

DISPUTE AS TO A MIRFIELD LANE.

Mr. Edwin John Lister, cardmaker, and an owner of property in Slipper-lane, Mirfield, appealed against an order of the Justices under the Private Street Works Act, 1892, obtained by the Urban District Council of Mirfield, who were the respondents. The appellant was represented by Mr. W. J. Waugh and Mr. J. A. Compton, and Mr. R. A. Shepherd and Mr. A. Earnshaw appeared for the respondents. The point at issue was whether Slipper-lane was a highway repairable by the public at large. On behalf of the respondents, it was submitted that the lane was laid out under the Mirfield Inclosure Award made in 1806. For many years the lane was in a disgraceful condition, and the respondents called upon the owners and occupiers to repair it. Repairs were carried out from time to time, but they were not of a substantial nature, and at length the state of the lane became so bad that the respondents put in force the powers they had under the Private Improvements Act.—Mr. Waugh stated that there had been an uninterrupted use of the road by the public since 1829, and when a gate was fixed across the lane it was broken down by the public, as there had been a dedication of the road as a highway, and the liability to repair it had fallen on the parish.—After a long hearing the appeal was allowed.