

ELECTRIC RAILWAY SUIT.

Staten Island Company Complains that City Officials' Interfere with Its Work.

PATCHOGUE, L. I., July 14.—The case of the New York and Southfield Beach Railway Company and the New York and Staten Island Electric Company in the attempt of the latter to erect wires for the purpose of carrying electricity between the company's powerhouse, at Livingston and South Beach, where the beach railroad is to run, came before Justice Wilmot M. Smith at a Special Term of the Supreme Court here yesterday. A motion was made by the railway people to make permanent an injunction preventing H. S. Kearny, Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting, and Supplies; J. P. Keating, Highway Commissioner; M. C. Murphy, Police Commissioner, and Joseph Cobb, Acting Captain of the Eightieth Precinct of New York, from interfering with the railroad people in erecting the feed wires along the route which the company wishes to follow.

The matter has come before Justice Smith before, the Court last week granting a writ of mandamus compelling Commissioner Kearny to grant the railroad people a permit to erect their wires. The railroad people claim they have been annoyed by the city officials, and that the company is ready to operate its road, if given the opportunity. The company's tracks are laid and all that is necessary is the stringing of the feed wires for the running of the cars. Anticipating the decision of the Court on the motion, the railroad people started the erection of their wires, and S. H. Evans of the Corporation Counsel's office said that a force of sixty men were at work putting up the wires.

Mr. Innes of Ryan & Innes, 407 Richmond Terrace, New Brighton, S. I., appeared in court for the argument of the motion by his clients and requested an adjournment until Monday morning, because his partner, Mr. Ryan, who has had charge of the case, was not able to be present. Mr. Evans fought the request for an adjournment and asked the Court either to direct the case to be finished or issue an order restraining both parties. Mr. Evans claimed that the procedure was one of delay, in order to facilitate the railroad in erecting its wires before the case could be tried.

On the stipulation made by Attorney Innes that the railroad company take down its wires provided the case went against it, Justice Smith granted the request for an adjournment, and set Tuesday next at 10:30. at the Court House, Brooklyn, for the hearing of the case.

The stringing of the wires was completed this morning and the road will be in operation in a few days.