

would tell the public what he thinks of our preliminary examinations.

40. I have little to say on the examination for practice. It may be enough to mention that you are scarcely more familiar with that branch of the question than with the other. You suggest four years as a minimum term of clerkship even for the B.C.L. candidates. Let me tell you, sir, that such has been the law for over two years.

In conclusion, I may say it is to be regretted that you had not read my late *letters* in the *Gazette* on these questions. They contain much useful information, specially to those who write for the public. They have just been issued in pamphlet form, and every member of the profession, who takes an interest in these matters, is welcome to a copy.

S. PAGUELO.

Montreal, March 13, 1889.

#### INSOLVENT NOTICES, ETC.

*Quebec Official Gazette, March 9.*

##### Judicial Abandonments.

- J. U. O. Dechène, trader, Fraserville, March 1.  
 Philippe Rheault, doing business as A. J. Fortier & Co., Three Rivers, Feb. 23.  
 Morency frère, St François, March 2.  
 Charles Wm. Phillips, doing business as C. W. Phillips & Co., boot and shoe manufacturer, Berthierville, March, 1.  
 Victor Portelance, Lachevrotière, March 7.

##### Curators Appointed.

- Re* Chapdelaine & Lacouture.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, March 5.  
*Re* Samuel J. Kelly and Thomas E. Kelly.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Feb. 26.  
*Re* Alfred St. Pierre.—C. S. Milette, Richmond, curator, Feb. 25.  
*Re* Pierre Vallières.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, March 4.

##### Dividends.

- Re* J. O. Boucher.—First and final dividend, payable March 23, A. A. Taillon, Sorel, curator.  
*Re* Brault & Cadieux.—First and final dividend, payable March 26, Gauthier & Parent, Montreal, curators.  
*Re* late Cyril Chandler, Stanbridge.—Final dividend, payable March 13, M. Corey, Stanbridge East, curator.  
*Re* Belzamire Guay (F. Guay & Co.).—First and final dividend, payable March 28, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.  
*Re* André Fontaine.—First and final dividend, payable March 22, Bilodeau & Renaud, Montreal, curators.

#### Separation as to Property.

- Marie Alphonsine Bégin vs. Achille Prudent Caron  
 Quebec, March 5.  
 Sophie Dubreuil vs. Jean Baptiste Brousseau, trader,  
 township of Ditton, Feb. 25.  
 Marie Euphrosine Huineault vs. Ubalde Archambault, farmer, St. Timothée, Dec. 10.  
 Aglaé Royreau dit Laliberté vs. Joseph Guilbert,  
 manufacturer, Farnham, Feb. 20.  
 Guta Rebecca Mecklenburg vs. Jacob Roshegolsky  
*alias* Rogalsky, trader, Montreal, Feb. 14.

#### Special Terms.

- Extraordinary term of Court of Queen's Bench,  
 district of Chicoutimi, April 10.  
 Special term of Superior Court, district of Chicoutimi,  
 from 2nd to 8th April.  
 Special term of Circuit Court, district of Chicoutimi,  
 from 28th March to 1st April.

#### GENERAL NOTES.

DULL TIMES.—A correspondent of the *Scottish Law Review*, writing from London, remarks sadly upon the "uneasiness and dissatisfaction" which are "spreading amongst the Bar," owing to the stagnation of legal business in that city.

MRS. FACING-BOTH-WAYS.—A curious instance of "right about face" occurred in court recently. A petition of nullity had been presented against a husband, falsely so called, on the ground that he was insane at the time of the marriage. While the suit was still pending the respondent died, and the petitioner now claimed administration of his estate as "his lawful widow and relict."—*Law Journal*.

#### DECLARATION IN ASSUMPSIT.

John Doe complains of Susan Roe  
 That she, with scheming art,  
 Has stolen from the said John Doe  
 His valuable heart.

For this, to-wit, that heretofore,  
 To-wit, November nine,  
 She called the said John Doe an oak,  
 And styled herself the vine.

And later on the aforesaid day,  
 With malice all prepened,  
 The said defendant ate ice-cream  
 At plaintiff's great expense.

And then and there to said John Doe  
 Said Susan Roe implied  
 That she would go in coverture  
 To be said plaintiff's bride.

And this to do she has refused;  
 And thus, with cruel art,  
 Has stolen from the said John Doe  
 His valuable heart.

And so he prays this County Court  
 To do him justice meet;  
 Likewise for damages he prays,  
 Therefore he brings this suit.

*Virginia University Magazine.*