A DECISION ARISING OUT OF THE LOSS OF LA BOURGOGNE in July, 1898, was given on 22nd uit., by a U. S. District Court to effect that a steamship company is not assessable in damages for the loss of a passenger's life at sea. The vessel in question is alleged to have been lost owing to a running at a high rate of speed in a fog by which she was brought into collision with another steamer. The judge decided that the speed of a ship was in the discretion of the captain and officers.

### The Sovereign Bank of Canada.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the subscribers to the stock of the Sovereign Bank of Canada, will be held at No. 14 King street West, in the City of Toronto, on Wednesday, the 23rd day of April, 1902, at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, to determine the day upon which the annual general meeting of the shareholders will be held, and to elect such number of directors, not less than five, nor more than ten, as they may think necessary, to hold office until the annual general meeting in the year next succeeding their election; and also for the further purpose of passing by-laws to regulate the following matters incident to the management and administration of the affairs of the Bank, that is to say: of the Bank, that is to say:

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#### RECENT LEGAL DECISIONS.

RECOVERY OF PREMIUM PAID ON VOID POLICY.-An English collier, one, Cunliffe, effected an insurance with the British Workman's and General Assurance Company on the life of his brother-in-law, in which he had no insurable interest. The insurance, therefore, was void. The policy was effected through an agent of the Company, who represented, without any fraud, to Cunliffe, that the policy would be valid, and effective in law, and the latter relying upon the representation, paid the premium and received the policy. Cunliffe subsequently assertiated that the policy Cunliffe subsequently ascertained that the policy the policy. was invalid, and immediately demanded back the premium. was invalid, and immediately demanded back the premium. The case was tried in a Justices' Court in Lancashire, and the Company based their defence on the Gaming Act, which provides that no suit shall be brought to recover money deposited to abide the event of a wager. Judgment was given for repayment, from which the Company appealed to the King's Bench. It was there held, by three indees that as the representation though an innocent one. pealed to the King's Bench. It was there held, by tiffee judges, that, as the representation, though an innocent one, was made by a man skilled in insurance matters, to a person ignorant of the law, the premium could be recovered back. The case came within the modification of the general tu'e of law which provides, that although money paid under a mistake of fact can be recovered, yet money paid under a mistake of law cannot. (The British Workman's, etc. Coy., v. Cunliffe, 18 Times Law Reports, 425).

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