

being tried before a jury, to determine the amount of such lien or claim, if any, and the amount of any expenses which were properly incurred or which accrued prior to the date of trial, including storage and advertising, and the judgment in such action, if for the defendant, shall be either for the return of the property replevied, or for the amount of such lien or claim, and any accrued expenses which were properly incurred by the defendant, including storage and advertising; and the court may also allow a reasonable counsel fee to the defendant's counsel. The burden of proof in such action shall be upon the defendant to establish his claim or lien to the same extent as if he were a plaintiff in an action to secure a judgment on an open account.