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## *CURRENT TOPICS AND CASES.*

The late Mr. Justice Ramsay, in a case before the Court of Appeal, at Montreal, once checked a counsel who was indulging in some remarks implying that his client had suffered by having had to contend with a Jew. Observations reflecting on the conduct of a person, coupled with the mention of his religion, the learned judge said, could not be permitted, all religions being equal before the law. The same course was recently adopted by Mr. Justice Williams in England. A counsel having observed, "My client fell into the hands of the Jew money-lender, and that is why he now appears in bankruptcy," his Lordship replied: "From my experience both at the bar and on the bench I am of opinion that 'Jew money-lender' ought not to be used in an opprobrious sense." The term seems to be specially offensive and out of place, in courts where Jewish barristers practice, and in a country where a Jewish judge (Jessel) not long ago, was one of the most distinguished ornaments of the bench.

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When the furniture and effects which form the *gage* of the lessor are destroyed by fire, does he wholly lose his privilege for the rent, or does it extend to the amount of