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DECISIONS IN COMMERCIAL LAW

FURNESS, WITHY & Co., V. DEAN .-Cattle shippers have been very much dissatisfied as to the terms of the bill of lading in cattle shipments. The present action is interesting as determining the validity of this bill of lading. Messrs. Furness, Withy & Co., of Montreal, sued W. H. Dean, of Toronto, for the sum of \$1,320.35, being the freight on certain cattle shipped on the steamship "Baltimore City," belonging to the plaintiffs, on or about July 12th, 1897. The "Baltimore City" was wrecked in the Straits of Belle Isle, on July 17th, and became a total loss. Some of the sheep and cattle were saved and were duly accounted for in general average. One of the conditions in the bill of lading stipulated that the freight, whether payable by shipper or by consignee, was to be paid, ship lost or not lost, upon the total number of animals embarked without regard to and irrespective of the number or condition of those landed, and in cash, on demand, without deduction or abatement of any kind. The defendant pleaded that this cause was unjust, unreasonable, and against the public interest and welfare, and illegal; and further, that defendant never saw the bill of lading and had no knowledge of the conditions contained therein. It was proved at the trial that the cattle were shipped by Mr. Bickerdike, acting as space broker and insurance broker, and that he received the bill of lading, insured the cattle, and forwarded the bill of lading and insurance certificate to Mr. Dean. Several witnesses were produced on behalf of the plaintiffs, who testified that the clause referred to was the usual and ordinary clause contained in the bills of lading covering the shipment of cattle. In rendering judgment, Sir Melbourne Tait, acting Chief Justice of the Quebec Superior Court, held that the clause was not illegal or contrary to public policy, and that the defendant Dean was bound by the knowledge of Mr. Bickerdike, the broker employed by him, who shipped the cattle; and, accordingly, gave judgment for the amount claimed.

THE assignment is noted of W. J. Bradley, dry goods dealer, Brockville, Ont. It is not long ago that he was reported embarrassed, having arranged a compromise in February last year. He then settled liabilities of \$10,066 at 70 cents on the dollar.

A MERCHANT in Bridgetown, N.S., N. W. Benson, is reported in trouble. He began in the retail hardware line in 1806. with very small capital, but branched out quite largely in proportion to his means, and his embarrassment now is not a surprise. His stock was taken possession of last week by a creditor, under a bill of sale registered in May last, after a number of local parties had secured themselves with goods, taken to offset accommodation paper, it is said. Liabilities are reported at some \$10,000, and assets will hardly exceed \$4,000. It is reported

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