

(including the floating of the dollar) are discussed, and then the cases are analysed in very general terms. The cases are listed under two headings: 'Bank/financier won' and 'Borrower won'. The analysis tends to obscure real differences between the activities of the banks that led to liability in some cases but not in others, and the nature of the circumstances which will be required to exist before a financier will be under a relevant duty of care.

When discussing the relevant authorities, Professor Weerasooria often provides a detailed analysis of the facts of the case and even of the arguments of counsel. Thus, in his discussion of the case of *Burnett v Westminster Bank Limited* [1966] 1 QB 742 (which runs to three pages) the following appears:

Mr Richard Yorke for the bank conceded that a customer may, in theory at least, write his or her order to the bank on any substance he or she chooses, even on a hard-boiled egg.

The footnote at this point is notable. It is as follows:

For a cheque written on a *cow*, see the *fictitious* case *Board of Inland Revenue v Haddock* (The negotiable cow), in Herbert, AP, *Uncommon Law*, Methuen & Co, London, 1979, p201.

As a text book to which reference is had to ascertain a particular proposition and extract relevant authorities, this text may be of marginally less utility than other textbooks in the field. However, the particular virtues of this book are to place developments in their proper historical context, and to provide coverage of topics not covered elsewhere.

The author concludes his account of the Australian banking system with a chapter devoted entirely to banking jokes and quotes. For example:

A banker is a fellow who lends his umbrella when the sun is shining and wants it back the minute it begins to rain.
[Mark Twain]

It will be a grim day in court when a barrister is required to have recourse to this chapter.

Reviewed by Cameron Moore

SPORTING BAR

Lady Bradman Cup cricket

By Andrew Bell

Once again, this annual fixture between Edmund Barton Chambers and 11 Wentworth/Selborne was held at the picturesque Bradman Oval in the Southern Highlands.

Edmund Barton, led by the redoubtable Thos Hodgson, emerged from their dressing shed resplendent in new floor colours, logo, caps and jumpers. This gave a splendid appearance of unity and competence.

Hodgson called correctly and sent the 11th Floor in to bat. This decision became increasingly controversial amongst his cohorts as the 11th Floor passed 160 without the fall of a wicket, that total being contributed to by Greenwood (42 retired), Durack (40 retired and no apparent hamstring twinges), the balding Robert Weber (38 retired) and Joe, son of Bruce, Collins (41 retired). After 40 overs, the 11th Floor score had reached 220 with a portly 18 contributed by one Poulos.

In reply, Edmund Barton started well but the opening partnership was broken by the ageing but legendary firebrand John Griffiths, coming off a preposterously long run. Rod Mater was the star of the Edmund Barton innings making his way to 40 before retiring. Skipper Hodgson was deceived in flight by Durack and returned to the pavilion for an uncharacteristically modest six. Edmund Barton were finally dismissed for 157.

As ever, this was a tremendously enjoyable fixture.



Poulos practicing with an unusually straight bat.



11 Wentworth/Selborne take the Lady Bradman Cup.