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DECISIONS IN COMMERCIAL LAW.

**HAGGERT V. TOWN OF BRAMPTON.**—The  
 plaintiff sued as liquidator of the Haggert  
 Brothers Manufacturing Company, to recover  
 possession of certain machinery, or damages  
 for its conversion, claiming that such machinery  
 was chattel property. The defendants, the  
 Town of Brampton, were mortgagees of the  
 land on which the company's buildings stood  
 to secure a bonus by way of a loan of \$75,000,  
 and they foreclosed, and then sold the lands to  
 defendants, Blain & McMurphy, who claimed  
 the machinery as affixed to the freehold. The  
 Divisional Court gave relief to plaintiff as to  
 some of the machinery. The plaintiff con-  
 tended that the Court below did not go far  
 enough, and that he was entitled to all the  
 machinery. Appeal allowed by Court of Appeal  
 for Ontario, and judgment varied.

**RICHARDS V. BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA.**—The  
 manager of the branch of a bank induced the  
 drawee of a draft to accept by representing  
 that the bank held goods as security for it, and  
 when the goods were sold the draft would be  
 protected. This representation was made to  
 serve the interest of the manager himself, who  
 was speculating in the goods, as well as the  
 interests of his brother. The bank sued the  
 acceptor on the draft, who pleaded that he was  
 induced to accept by the fraud of the manager  
 and for the accommodation of the bank. Held,  
 by the Supreme Court of Canada, affirming the  
 decision of the Supreme Court of New Brun-  
 swick, that the representation made to further  
 the private ends of the manager himself, or of  
 a third person, could not be said to be the re-  
 presentation of the bank, and that it was  
 immaterial whether or not the acceptor  
 believed the agent had authority to make it.  
 Also, that if the manager was the bank's agent  
 to present the draft and procure its acceptance,  
 the bank was only effected with the agent's  
 knowledge of what was material to the trans-  
 action and what it was his duty to make known  
 to his principals.

RIGHT OF A CREDITOR TO USE  
 POSTAL CARDS.

The question of the right of a creditor to use  
 a postal card in making a statement of indebt-  
 edness came up before United States Commis-  
 sioner Foote at Chicago the other day, and the  
 right to so use the card was upheld. The com-  
 plainant was George W. Cooley, of Kansas  
 City, and the parties complained of, Brown  
 Brothers, a New York firm, who had mailed to  
 defendant on a post card a statement of what  
 he owed them. Their attorney made a strong  
 fight in behalf of the New York firm, and As-  
 sistant District Attorney Rosenthal, on behalf  
 of the Government, said he would not insist on  
 the Commissioner holding the defendants for  
 the Grand Jury.

WESTERN GRAIN STANDARDS.

Mr. C. N. Bell, secretary of the Western  
 Grain Standards Board, has been arranged  
 with by the Department of Inland Revenue to  
 supply samples of the grain standards, when  
 made next month, under the official seal of the  
 department, for the Department of Agriculture  
 of the Local Government. The Winnipeg *Free*  
*Press* says these will form a portion of the  
 Canadian exhibit at the International Expo-  
 sition to be held in Brussels, Belgium, in 1897.  
 The object is to show the millers of Europe  
 just what they can be sure of getting when they  
 buy Manitoba grades of wheat, a thing that  
 will never be accomplished by the exhibition of  
 a hand-picked sample, no matter how good it  
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