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DECISIONS IN COMMERCIAL LAW.

NORREYS V. HODGSON.—The action was originally brought to recover £210, commission payable by the Imperial Insurance Company in respect of an insurance on the plaintiff's life for £15,000. The insurance company were made defendants in this action, but they paid the sum into the court, and the action was continued against the defendant Hodgson only. The plaintiff was desirous of obtaining a loan of £20,000 upon some revisionary interests which would come to him upon his father's death. He went to the defendant Hodgson, who was an insurance broker, and asked him to effect the loan. Hodgson agreed to do so, part of the transaction being that the plaintiff's life should be insured. The plaintiff signed a commission note, by which he agreed to pay Hodgson one per cent. on the amount of the loan. The loan and insurance were carried out with the Imperial Insurance Company. The insurance company agreed to pay Hodgson £210 as commission for introducing the insurance. The question was whether Hodgson was liable to account to the plaintiff as his principal for the £210 commission. The Court of Appeal in England held that there was nothing in the nature of a secret commission, and that the two commissions were for wholly different things, and that therefore the defendant was entitled to keep the commission.

OGILVIE V. LITTLEBOY.—Action by the donor to set aside two voluntary deeds of gift founding two charities. Held by the Court of Appeal in England that where there is no fraud, no undue influence, no fiduciary relations between donor and donee, and no mistake induced by those who derive any benefit from it, a gift (whether made by mere delivery or by deed) is binding on the donor, and such donor can only get back property which he has given away by showing that he was under some mistake of so serious a character as to render it unjust on the part of the donee to retain the property.

LEOPARD V. LITOWN.—A. advertised a sale by auction. B. and C. agreed that C. should buy some cases of sweet nitre to be afterwards disposed of to their mutual profit. C. bought the cases for £5, and afterwards agreed to sell them to B. for £6. B. resold to D. for £13 10s.; but meantime C. had sold and delivered the case to E. B. sued C. for £7 10s. damages. Held that there is nothing illegal in a knockout sale; if the vendor does not want to take the bids offered, he must put on a reserve price or reserve the right to employ the puffer; and that B. was entitled to sue.

EXCHANGE TELEGRAPH CO. V. CENTRAL NEWS AND COLUMN TELEGRAPH SYNDICATE.—A news agency collected information about horse races and telegraphed it to subscribers, on condition that they should not communicate it to any other party. Held by Sterling, J., that the news agency, having spent time, labor and money in getting information which was not known to all the world when the agency got it and transmitted it to their subscribers, was entitled to an injunction to prevent one of their subscribers communicating it to a third party in breach of his contract, and also to restrain the third party from inducing the subscriber to break his contract by communicating the information.

THE steamer "Cambria," of the "Soo" line, which was driven ashore near Sarnia, Ont., some weeks ago, will not go into service again this season. Repairs on the boat are found to be too expensive, requiring an outlay of \$6,000.

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