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The Toronto Turkish Baths, 233 Queen street west, are open every day from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Bathing on the Esplanade Sunday Morning—Pictures of Mayors and Aldermen.

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THE LIMITS OF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE JURISDICTION.

Justice Patterson's Decision in the Grand Junction and Peterborough Case—A Dominion Act Ultra Vires of the Constitution.

We give below a portion of the judgment of Justice Patterson of the court of appeal in a suit affecting a bonus to the Grand Junction railway voted by the assembly of Peterborough.

It is important as being the first judgment in our superior courts in which an act passed by the Dominion parliament is declared to be ultra vires of the constitution.

LEGISLATIVE JURISDICTION.

It is indisputable that the Grand Trunk railway was one of the works over which the parliament of Canada received exclusive legislative jurisdiction.

Under section 92, subsection 10, the provincial legislature was authorized exclusively to make laws in relation to local works and undertakings of any nature.

(a) Lines of steam or other ships, railways, canals, telegraphs and other works of any other or others of the provinces, or extending beyond the limits of the province.

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I agree with the opinion expressed by Mr. Justice Cameron in the court below, that the assumption by the parliament of Canada of power to legislate concerning a work wholly within one of the provinces would be unconstitutional.

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