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#### DECISIONS IN COMMERCIAL LAW

Eastman v. Richards.—In the Supreme Court; an appeal from a judgment of the Supreme Court of the North-West Territories. In this case the respondents had rented a store from the appellants for 11 months, at a rental of \$400 per year. After the 11 months had expired, the tenants remained in possession without any fresh agreement, paying the same rent, and at the end of nine or ten months in the second year they gave a month's notice to quit, and gave up possession. The landlord claimed that it was a tenancy from year to year, and sued for two months' rent, balance of the second year. The courts held that it was a monthly tenancy, and that the notice to quit was sufficient, and the only question on the appeal was whether it was or was not a monthly tenancy. The Court dismissed the appeal with costs holding that it was a monthly tenancy.

Hough v. Griffin.—Judgment on appeal by plaintiff from judgment at the trial at Guelph, dismissing an action brought by one of two patentees of an invention to recover \$3,000, the balance of the sale price of the patent, from the defendants, who organized a company for the purchase of the patent. The plaintiff charged that the defendants had by agreement made themselves personally liable for the price. The trial judge held that the defendants were liable only for the amounts they subscribed for stock in the company, and that, even if it were originally otherwise, the plaintiff had accepted the company as his debtor in lieu of the defendants, and was to realize the balance of his price out of shares in the stock to be allotted to him. Appeal dismissed with

Morrow v. Lancashire Ins. Co.-Judgment on appeal by defendants from judgment in favor of plaintiff in an action to recover the amount of loss by fire to the plaintiff's barn, insured by the defendants for \$2,100. After effecting the insurance, the plaintiff mortgaged his farm, including the barn, to a loan company, and assigned the policy to such company. Subsequently, without the knowledge or consent of plaintiff, the policy was cancelled, and the mortgagees effected a new insurance in another company for \$600. Under these circumstances, it was held below that the plaintiff had the right to recover. Held, that the loan company had no power as of right to consent to cancellation, and the plaintiff was not bound by that cancellation; and the defendants, having repudiated the claim, cannot now object to the proof of loss. Appeal dismissed.

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