

contract to coal the Steel Company and that the primary and supreme object of the contract was the supply of coal for use in steel making. The principle adopted in applying the different provisions of the contract to attain the result was the classical words of Lord Bowen that the object of Courts is "to give efficacy to the transaction and prevent such a failure of consideration as cannot have been within the contemplation of the parties." Hence it followed that neither of the parties contemplated that under the contract coal could be supplied even from a seam specified that was absolutely useless to the Steel Company and which under the contract they could not sell.

The judgment in the Steel-Coal suit is under appeal, but its manner is in the best form of a judicial decision. First, the facts are set out with clearness, then come the findings from these facts, then a statement of the principles of law applicable to the findings followed by a brief review of the leading authorities that govern, and concluding by a statement of the remedies.

Mr. Justice Longley has been the subject of the highest encomiums from the Bar and the press, both as to the manner in which he tried the case and the reasoning upon which his judgment is based.

The judge has been an interesting figure among the public men of Canada for the past 30 years. He is about 57 years of age, and has been in the legislature of Nova Scotia since 1882. He was Attorney-General since 1884, and until his appointment to the bench in 1905. Nothing pleased the judge, when an active politician, more than an election, and nowhere was he so much at home as on the public platform. Perfectly conscious of his ability and knowledge of public questions he was always ready to meet in public debate the strongest men on the other side. Personality like his was sure to impress its mark on the policy of his party and, though he was only a provincial politician, it was he who persuaded the whole Liberal party to take up Unrestricted Reciprocity as its policy in the Dominion election of 1891.

The judge is a frequent and welcome contributor to periodi-