

Possible Litigation for the Water Works.

We understand that Hon. E. A. Brewster has been retained by Messrs. Horton Corwin, Norbury, and Mrs. M. J. McCrea to contest the right of our Water Works to draw water from Shawangunk Kill. These parties are all interested in water powers below Bloomingburgh, and Mr. Brewster has an injunction prepared, and proposes to serve it upon the corporation the moment the first water is pumped.

The argument of our officials is that as they only wish to use the surplus water, they can therefore commit no trespass, nor injure these water powers. The owners, however, respond by asserting that by permitting any use of the water they concede a right to use which in the future might be made very prejudicial to their interests and would at once detract from the value of their properties.

This view is also held by disinterested persons who have been consulted with upon the subject. Rather than to become involved in litigation, we would suggest that our commissioners confer with these parties, and see if the matter cannot be compromised amicably.

A constant and reliable supply of pure water is of the most vital interest to the community, and should be secured at any reasonable outlay, but it will scarcely be prudent to commit a trespass upon the rights of others in gaining this end.