

A STRANGE COMPENSATION CASE.

British insurance journals tell of a curious appeal from a decision of the judge of the Selby County Court to the Kings' Bench Revision.

The plaintiff, Frank Clayton, a musician, sued the defendant to recover damages for personal injuries sustained by him in the following circumstances: The plaintiff was engaged to play in a band of music at some sports held at Carlton, a village in Yorkshire, on June 22. Mr. Matthewman, the defendant, a gentleman interested in sport, was asked by the committee of the sports to act as starter. He obtained some blank cartridges to use in his own revolver for the purpose of starting the races, but they were too large to go into the chamber of the pistol. The local policeman thereupon said he had some cartridges at home. He fetched them, and they turned out to be ball cartridges. The defendant inserted one in his pistol, and fired it carefully at the ground, but the bullet went astray and struck the plaintiff in the leg, with the result that serious injury was inflicted upon him. On July 29 the vicar, who had been at the head of the village sports committee, saw the plaintiff, and handed him £13 from the committee, and the plaintiff signed a receipt in the following terms: "I, Frank Clayton, do hereby accept the sum of £13 as full settlement for injuries caused to me at the cycle sports held on Monday evening, June 22, 1908." Later on the defendant paid the amount of the plaintiff's doctor's bill. In May, 1909, the plaintiff not having recovered from his injuries, application was made to the defendant for compensation, and eventually the action was brought. The County Court Judge gave judgment for the plaintiff for £70, holding that the receipt given to the vicar on behalf of the committee did not, in the circumstances, relieve the defendant from liability. The defendant appealed, but without result.

HAVE YOU BEEN STUNG?

Many bee-keepers are still unaware of the fact that it is possible to insure against liability to third parties for damages occasioned by the stings of bees. According to a correspondent of the London "Times," this useful scheme of insurance is carried out under the auspices of the British Bee-Keepers' Association, the cost of the insurer being but nominal. Compensation to the extent of £30 in the aggregate in any one year can be provided for by those owning twelve stocks of bees for an annual premium of 1s 6d, and those who are members of a bee-keeping association can secure this advantage on payment of only one shilling. It is unfortunately the fact that what is known as the "robbing fever," which causes bees to become dangerous to cattle in close proximity to an apiary, is sometimes the result of an accident on the part of another person than the bee-keeper whose bees cause the damage.

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BANK ARCHITECTURE IN CANADA.

The architecture of Canadian bank buildings has attracted not a little attention from over-sea visitors. The Standard of Empire has this to say of the Bank of Montreal: "Its headquarters in Montreal are famous throughout America for the beauty and dignity of their architecture. And in the West, the Bank of Montreal will presently open a magnificent branch in Winnipeg, a city whose material progress is very rapid."

"The new building, designed on strictly classic lines, will be rectangular in plan, and built of a very white granite which closely resembles marble. There will be a Corinthian portico of six columns with Corinthian pilasters having windows between them, the whole surmounted by an attic. Above and behind the attic will rise a rectangular roof house, forming a crown or roof to the structure, and taking the place of a dome. The interior will be in the form of a basilica, consisting of superimposed Ionic colonnades, the central or main portion of the room going through two storeys, with a gallery, for the use of the Royal Trust Company, on all four sides. The entire banking room is to be treated in practically a monotone, with columns and side walls of light buff Botticino marble imported from Northern Italy, with a simple ceiling painted with light colours in the Greek manner."

AFTER BELGIAN CAPITAL.

Belgian capital is likely to find its way into Canada, in increasing amount. Negotiations are now said to be in progress with a view to Belgian interests supplying capital for further development of the Acadia Coal Company's properties.

A bill to amend the company's charter is before the Nova Scotia Legislature. The holders of preferred shares are to be entitled to two votes for each share at all meetings of the company and shall have such rights as to priority in payment of dividends and to participation in profits as may be determined by the directors on issuing said shares. The directors may issue second preferred shares, which shall have such rights as to priority and payment of dividends and return of capital in case of liquidation of the company, and receive such dividends as may be determined by the directors in issuing said shares, and the ordinary may be exchanged for such second preference shares upon such terms, as the directors may determine.

ANGLO-AMERICAN AND MONTREAL-CANADA

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It is understood that arrangements are completed whereby the Anglo-American and the Montreal-Canada Fire Insurance Companies will in future be controlled by the firm of Wm. Thomson & Co., St. John, N.B. This firm is well known in insurance circles as managers of the Ontario Fire Insurance Company and also the Sterling Accident.

Mr. H. H. Beck, Toronto, is president of the Anglo-American and the Montreal-Canada.

CORAL SHIPMENTS, last week, were 350.93 tons showing a reduction in output from the week previous, when 540.90 tons were shipped. Of the six shippers, La Rose takes the lead with 119.49 tons. Nipissing sent only one car.