

in neighbours to explain it, I went right on to create testimony by digging a grave in the cellar for the victim, and when about two feet deep, I luckily struck water, and that ended the cellar burial.

"The store was near Kenka Lake, and I had a good hand-sled, and determined to dump the body in the lake near the steam-boat dock, where it was not then frozen over. Loading the heavy body on the little sled, I started down a back street for the lake side, leaving a bloody trail all the way for detection. What a journey, what a feeling! How the stars brightened, and the window curtains seemed to open; how the sled creaked on the frosty snow! How I looked at every corner; how I realized the awful crime of manslaughter! I shall never forget that agony.

"Going down the last hill to the lake, the corpse slid off the sled, and I began to lift it on again. I had placed the body fairly on the runners; but the face hung downward, and in turning it over, I was startled by the sound, 'What are—you—doing—with—me?' 'Taking you home,' I gasped, as I almost fell prostrate from fright and joy and confusion. In a few minutes more he had revived, and I had cleared myself of a hanging by his coming to life again.

"The motion in the air, the stupor, the limp condition of the body from drink, the roundabout way of covering up crime, saved me, and I may by this lesson save others, from a terrible fate."

The man who told me this incident is living, is married, well-to-do, and no one would dream of his early experience as he now truthfully and freely relates it.—*J. W. Donovan in the Green Bag.*

#### INSOLVENT NOTICES, ETC.

*Quebec Official Gazette, Dec. 21.*

#### Judicial Abandonments.

Joseph A. Allard, boot and shoe dealer, Hull, Dec. 11.

Louis Napoleon Boisclair, trader, Nicolet, Dec. 13.

Ambroise De Blois, grocer, St. Sauveur, Dec. 16.

F. X. Lepage, dry goods dealer, Quebec, Dec. 17.

#### Curators appointed.

*Re* Théophile Brodeur, hotel-keeper, St. Liboire.—*J. Morin, St. Hyacinthe, curator, Dec. 14.*

● *Re* A. L. G. Dugal, furrier, Quebec.—*H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.*

*Re* F. E. Edwards, absentee.—*J. A. Nelson, Montreal, curator, Dec. 16.*

*Re* F. Farrand, Hartwell.—*Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Dec. 16.*

*Re* P. Gingras & Co., coal dealers, Quebec.—*N. Matte, Quebec, curator, Dec. 13.*

*Re* Pierre Avila Gouin, Three Rivers.—*Thomas Darling, Montreal, curator, Dec. 13.*

*Re* Gouin & Gouin, Three Rivers.—*T. E. Normand, N.P., Three Rivers, curator, Dec. 13.*

*Re* Albert Lefebvre, trader, Laprairie.—*A. J. A. Roberge, N.P., Laprairie, curator, Dec. 12.*

*Re* E. Massicotte & Frères.—*C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, Dec. 16.*

*Re* F. X. Mercier, trader, St. Hyacinthe.—*J. Morin, St. Hyacinthe, curator, Dec. 14.*

*Re* F. H. Parsons, trader, Coleraine.—*H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator, Dec. 14.*

*Re* Etienne A. Prevost, trader, Montreal.—*J. Frigon, Montreal, curator, Dec. 17.*

#### Dividends.

*Re* Cyrille Benoit.—Third and final dividend, payable Dec. 31, Bilodeau & Renaud, Montreal, joint curator.

*Re* Dame Pauline Dreyfus.—First and final dividend, payable Jan. 8, W. A. Caldwell, Montreal, curator.

*Re* D. & J. McGuire.—Dividend, M. Kennedy, Quebec, curator.

*Re* P. Morency & Cie., hardware merchants, Quebec.—First and final dividend, payable Jan. 7, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.

*Re* Anselme Poulin.—First dividend (18c.) payable Jan. 8, A. F. Gervais, St. John's, curator.

*Re* Robitaille, Bernier & Bernier, Quebec.—First dividend, payable Jan. 25, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.

#### Separation as to property.

*Dame* Henriette Duhamel vs. Didace Bonnin, contractor, St. Antoine, district of Montreal, Dec. 18.

#### GENERAL NOTES.

WOMAN-BURNING.—In the *Nation* of September 12th there is a communication on "English Woman-Burning," in which the writer mentions an instance of that punishment in a case of petty treason in 1775. The item was taken from the *Yorkshire Notes and Queries*, and the editor of that journal speaks of the occurrence as "the last case of burning to death probably." But Mr. Pike, in his very valuable *History of Crime*, vol. 2, p. 379, mentions two later instances, the last case being that of a woman who was burned as late as 1784 for the murder of her husband. Not long after this time the punishment of hanging was substituted by statute for that of burning. This horrible punishment is brought nearer home when we recall the fact that in 1755 an old negro woman was burned in this city on the common opposite the college for poisoning her master. (See a pamphlet entitled "The Trial and Execution of Mark and Phillis," by A. E. Goodell, Jr., published at the University Press in 1883.)—*Harvard Law Review.*