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Interesting Legal Decision.

Justice Dubuc delivered judgment this week in the case of Stobart & Sons vs. Forbes, an action brought by the plaintiffs against the defendant to recover the purchase price of goods furnished him, and they also claimed amounts due by him to the firms of Peck & Co., and Codville & Co., under an assignment, this being done to avoid the cost of bringing several actions. The defence raised was that the plaintiffs could not maintain the action, as they were not empowered by their letters of incorporation to act as assignees. His Lordship held that the defendant could not raise this question, and entered a verdict for the plaintiffs for \$3,201.52, and interest.

Broom Corn Booming.

In its issue of last week, American Elevator and Grain Trade says: If the broom corn trust, so called, otherwise the Central Broom Supply Company, which was so much in evidence on broom corn a year ago, maintains its command of the trade, it will have to go down into its purse for more money than it took last year to secure the stock. The new crop of brush is this year undeniably short, and the farmers know it, and have been holding the corn against offers much higher than was paid by brokers for most of the crop last year. Prices have consequently stiffened rapidly since harvest, and on September 18 reached \$100 per ton for brush in the field. Some brush has been sold at this figure, but as broom makers are practically without stock and the farmers are not in a rush to sell, even at \$100, the price may go still higher without giving the brokers, who have hitherto taken the cream of the profits, any great amount of picking from this year's crops.

Coal in Abundance.

One of the most valuable assets the Similkameen country possesses is her enormous deposits of coal, says the Similkameen Star. Starting at Princeton the coal seams owned by the Vermillion Forks Co. are within a stone's throw of the town. Development shows about eight feet wide of solid, clean, coal. Travelling up the Similkameen river for 10 miles, strong outcroppings are met with on either bank. The same showings are found on the Tulameen. Leaving Princeton, about three miles up the river, the fields now being prospected by George McCoskery's syndicate, are showing some good seams. Ten miles further on some of the best coal in the country is found.

A strong syndicate of Vancouver gentlemen is located 3,810 acres, and Mr. George De Wolf, F. F. S., of Vancouver, made a thorough examination of the property this week. He was very enthusiastic about the showings and claims there is enough coal in sight to warrant the early construction of a railroad to the district, even if the coal was the only inducement offering. Several coking tests are now being made from samples taken from different properties. From an analysis of several samples the coal has been found to contain from 51 to 72 per cent. carbon. The coal fields of Similkameen, he claims, will yet rival the celebrated Crow's Nest Pass collieries.

J. B. Chaudeson, superintendent of construction of the Quesselle-Dawson telegraph line, reports the line complete and in working order to a point 570 miles north of Quesselle, and the trail cut and cleared five miles further north. This is as far as the work was contemplated, and completes the section of work from this end. Mr. Chaudeson states that the construction outfit building south from Telegraph Creek had but 67 miles to build on September 15th to complete connections with the intervening uncompleted section through an unexplored country. A couple of runners from the north end reached the south end last Saturday, and report the country very mountainous, rough and heavily timbered. The weather has been most unfavorable, the rainfall being unprecedented this year in this section. Notwithstanding these natural and unforeseen obstacles, it is expected that the last connection in this most unique work in the history of telegraph construction will be made at an early date.

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