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AN IMPORTANT SALVAGE CASE.

Before the Admiralty Court, London, on April 21, Sir Francis Jeune presiding, there came up an action brought by the owners, master and crew of the steamship "North Cambria" for salvage for services rendered the steamship "Maylands" on November 18 to 24 last. On November 1 the "Maylands," a steamship of 2,517 tons, while on a voyage from West Hartlepool to Quebec, in ballast, when in lat. 55 21 North and long. 39 41 W. broke her main shaft. She was taken in tow by the SS. "Norwegian," and towed to the westward till November 4, when the hawsers parted in a gale of wind and the "Norwegian" was lost sight of. The "Maylands" drove before the gale till November 8, by which date the engineers had succeeded in mending the shaft and the "Maylands" then proceeded to the south-eastward with her engines working at slow speed till November 14, when the shaft again broke. On November 18, when in lat. 45 50 N. and long. 36 W., the "North Cambria" came up and took the "Maylands" in tow. In fine weather the towage continued till November 24, when the "Maylands" was anchored in St. Michael's harbor. The "North Cambria" is a steamer of 1,983 tons, and at the time was on a voyage from New York to Queenstown. The value of the "North Cambria," her cargo and freight was £37,504, and the property salvaged was valued at £25,000. The president said that the service was an easy one and was performed in fine weather. The "Maylands" was towed a distance of seven hundred miles. By performing this service the "North Cambria" was delayed for nine days. The risks she ran were only those incidental to sea towage. With the assistance of the Trinity Masters he thought that a sum of £1,485 was a sufficient award to make in this case. Of this sum the owners were to receive £1,175, the master £110 and the crew £200.

AN INTERESTING DECISION.

BANNERMAN BROTHERS V. CONSUMERS' CORDAGE COMPANY.—An interesting judgment was given on the 4th inst. at Montreal. The suit taken to recover \$1,875 for three months' rent due on premises leased by the plaintiffs to the defendants in 1890, for a term of twenty-one years, at a rental of \$7,500 per annum. The premises, which are situated at Lachute, consisted of a rope factory, rope walk and other buildings. The company defendant pleaded the action should be dismissed because the said lease was passed in order to create a monopoly in the cordage, rope and twine business in the whole Dominion of Canada and that the consideration being illegal the lease itself was a nullity and carried no obligation between the parties. The court, in dismissing the plea and giving judgment for the amount claimed, stated that while it might be true that the defendant intended to and did for a time create a monopoly in Canada in the cordage business, the plaintiffs were no party to such a monopoly, they only leasing the small factory in good faith and selling the good-will of their establishment, as is very often done in business. There was no reason why they should not recover the rent due on the said lease, the collapse of the business, although a change in the customs duties or some other public cause, not affecting plaintiff's rights in any way, but showing meanwhile that the monopoly, if it existed, was entirely independent of plaintiff's will.

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