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AT OSOODE HALL

Judgments delivered yesterday—Action to set aside an Assignment of Mortgage as Fraudulent.

Mr. Justice Falconbridge yesterday delivered judgments in three cases.

In Flit v. Hunt, an action to recover possession of land in the Township of Fitzroy, County of Carleton, the plaintiff succeeded, and is awarded \$80 for mesne profits, and also the costs of the action.

In Stinson v. Heavner, a somewhat similar case, relating to land in the Township of Barriere, in the County of Brant, the plaintiff is decreed entitled to possession with costs, except against the late defendant.

The third case, Kuntz v. Messner, is interesting as recalling the disastrous failure of Francis Xavier Messner of the Village of Toronto, in the County of York.

It appears that the defendant, Ignace Kieffer, of the Township of Carleton Place, in the County of Wellington, made a promissory note for \$1000, dated May 5, 1886, and payable in six months, and Messner assured him that he would give him mortgage security against the note. It was not, however, until Nov. 17, 1888, that Messner assigned to Kieffer a mortgage as security, which assignment was registered on July 12, 1889, and the assignment of the note was assigned to Kieffer on Dec. 16, 1889, and the action was brought by the assignee to set aside the assignment of mortgage as fraudulent.

The learned Judge, in delivering judgment, emphasized the importance of the examination of witnesses in open court, by examining the witnesses in the presence of two defendants and other witnesses, who are present, is not well expressed on account of the broken English of the witnesses, but that he was much impressed with their honesty and truthfulness, and that he was in favor of the plaintiff and conduct in the witness box.

After referring at some length to the reported cases on the legal questions involved, he concluded that the assignment of mortgage must be held to be fraudulent, and that, under the circumstances, and seeing that the defendant, Kieffer, was not given a considerable time after the purchase of the land to make good his promise, it was not a case to award costs, and the action was dismissed with that import.

A THEOLOGICAL COURT.

Distinguished Advocate Agent for Mrs. Besant in Toronto Talks in the Evening.

One of the most distinguished advocates in Toronto yesterday, being no less a personage than Count Axel Wachtmeister, who is here making arrangements for Madame Besant's lectures on the 22nd and 25th inst.

The count is a pleasant-spoken young man, possibly 50 years of age, and is a true type of the Swedish gentleman. He speaks English perfectly. He is an eminent theologian, and was for a year editor of Mercury, the official organ of the American section of the Theosophical Society, published at San Francisco.

The count is a son of Madame Wachtmeister, who, it will be remembered, lectured here in March last. His father occupied many important positions during his lifetime, being at one time minister to the Court of St. James and later Minister to the Danish Court at Copenhagen. He was also Minister of Foreign Affairs for Norway and Sweden.

The young count says that theosophy is growing rapidly in America, and that Mrs. Besant has been instrumental in organizing five new societies in Michigan. Altogether twenty new societies have been organized in the United States during the past year, and the Chicago society now numbers over 100 members.

The Toronto society has something over 200 members. He said that many people are joining the society, and are largely drawn from legal and literary circles.

On Sunday, the 22nd inst., Madame Besant will hold an open meeting for all who wish to attend, and who are not members of the society. She will also address a meeting in the society's hall, College-street and Spadina-avenue, on the 25th inst.

Last night Count Wachtmeister addressed a meeting in the society's hall, College-street and Spadina-avenue, on the 25th inst.

There was a good attendance, and he was listened to intently.

THE BACKRACK TROUBLE.

The Drygoods Merchant Was Yesterday Examined Before a Tribunal.

The examination of Mr. J. Backrack before Special Examiner Bruce was proceeded with yesterday. Mr. M. H. Ludwig appeared for the creditors and Mr. W. J. McNamee for Mr. Backrack. The \$5000 Mr. Backrack had paid his mother-in-law after McCall & Co. was issued. He had borrowed from her, and she had loaned two years ago, and \$2000 in Chicago. He said that he had got the \$3000 to meet maturing claims, and later he said it was to buy a bankrupt stock, but it did not buy the stock and the money had to be repaid to him. When asked what he had expected to meet his debts with when he sent away \$5000 in cash, he said that he had other money, but took that statement back afterwards. He said that between July 1 and July 25, when the assignment was made, the cash receipts had been \$3000.

Business Embarrassments.

George Taylor, broker, Weston, has assigned to J. E. Hill. Creditors will meet on Friday. Liabilities \$2500.

Joseph Eves's receiver met yesterday at Mr. Clarkson's office. The statement shows liabilities of \$10,000 and assets of \$2500.

A winding-up order has been issued in the estate of John Beattie, banker, of Perth.

The assets of W. H. Coddington, cap manufacturer of Hamilton, are for sale by the bank.

The J. W. Lang Estate.

The inspectors appointed by the creditors of J. W. Lang & Co. met yesterday at the residence of Mr. Lang's creditors to make a settlement. The senior creditors refuse to compromise. Mr. Lang has been pressed with writs lately, the latest being one taken out by Joseph Segram for \$2475. The St. Lawrence Savings Company recently took out another writ for \$2548, and the St. Lawrence Savings Company for one for \$2275. It is understood that Mr. Lang has assigned to E. R. C. Clarkson.

Only those who have had experience can tell the value of a pair of boots. With night and day; but let us see to those who have.

WHEAT MARKETS BOOMING.

Many Shorts Were Forced to Cover Contracts.

LIVERPOOL MARKET HIGHER

Local Stock Market Fairly Active and Closing Irregular.

Canadian Pacific Welter in the Afternoon

Sterling Exchange Steady—Money Dearer in London and Consols Lower—New York Stocks Active and Higher—The Features Were Louisville and Nashville, No. 2, the Athletics and Union Pacific—Previous Closed Strong in Chicago—Cheese Higher in Liverpool—Latest Commercial News.

Wednesday Evening, Aug. 11.

Cheese is 1d higher in Liverpool. Liverpool market futures are 1/2d to 1/4d higher.

Best wheat in Chicago 3/4c higher at 82c. Sept. wheat on curb 8 1/2c.

Sept. wheat on curb 7 7/8c, calls 8 1/2c.

Futs on Sept corn 2 7/8c, calls 2 7/4c to 2 7/8c.

At Toledo clover seed closed at \$4.30 bid for Oct.

Car receipts of grain at Chicago to-day: Wheat 105, corn 70, oats 45, estimated for Thursday: Wheat 200, corn 75, oats 50.

Estimated receipts of hogs at Chicago to-day 30,000; official Tuesday 11,501; left over for Thursday 10,000.

Estimated for Thursday 10,000. Heavy receipts \$3.45 to \$3.85.

The market for grain at Chicago to-day 15,500; receipts at Chicago to-day 15,500; stock of grain at Chicago to-day 15,500.

Receipts of wheat at Minneapolis on July 1, 1897, 200,000 bushels; on July 2, 1897, 200,000 bushels; on July 3, 1897, 200,000 bushels; on July 4, 1897, 200,000 bushels; on July 5, 1897, 200,000 bushels; on July 6, 1897, 200,000 bushels; on July 7, 1897, 200,000 bushels; on July 8, 1897, 200,000 bushels; on July 9, 1897, 200,000 bushels; on July 10, 1897, 200,000 bushels; on July 11, 1897, 200,000 bushels; on July 12, 1897, 200,000 bushels; on July 13, 1897, 200,000 bushels; on July 14, 1897, 200,000 bushels; on July 15, 1897, 200,000 bushels; on July 16, 1897, 200,000 bushels; on July 17, 1897, 200,000 bushels; on July 18, 1897, 200,000 bushels; on July 19, 1897, 200,000 bushels; on July 20, 1897, 200,000 bushels; on July 21, 1897, 200,000 bushels; on July 22, 1897, 200,000 bushels; on July 23, 1897, 200,000 bushels; on July 24, 1897, 200,000 bushels; on July 25, 1897, 200,000 bushels; on July 26, 1897, 200,000 bushels; on July 27, 1897, 200,000 bushels; on July 28, 1897, 200,000 bushels; 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