

dies. Now, there at least three or four gentlemen in Toronto who have resided in the West Indies, who could have given information on that point; and, unless I am mistaken, they would have stated that cotton sheets are generally, if not always, used there. In the "list" I see the following: "one dozen pair Danish linen (crass) sheets." This must surely be a mistake, as the only article I ever heard called "crass" in England, is the stuff we make our kitchen towels of. An article seldom to be obtained in Canada, capital stuff to wear, but rather coarse and rough to make sheets of.

On reviewing the published evidence, I am still of opinion that the evidence on both sides was very deficient, and I am inclined to believe that had the Judge's charge been delivered, the verdict would have been different. It may be said—the jury were satisfied. But juries and particularly Canadian Juries, sometimes return very wonderful verdicts. Although, as a settler in Canada, I have no particular love and affection for "foreign" Insurance Companies, I think the conduct of the plaintiff's Counsel (himself the Director of an Insurance Company) in taking advantage of his position in court to denounce a "Foreign English Company," was in particularly bad taste. He forgot to tell the Jury that he was himself a Director of a Foreign Insurance Company trying to do business here.

It was stated at the trial that the local Directors here were not shareholders and had no interest in the Company. So much the worse for the Company. If they were shareholders they would be apt to look a little more sharply after the interests of their clients.

The occurrence of this case, brings before us certain questions, on which (although my own mind is most decidedly made up on them) I would like to hear the opinions of some of your readers—learned in Insurance matters, viz:—Is the Agent of an Insurance Company justified in insuring so large a sum as £1000, on the contents of a house, 40 by 24 feet, without first satisfying himself by inspection that the property to be insured is really of the value it is represented to be? Secondly, is any man, insuring his property for £1000, or any other sum, justified in leaving his property—so insured—unprotected, and at the mercy of any one who might take a fancy to destroy it? Is he not legally as well as morally bound to take the same care of insured as he would take—for his own security—of uninsured property?

I am Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Z. A. Z.

BIRTHS.

"Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them."
At Wellington Farm, Yonge St., on the 2nd instant, the wife of Jesse Thompson, Esq., of a daughter.

In Toronto, on the 1st instant, Mrs. Andrew Henderson, of a daughter.

In Toronto, on the 1st instant, the wife of Mr. William Ince, of a son.

On the 1st instant, the wife of D. B. Read, Esq., Barrister, of Toronto, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

*Hark! the merry chimes are pealing
Soft and glad the music swells;
Gaily on the night-wind stealing,
Sweetly sound the Wedding Bells.*
Eliza Cook.

On Thursday, the 2nd inst., at Trinity Church, King Street, Toronto, by the Rev. Alex. Sanson, Mr. Walter S. Lee; to Emma Mary, only daughter of the late Joseph Leuty, Esq., both of Toronto.

DEATHS.

*"Sleep the sleep that knows no waking,
Till the Angel's trumpet sounds."*

On Saturday, 4th February, at Kingston, John Mowat, Esq., aged 69 years.

On the 1st instant, Robert Pearson, Esq., Clerk of the Process, aged 65 years

On Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the residence of his son, W. A. Thompson, Esq., Toronto Township, Col. William Thompson, in the 75th year of his age.

At No. 5, Great Coram Street, London, (England,) on the 7th January, 1860, of consumption, Alfred Edwin Rykert, Lieutenant 100th Regiment, in his 27th year.

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