressly or by course of conduct, as ready to engage in the transportation of goods for hire as a business, not merely as a casual occupation. Therefore, the owner of a boat propelled by oars and rowed for hire across a river from time to time, by employees usually occupied in other ways, does not fall within the definition of a common carrier. Roussel v. Anmais, 18 Que. S.C. 474.

WIRE CROSSINGS.

ACCIDENT RESULTING FROM CONTACT OF ELECTRIC WIRES.

Per Dubuc, C.J. A street railway company is not guilty of negligence in failing to take steps to prevent telephone wires crossing above its trolley wire from coming in contact, if broken, with the trolley wire, unless it be at some place known to be especially dangerous. Per Mathers, J. Such failure by a street railway company is evidence of negligence to go to the jury. The escape of electricity from wires suspended over streets through any other wires that may come in contact with them must be prevented so far as it can be done by the exercise of reasonable care and diligence, and the defendants should have put up guards such as were shewn to be in use very generally in the United States and England to prevent such accidents. The Court being equally divided the appeal from

the County Court jury's verdict in favour of the plaintiff was dismissed. *Hinman v. Winnipeg Electric Street Ry. Co.*, 16 Man. L.R. 16.

POWER COMPANY; RAILWAY LANDS; PUBLIC HIGHWAYS; INDEMNITY.

A power company applied under s. 194 of the Railway Act, 1903, to place wires for the transmission of electric power of high voltage across the lands of a railway company:—Held, that the power company should indemnify the railway company from all loss or injury arising from the placing of such wires across its right of way or the transmission of electric power thereon, except where the loss was directly attributable to the negligence of the railway company, its agents or employees. Upon it subsequently appearing, however, that the transmission lines were constructed along highways under provincial authority in respect of which highways the railway company had merely the right of crossing. Held, that the power company stands in the position of a telephone company, as in *National Telephone Company v. Baker* (1893), 2 Ch. 186, and the tramway company referred to in *Eastern and South African Telegraph Co. v. Capetown Tramway Companies* (1902), A.C. 381. Held, also, that the power company should be required to be responsible only for injuries arising from the negligence of itself or its servants or agents, and in respect thereof the railway company needs no protection by an order of the Board. *Canadian Pacific and Canadian Northern Ry. Cos. v. Kamistiquia Power Company*, 6 Can. Ry. Cas. 160.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY; POWER LINE; PROTECTION.

The Windsor, Essex & Lake Shore Rapid Railway Company incorporated by Provincial Statute to construct an electric railway through the town of Essex built its line on Talbot street under the authority of a municipal by-law which provided that its poles and wires should not interfere with any then existing poles or wires of any other person or company. The railway works were declared to be for the general advantage of Canada. The company's wires and poles when constructed interfered with existing telegraph, telephone and electric light poles and wires (the latter belonging to one Naylor, erected under an agreement with the town) and created danger by the escape of electrical current therefrom:—Held, that if the railway and power line were constructed before the

passing of the Dominion Act no order was necessary to authorize their subsequent maintenance and use, but if not, then leave was required under ss. 235 and 237. Quare, if part only of the work was done before the Act and part afterward. Assuming that the work was lawfully done before the passing of the Dominion Act the Board has power under s. 238 to require the company to execute such works or take such measures as appeared to the Board best adapted to remove or diminish the danger. An agreement having been made with the approval of the Board for the use by Naylor of the company's poles for carrying his wires, order accordingly, the company being ordered to pay the costs of the proceedings. *Naylor v. Windsor, Essex & Lake Shore Rapid Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 14.

TELEPHONE WIRES CROSSING ELECTRIC RAILWAY; PROTECTIVE WORKS; JUNIOR AND SENIOR COMPANY.

The Board has no jurisdiction under ss. 237 and 238 of the Railway Act to order the junior company at a crossing, where the wires of a telephone company are carried over an electric railway, to bear the cost of certain changes in the construction of the lines of the senior company and of certain protective appliances rendered necessary by reason of the construction and operation of the railway of the junior company, where such alterations were made by the senior company without having previously obtained an order from the Board for the making of the same. *Bell Telephone Co. v. Windsor, Essex & Lake Shore Rapid Ry. Co.*, 8 Can. Ry. Cas. 20.

WIRES BENEATH TRACKS; QUESTION OF LAW; LEAVE TO APPEAL; RAILWAY ACT, s. 246.

On an application for leave to appeal to the Supreme Court from an order of the Board permitting the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Co. to erect, place and maintain its wires beneath the tracks of the Montreal Terminal Ry. Co.—Held, that, as only a question of jurisdiction and not of law was involved, the application must be refused. *Montreal Terminal Ry. Co. v. Montreal Light, Heat & Power Co.*, 10 Can. Ry. Cas. 133.

TELEPHONE WIRES; LEAVE TO CROSS; PROTECTIVE MEASURES.

Application by the Bell Telephone Company, under s. 246 of the Railway Act, and s. 5 of 7-8 Edw. VII. c. 61, for an order restraining the Nipissing Power Company, of Toronto, Ontario, from crossing the wires

of the applicant between Powassan and North Bay along the highway, known as the Nipissing road, with their high tension wires, until permission of the Board shall have been obtained:—Held, (1) that the order should be granted; the provision for protective measures being in the public interest. (2) That under s. 246 of the Railway Act, power companies are required to obtain leave from the Board, before crossing railways with their wires, in order that the wires may be properly guarded. (3) That under the broad provisions of s. 5, of the Amending Act, 7-8 Edw. VII. c. 61, it is reasonable that the provisions of s. 246 should apply to a telephone system, as well as to a railway line. (4) When a provincial company desires to cross with its line, the line of a Federal company, subject to the jurisdiction of the Board, it must obtain leave from the Board before it will be allowed to do so. *Bell Telephone Co. v. Nipissing Power Co.*, 9 Can. Ry. Cas. 473.

TELEPHONE WIRES; INSTALLATION IN SUBWAY; GRADE SEPARATION AT RAILWAY CROSSING.

Where a grade separation has been ordered and a city street is lowered in the public interest, so as to go under the railway line by subway, a telephone company having overhead wires on the street is not entitled to receive compensation from the railway or the municipality for the expense of moving and re-locating the telephone line. *Bell Telephone Co. v. Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., Grand Trunk Ry. Co. and City of Toronto (Brook Avenue Subway Case)*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 14, 5 D.L.R. 397.

ELECTRIC LIGHT AND TELEPHONE WIRES; INSTALLATION IN SUBWAY.

Where grade separation has been ordered and city streets are lowered, in the public interest, so as to go under the railway lines by subways, Public Utility Companies having telephone and electric light overhead wires on the streets should bear the entire expense of putting these wires underground except their long distance telephone wires which may be carried overhead. *Bell Telephone Co. v. Grand Trunk, Canadian Pacific Ry. Cos. and City of Toronto (Brook Avenue Subway Case)*, 14 Can. Ry. Cas. 14, 5 D.L.R. 297, followed. *Toronto Electric, etc. v. Can. Pac. et al. (North Toronto Grade Separation Case)*, 15 Can. Ry. Cas. 309.

ELECTRICITY; TESTS AND INSPECTION.

An electric power company stringing its

wires by statutory authority upon the public streets at a time when no other wires were there, is under no duty to inspect the wires periodically for the purpose of seeing that no other wires had subsequently been placed in too close proximity to their own wires and so avoiding injuries which might result to persons handling the dead wires of another company should the latter become charged by close contact with the power wires. *Roberts v. Bell Telephone, etc. Cos.*, 10 D.L.R. 459, 24 O.W.R. 428.

INJURY BY WIRES IN STREETS.

The effect of conferring statutory authority upon an electric power company to erect poles and power wires on a highway is that, apart from negligence, the company is absolved from the rule that any one who, for his own purposes, collects or keeps anything likely to do mischief if it escapes, is *prima facie* answerable for all the damages which are the natural consequence of its escape. *Fletcher v. Rylands*, L.R. 1 Ex. 265, and *Rylands v. Fletcher*, L.R. 3 H.L. 330, considered; *National Telephone Co. v. Baker*, [1893] 2 Ch. 186, and *Eastern and South African Telegraph Co. v. Capetown Tramways Co.*, [1902] A.C. 381, referred to. *Roberts v. Bell Telephone Co. and Western Counties Electric Co.*, 10 D.L.R. 459, 24 O.W.R. 428.

DESTRUCTION OF BUILDING BY FIRE; LACK OF SAFETY DEVICES.

Negligence sufficient to render an electric

company liable for the destruction of a building from fire originating from an electric current of abnormally high voltage being carried upon wires leading into the building, may properly be inferred from the fact that several hours before the fire the company's high voltage wires became crossed with low potential service wires on the same poles, which trouble had been corrected prior to the fire; where it also appeared that the use of a simple safety device by the electric company on the pole nearest the building would have prevented the abnormally high current entering it, and that the electrical installation for the service of the burned building was not defective. *McElmon v. B.C. Electric Ry. Co.* (B.C.), 12 D.L.R. 675.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

See *Employees*.

WORKS FOR GENERAL BENEFIT OF CANADA.

See *Constitutional Law; Expropriation*.

WORKSHOPS.

See *Warehouses, Yards and Workshops*.

YARDS.

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