

*Jones & Fisher.*—Judgment confirmed; appeal dismissed with costs of first class. Motion for leave to appeal to the Privy Council, granted.

*Grand Trunk Railway Co. & La Corporation de la Ville de St. Jean.*—Judgment reversed; Bossé, J., *diss.*

*Cie. Chemin de Fer de Jonction de Montréal & Champlain & Ste. Marie.*—Judgment confirmed; Bossé, J., *diss.*

*Lewis & Walters.*—Judgment confirmed.

*Lusignan & Rielle.*—Judgment reversed; Tessier, J., *diss.*

*Evans & Moore.*—Judgment reformed, with costs of first class.

The Court adjourned to Jan. 15, 1889.

#### CONTRITION AND REPARATION.

On December 20, in the Queen's Bench Division, an application was made *In the Matter of Frederick Deakin, a Solicitor*, on behalf of the Incorporated Law Society. It appeared that he was admitted in 1879, and had been for some years managing clerk to Messrs. Bright, of Nottingham, and they had given him, as a candidate for office, a letter of recommendation to the Home Secretary. In March last he confessed with great contrition that he had for some time retained various sums received in the course of his employment, which he accounted for by his having been under great pressure. He had made every reparation in his power, giving a list of the sums taken, and he promised to set apart a third of his earnings to make up the deficiency. He pleaded hard for mercy on account of his wife and family.

LORD COLERIDGE said the case was a very distressing one, and had caused his learned brother and himself some anxiety. He always felt it a duty of the Court to watch the conduct of those whom the Court accredited as its officers, and to punish heavily cases of misconduct. But cases varied in their character, and though this was in some sense a bad one, it was in other points of view not so bad as others. This gentleman had been entrusted with an important branch of business, and when he began, he was from some causes heavily embarrassed, and unhappily took the money of his employers. Now, in one sense there could be no distinc-

tion in offences—stealing was stealing, and this gentleman had taken the money of his employers. Still there was the distinction pointed out in the case cited—that the solicitor had not taken the money in the character of a solicitor. Then it was to be considered that he had shown the deepest contrition, and had done his utmost to make reparation, and, having fortunately obtained another situation, he had promised to pay one-third of his wages to his former employers to make up their loss. These were all things to be considered, and his learned brother and himself thought them sufficient to justify them in abstaining from the extreme sentence of exclusion from the profession. They thought that a suspension for eighteen months would be sufficient, provided the solicitor fulfilled his promise of setting aside a third of his income for his former employers. He was a young man and a graduate of Oxford, and such a sentence as was imposed would be sufficiently severe. He desired to add that he hoped Messrs. Bright would be content with this sentence, and would abstain from further proceedings.—Mr. Justice Manisty concurred.—*Law Journal.*

#### INSOLVENT NOTICES, ETC.

*Quebec Official Gazette, Jan. 5.*

##### Judicial Abandonments.

Pierre Dubé, trader, St. Sauveur de Québec, Jan. 2.  
Chancy W. Getty, hotel-keeper, Sweetsburg, Dec. 22.

##### Curators appointed.

*Re* Godfroi Caron, trader, Cap St. Ignace.—H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator, Jan. 3.

*Re* Peter Dillon.—C. Millier and J. J. Griffith, Sherbrooke, joint curators, Dec. 31.

*Re* Joseph Lamarche, tanner, St. Jacques.—J. E. Ecrement, St. Jacques, county of Montcalm, curator, Dec. 26.

*Re* George Mauger, trader, Ste. Adelaide de Pabos.—H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator, Jan. 3.

*Re* H. E. Pelletier, trader, Ste. Louise.—H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator, Jan. 3.

*Re* Ross Brothers, Shawville.—J. McD. Hains, Montreal, curator, Dec. 26.

*Re* Toussaint & Co., grocers, Quebec.—H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator, Jan. 2.

##### Dividend.

*Re* Damase Z. Bessette, Montreal.—First and final dividend on proceeds of sale of lots, open to objection until Jan. 30.