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[1] The grounds upon which an appeal may be taken from a decision of the Board of Referees are set out at subsection 115(2) of the *Employment Insurance Act*, S.C. 1996, c. 23. They are denial of natural justice, error of law or error of fact.

[2] In the present case, the Board of Referees' findings of fact are not challenged. The Commission's complaint is not that the Board of Referees applied the wrong test. Its complaint is that it does not agree with the Board of Referees' application of that test.

[3] In the absence of an error of fact or law on the part of the Board of Referees, the Umpire was not entitled to intervene simply because he would have come to a different conclusion on the facts. When asked to reconsider his decision on the basis that he had misapprehended the facts, the Umpire reconsidered the matter, but in the absence of an error of fact or law on the part of the Board of Referees, he was no more entitled to interfere with its decision on that occasion.

[4] As a result, we would allow the application for judicial review, set aside both decisions of the Umpire and remit the matter to the Umpire in Chief for a re-hearing in accordance with these reasons.

"J.D. Denis Pelletier"
J.A.

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