

### Interesting Legal Decisions.

A rather important point with regard to the rate of interest in this province on judgments came before the referee in chambers at Winnipeg recently in a case of Imperial bank vs. Munro. In the year 1884 plaintiffs obtained judgment against the defendant for \$7,000. As the indebtedness was never paid, the plaintiffs in order to keep the judgment alive brought an action on the judgment, claiming six years interest at six per cent. After defendant had appeared, plaintiffs took out a summons for leave to sign final judgment, when defendant took the objection that interest at 6 per cent was unliquidated damages and could not be claimed. The referee dismissed the summons holding that under the English law in force in this province judgments bear interest at 4 per cent only.

### Boots and Shoes.

Manufacturers are now fairly busy on their spring orders, most of the hands having returned and are working on full time. Leather men say that they must have sufficient stocks of leather to keep them going as they are not looking around, for supplies, as it was expected they would have been by this. Spring orders are coming in fairly well, and some houses have commenced to ship. Remittances are better than could be expected considering the complaints of the scarcity of funds in the interior. Retailers report a quiet business in boots and shoes, but a good movement is experienced in rubber goods. —Montreal Trade Bulletin.

### The Onion.

Don't stick up your nose at an onion. If the following from an exchange is true, the onion should be in good odor with the public: 'A physician was seen buying a barrel of onions and being guyed about his purchase, said: 'I always have boiled onions for dinner for the benefit of my children. I like onions, too. They are the best medicine I know of for preventing colds. Feed onions raw, boiled or baked to the children three or four times a week and they will grow healthy and strong. No worms, no scarletina, no diphtheria where children eat plenty of onions every day.' Another distinguished physician confirmed the foregoing statement, adding: 'Could not give better advice, no matter how hard I may try.''

### Silver.

The silver market has been dull and slightly weaker in tone, the London price running of from 27 7-16d. per ounce to 27 1/4d., and the New York quotations for assay bars shows a corresponding decline from 60c. to 59 3/4c. per ounce. There are no new features in the situation. Silver prices on Jan. 11 were, London 27 5-16d., New York 60c.

The December issue of the Journal of the Canadian Bankers' Association contains the first chapters of a contribution on the Canadian Banking system, by R. M. Breckenridge, a graduate of Cornell university and Seligman Fellow in Economics of Columbia college, New York. The work is the result of many month's research among the public documents of Canada, by a student well qualified for the task. It is undoubtedly a very important addition to the literature of banking, and should be read by all students of banking systems.

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