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DECISIONS IN COMMERCIAL LAW

ROBERTS, ET. AL. V. COBB.—An interesting decision has recently been given by the Supreme Court of Minnesota, as to a factor's liability in respect to perishable goods. It appeared that certain apples, shipped to a St. Paul commission house, in August, 1897, reached it on August 31st, and lay in the cars for four or five days before the consignees looked after them, and were not sold for four or five days more. The weather being warm, they got 'speckled and were sold at a Action was brought against the loss. commission house on the ground that due diligence had not been shown in making a sale of perishable products. In the trial court the jury found a verdict for the shippers, which was set aside by the court. The Supreme Court overruled the action of the court below. It held that a factor is bound to possess a reasonable degree of skill and knowledge, with reasonable care and prudence; that he undertakes for that degree which an ordinarily discreet and diligent man would exercise in his own business under the circumstances: that if he exercises less than that degree of skill and knowledge, and loss ensues, he is liable therefor, and that if he delays a sale of goods consigned to him for an unreasonable length of time and the goods depreciate in value so that his principal loses, he is liable for such loss.

THE SAME OLD STORY.

Now doth the city man go forth, Where Nature smiles and shines, Weighed down with basket, pole and

bait, And most expensive lines, He'll sit and swelter in the sun,

From morning until night,

Half maddened by mosquitoes, who, Produce his only bite !

While just across the silvery belt, The village boy will grin,

When hauling beauties from the stream, With only twine and pin.

THE French employer is likely to be crushed between the upper and the nether millstone, says the London Review. In addition to the excessive taxation, to the increasing Budget, political and social discontent, and other things, including a tottering republic, he is now loaded with an Employers' Liability Act on a simply crushing basis. There is nothing short of a reign of terror amongst employers in France, and amongst the smallest class more especially. This is liberty, equality, and fraternity, with a vengeance.

A VERY handsome and large warehouse is to be erected, we are told, by the McIntyre Estate, on the corner Victoria Square and Craig street, Montreal. And it is to be occupied by S. Greenshields, Son & Co., the well-known wholesale dry goods' merchants. The building will be eight stories in height and erected of Indiana stone.

