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In the Supreme Court at Gypsum, on Thursday, in a libel suit instituted by Wm. F. Desbarres, High Sheriff, against R. A. Tremaine, Q. C., Judge McDonald gave judgment for defendant. The suit arose out of a letter written by Mr. Tremaine to the Provincial Secretary, complaining of the conduct of the Sheriff in certain cases.

In Halifax, the customs receipts for the month of May totaled \$92,104.30 in 1880, and \$115,009.02 in 1881 being an increase of \$22,904.66 in favor of the latter year. The inland Revenue receipts for May were \$29,018.18 in 1880, and \$29,861.97 in 1881, being an increase of \$843.79 in favor of the latter year.

Sir Charles Tupper has purchased West's Wharf and other properties, Halifax, on behalf of the Government, to form the deep water terminus of the International Railway. The wharves and piers have given up a portion of the Dockyard. The work of building a grain elevator is to proceed without delay. This, with the other operations in connection with the terminus will employ many hundreds of workmen. The new arrangement will be a landing boat to Halifax and greatly increase the efficiency of the International Railway. The value of wharf property in general will be improved.

ENGLISH AND FOREIGN. London, June 2.—According to the recent census the population of London is 3,214,571. Mr. Goshen has arrived from Constantinople. Lord Dufferin, who succeeds Mr. Goschen, starts for Constantinople on Saturday.

London, June 3.—A fire at east end of the docks totally destroyed 20 houses, including a range of workshops and some schools.

London, June 4.—The *Daily News* says that troops in Ireland will, by the end of this week, consist of 30,000 men—7 regiments cavalry, 11 battalions of artillery and 25 battalions of infantry.

London, June 5.—The village of Bradley in Hampshire has been almost totally destroyed by fire. Mr. E. P. Noble & Co., Carlisle, who shipped com-

paratively few sturgeon last year, this summer expect to keep 30 boats continually employed.

Complaints were made to Sir Leonard Tilley, on account of an important case as Grand Master being one of the best of many years, and he has arranged with the Post Office Department to double the service. The Inspector received a telegraphic order from Ottawa, to despatch two mails per week from St. Andrews to