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INSURANCE CASE.

SUPERIOR COURT, MONTREAL, Monday, May 12th, 1856.

Before His Honor JUDGE SMITH.

MORISON, CAMERON & EMPEY,

US.

THE PHOENIX INSURANCE COMPANY.

Attorneys for the Plaintiffs, Messrs. A. & G. ROBERTSON. Counsel for the Plaintiffs, Messrs. ROSE & MONK. Attorneys for the Defendants, Messrs. ABBOTT & BAKER. " Messrs. CROSS & BANCROFT. Counsel for the Defendants, Messrs. BETHUNE & DUNKIN.

The following Jury was empanelled :---

JAMES CLARTON, NORTON B. CORSE, THOMAS DAVIDSON, GEORGE DOWKER. J. H DORWIN, JAMES DOUGALL, BENJAMIN FEANCIS, DANIEL DRUMMOND, WILLIAM MANNING, WILLIAM SNAITH, JOSEPH TUSKEY, JAMES JEFFREY.

JOHN ROSE Q. C.—In opening the case, said, May it please the Court, and Gentlemen of the Jury, I have seldom in the course of my professional career risen to address a Jury with deeper anxiety, with a deeper sense of my responsibility than I now do. It is not that I feel any weakness in the cause I advocate, or that I doubt in the smallest the perfect justice of the claim of my clients, but lest my exertions should be inadequate to the magnitude of the interests involved, and the inadequacy of my abilities to place this case before you in its true colors, should bring