

horse, Claymore, to win the Manchester November Handicap at 20 to 1, also 5 l. upon the same horse for a place at 5 to 1. The defendants contended that they had made the bets as principals and not as agents, and pleaded the Gambling Act (8 & 9 Vict. c. 109, s. 18). The defendant Hurndall denied, further, that he was a partner in the firm, and that he was responsible for the acts of the other defendants.—From the evidence it appeared that the defendants commenced the business of commission agents towards the latter part of 1888, and employed a clerk called Barnes to manage it for them, with instructions to telegraph any bets made. Cornbloom and Watson were bookmakers in London, and Hurndall was a veterinary surgeon. The defendants had an account at the London and South-Western Bank, all the defendants having signed the customers' book. Soon after Hurndall became dissatisfied with the expenditure and wrote to the bank, claiming to be a partner and to have the right to stop the other two defendants drawing cheques. It further appeared that the defendants had sent to the plaintiff a voucher stating that 'they had obtained for him the bets in question.' Watson, in cross-examination, admitted that he knew the law that the plaintiff could not recover unless he could prove that the defendants had actually made the bets with third persons and received the money; and yet, after action brought, he had written admitting his liability. Mr. Justice Stephen summed up and regretted very much that the Courts had permitted a great breach to be made in the spirit of the Gaming and Wagering Acts by enabling persons to recover bets from an agent who had actually made them with third parties and received the money. It enabled the Acts to be completely evaded, and he hoped that a change would sooner or later be made in the law. Still, here they had to administer the law as it stood. The jury found a verdict for the plaintiff for the full amount claimed.—Mr. Candy applied for a stay of execution, but Mr. Justice Stephen declined to grant a stay, as he had no doubt about the case, but the defendants could apply to a Divisional Court if they pleased.

INSOLVENT NOTICES, ETC.

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Dividends.

Re Blumenthal, Rosenthal & Co., St. Hyacinthe.—First and final dividend, payable May 13, J. Morin, St. Hyacinthe, curator.

Re A. E. Boisseau, Quebec.—Third and final dividend, payable May 12, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.

Re Hector Bourassa, Three Rivers.—Dividend, payable May 15, U. Martel, Jr., Three Rivers, curator.

Re James Stuart Kennedy.—First and final dividend, R. N. England, Knowlton, curator.

Re J. N. P. Lafricain & Cie., St. Ambroise.—Dividend, payable May 20, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.

Re Lamarche, Prévost & Cie., Montreal.—First dividend, payable May 20, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.

Re Massé & Mathieu, Montreal.—First dividend, payable May 20, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.

Re A. Normandin.—First and final dividend, payable May 16, C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator.

Re Joseph Pelletier & Cie.—First and final dividend, payable May 14, W. A. Caldwell, Montreal, curator.

Re J. A. Rafter & Son.—First dividend, payable May 20, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.

Re E. St. Amour *et al.*—First and final dividend, payable May 16, C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator.

Separation as to Property.

Helen Caldwell vs. Joseph Adams, blacksmith, Huntingdon, April 18.

Marie Agnes Germain vs. Jean Baptiste Falardeau Quebec, April 24.

Rosanna Lawlor vs. François X. Goyer, Montreal, April 16.

Martha Jane Whitney vs. James Calvin Moore, farmer, township of Kingsey, April 1.

Notarial minutes transferred.

Minutes of late G. F. Cleveland, N.P., Montreal, transferred to O'Hara Baynes, N.P., Montreal.

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Judicial Abandonments.

Catherine Murray, widow of Hugh Drysdale, watchmaker and jeweller, Montreal, April 26.

GENERAL NOTES.

At the annual meeting of the bar of Montreal, May 1st, the following officers were elected:—*Bâtonnier*, F. L. Béique, Q.C.; *Treasurer*, J. Dunlop, Q.C.; *Syndic*, H. C. St. Pierre, Q.C.; *Secretary*, H. Lanctot; *Council*, S. Beaudin, Q.C., P. H. Roy, C. A. Geoffrion, Q.C., F. D. Monk, C. J. Doherty, Q.C., J. L. Archambault, Q.C., W. W. Robertson, Q.C., H. Archambault, Q.C.