

# The Calgarth [1927] P 93 Coram

The case about improper operation of a vessel.

## Evidence

When entering the Manchester Ship Canal, a huge steam ship ran into a mooring chain attached to the bank with the propeller of its stern tug. The canal was designed so as to ease the navigation of vessels within it, and the chain was considered to prohibit the movement of vessels in this way. The Canal Company was held liable by the owners of the ship, and appealed.

## Problematics

It was necessary to understand whether the chain attached to the bank was indeed an obstruction to vessels entering the canal.

## Resolution

The court found that the ship did in fact catch the chain because it had propelled its stern tug into the bank. As a result, the owners of the ship became liable for negligence when operating their machinery. The appeal made by the owners of the canal was satisfied.

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