

suggested that the Jew be required to swear on the life of his son. The advocate put this unusual suggestion to the presiding judge (Sir J. Colville), who adopted it, and the Jew was adjured accordingly. The same questions were again put to him, but this time they elicited affirmative replies, and counsel's object was accomplished.

THE NEWSPAPERS OF THE WORLD.—The number of newspapers published in all countries is estimated at 41,000; 24,000 appearing in Europe. Germany heads the list with 5,500, then comes France with 4,100, England with 4,000, Austria-Hungary with 3,500, Italy with 1,400, Spain with 850, Russia with 800, Switzerland with 450, Belgium and Holland with 300 each, and the rest is published in Portugal, the Scandinavian and the Balkan countries. The United States have 12,500 newspapers, Canada has 700, and Australia also 700. Of 300 journals published in Asia, Japan alone has 200. Two hundred journals appear in Africa, and three in the Sandwich Islands. In the principal languages there are published 17,000 newspapers in English, 7,500 in German, 6,800 in French, 1,800 in Spanish, and 1,500 in Italian.

STOPPING AN EXPRESS TRAIN.—The charge against Mr. Fontaine, of Norford Hall, justice of the peace, deputy-lieutenant of Norfolk, and master of the West Norfolk Foxhounds, of stopping a Great Eastern express train on March 18, was heard at Swaffham Quarter Sessions on July 9. The station-master at Eastwinch having declined to stop the train, the defendant went into the four-foot way, threw up his arms, and caused the driver to draw up. He then entered and proceeded on his journey. Letters from the company had been ignored. Defendant now pleaded guilty, and after a long address from the chairman, Lord Walsingham, he was fined £25, and bound over in the sum of £100 to keep the peace for six months.

LABELLING JUDGES.—Thomas Beardmore, who has been residing in Duke Street, Southport, but who was formerly a farmer at Hipstone, in Staffordshire, was charged in the Police Court on July 14th, with sending cards through the post containing offensive writing. Some time ago the defendant was a litigant before Judge Jordan and lost his case. He afterwards commenced writing libellous postcards, and for a libel on Judge Jord in he was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment and a fine of £20 for contempt of Court. Not paying the fine, he suffered a further imprisonment of seven months, and subsequently he commenced sending postcards to all connected with his trial, from the Lord Chancellor downwards. He was now fined 40s. and costs in three cases, or a month's imprisonment for each.

PROLONGED SITTINGS.—Some extraordinary judicial doings are reported from Queensland, Australia. The presiding judge was in a hurry to get away, and tried cases continuously for thirty-six hours. At one stage all the available jurors were occupied in considering verdicts, and, not to lose time, the judge ordered the doors of the court room to be locked, and then impounded every person in the audience qualified to serve. Many of the jurors were so exhausted by continuous service that they fell asleep in their seats, but the trials went on.

INSOLVENT NOTICES, ETC.

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Judicial Abandonments.

John E. Bradford, trader, Lachute, Nov. 26.
Gendron & Gauthier, traders, village of Megantic, Nov. 25.

Curators appointed.

Re Ulric Baril, Gently.—Bilodeau & Renaud, Montreal, joint curator, Nov. 22.
Re M. J. Dwyet & Co., wine merchants, Quebec.—N. Matte, Quebec, provisional guardian, Nov. 20.
Re Alphonse Durand, contractor.—D. Guilbault and P. E. McConville, Joliette, joint curator, Nov. 17.
Re Kenniburgh & Boyce, traders, Lachute.—G. J. Walker and W. J. Simpson, Lachute, joint curator, Nov. 20.
Re Placide Larochelle.—F. A. Mercier, St. Michel de Bellechasse, curator, Nov. 26.
Re J. H. Marceau & Co., Montreal.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Nov. 24.
Re George Rhéaume.—Pierre F. Renault, parish of St. Francis, curator, Nov. 19.

Dividends.

Re Bénoni Beaudin.—First and final dividend, payable Nov. 16, C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator.
Re Gilbert Currie Campbell.—Dividend, H. Hartland, Ormstown, curator.
Re Mary Bélanger, wife of Joseph Labelle.—First and final dividend, payable Dec. 10, A. F. Gervais, St. John, curator.
Re Henri ette Dompierre.—First and final dividend, payable Dec. 16, W. A. Caldwell, Montreal, curator.
Re Wilbrod Doré, grocer, Quebec.—First and final dividend payable Dec. 15, H. A. Bédard, Quebec, curator.
Re Joseph N. Massicotte.—Dividend, E. Audette, Farnham, curator.
Re Amable D. Porcheron.—First and final dividend, payable Dec. 17, Millier & Griffith, Sherbrooke, joint curator.
Re L. L. Raymond, L'Ange Gardien.—Second and final dividend, payable Dec. 18, A. W. Wilks, Montreal, curator.
Re A. F. Weippert & Co., grocers.—First and final dividend, payable Dec. 15, H. A. Bédard, Quebec, curator.

Separation as to property.

Zoé Benoit vs. Dominique Desautels, Jr., farmer, parish of St. Pie, Nov. 24.
Julie Boulais vs. Jean Bte. Barré, farmer, Ste Marie de Monnoir, Nov. 8.
Sophranie Lemire dit Marsolais vs. Isaïe Forget dit Dépatie, contractor, Nov. 22.
Almaïde Tétrault vs. Sergius Archambault, trader, Ste. Théodosie, Nov. 17.