

did not set up any counter claim. While we are opposed to unnecessary circumlocution, we nevertheless think some regard ought to be had to proper procedure. It is possible that a counter claim was actually filed, although not stated in the report; at all events we do not see how the judgment we referred to could purposely be pronounced except upon a counter claim. It would be interesting to know how the costs of the litigation were ordered to be borne—but the judgment of the majority of the court does not throw any light on that point.

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The introduction of the type-writer into the field of law is one of those modern improvements which has greatly tended to facilitate business. At the same time there is a danger which ought to be guarded against arising from the ephemeral character of some of the work done on type-writing machines. One of the important requisites of most legal documents is permanency, and yet documents are frequently struck off on such machines whose legibility will not endure beyond a very few months. The copies produced by means of carbon paper, we believe, are especially open to this objection, and deeds type-written in this way will in a comparatively short time become quite illegible. Solicitors owe it to their clients to exercise some care in this respect and to see that their interests are not jeopardized by reason of documents affecting their rights being thus defectively printed. We have been induced to make these remarks by a communication we have received from a member of the profession, who informs us that he has in his office some carbon copies of documents which were printed off a few years ago and which have not since been handled, but have nevertheless become almost illegible. He very properly adds that the reckless use of carbon copies for settlements, deeds and agreements of any importance, is very much to be deprecated. We are inclined to think that the use of carbon prints for pleadings and other documents required to be filed in Court should be prohibited. This is a matter which obviously requires a little attention.