

CAUSES IN No. 7 COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Maxwell and a jury.)

LOADING SLEEPERS.

Robert Meerin sought to recover £5,000 damages from the Adelaide Steamship Co., Ltd., for injuries received while working in the hold of the steamer Rona.

Plaintiff alleged that he was loading sleepers from a lighter when a sling collapsed and two sleepers fell on him. He received broken ribs, a broken ankle, and spinal and other injuries. He submitted that the accident was due to defendant company's negligence.

The defence was a denial of negligence, but this plea was abandoned and the jury was left to assess damages.

The jury found in favour of plaintiff for £850.

Mr. E. S. Miller and Mr. Frank Hidden (instructed by Mr. Aidan J. Devereux) appeared for plaintiff; and Mr. L. J. Herron (instructed by Messrs. Dawson, Waldron, Edwards, and Nicholls) for the defendant company.