

## GENERAL NOTES.

A LOST CHEQUE.—In the City of London Court, before Mr. Commissioner Kerr, *Anglin v. Williamson* was heard. The plaintiff sought to recover the sum of 5*l.* for goods supplied to defendant, and for change given him out of a cheque which was lost. The plaintiff sold some goods to the defendant on July 6 last, and he received by way of payment a cheque for 5*l.* The plaintiff gave the defendant the change out of the cheque, but, while going to his bankers to pay in the cheque with others, he lost it in the street. He asked the defendant two days afterwards to stop payment of the cheque, and the defendant readily assented. A few days went by, and then the defendant found that he had stopped the wrong cheque. As the plaintiff had never received the proceeds of the cheque, he now sued the defendant for the value of the goods supplied and the change handed him out of the cheque. The defendant's case was that the cheque had been given to the plaintiff, and that after he lost it someone went to the bank and cashed it. The defendant, therefore, said he could not be required to pay the cheque again, and that the plaintiff must put up with the loss, which had been brought about by his own act, unfortunate as it was. The case had been adjourned for further evidence to be given by the plaintiff that the cheque had never in fact passed through the defendant's bank; but Mr. Commissioner Kerr now nonsuited the plaintiff, and ordered him to pay the defendant's costs. The plaintiff must put up with the loss of the money. The defendant was not obliged even to have tried to stop the cheque as he had done.

THE IRISH BENCH.—Ireland has a very large judicial staff in proportion to population. There is the Chancery Division with the Lord Chancellor at £8000, the Master of the Rolls at £4000, a Vice Chancellor at £4000, and a land judge, £3500; Queen's Bench Division, Lord Chief Justice, £5000, and six judges at £3500 each. The Exchequer Division, the Chief Baron, £4600, and two judges, at £3800 each. Probate Court judge at £3500. Court of Bankruptcy, two judges at £2000 each. Land Commission, one judicial commissioner at £3500, with two commissioners at £3000, and two at £2000 each. The Attorney General and Solicitor-General receive £5000 and £2000 respectively. There are also two Lord Justices of Appeal at £4000 each. Altogether the machinery of the Irish bench costs about £89,000 per annum.