

to marry within a fortnight after the arrival of the yearly cargo of women from France. No mercy was shown to the obdurate bachelor. They were forbidden to hunt, fish, trade with the Indians, or go into the woods under any pretence whatsoever. So active was the market, that one young lady was married at twelve years of age, and a widow went to the altar afresh before her late husband was buried ("The Old Regime").

Ladies are in the legal profession without a doubt; in fact, it is only for them and their edification and delight that this article is written, printed and published; and one is almost led to believe that some of them have already donned the ermine, and sat down upon the bench, when one meets a judicial utterance such as the one in this case: A son-in-law sued for boarding his mother-in-law twenty-six and a half weeks (fortunately for the man this was not all at one time, but on five different occasions, extending over four years); sometimes the lengthening out of these visits was made at the suggestion of the daughter, sometimes the doctor voiced the idea. The mamma-in-law never promised to pay, nor did the son-in-law succeed in proving that she had ever expected to be charged board. The Court—surely a mother-in-law—said, "It would be a crime against nature and humanity to give all the courtesies, favors and visits that are exchanged between parents and children, the mercenary quality of dollars and cents." (*Lawyer v. Hebard*, 58 Vt. 375).

Mothers-in-law, as one would naturally expect from their number, have been before the Court prior to the time of 58 Vermont. *Mach v. Parsons* (1 Am. Dec. 17) sets forth a rule of comfort to husbands—namely, that a son-in-law cannot be held responsible for the support of his wife's parents. And in New Hampshire it was decided that a coffin and grave-clothes, purchased by a man for his mother-in-law, who died a member of his family, were necessaries, so as to charge a trust fund (*Thompson v. Smith*, 57 N. H. 306.)

(To be continued.)

INSOLVENT NOTICES, ETC.

Quebec Official Gazette, March 23.

Judicial Abandonments.

N. Dion & Co., boot and shoe manufacturers, Québec, March 15.

Alexis Grégoire, boot and shoe manufacturer, St. Henri, March 19.

Joseph Alfred Morin, watch-maker, St. Hyacinthe, March 12.

Amable Rufiange, blacksmith, St. Timothée, Mar. 14.

Curators Appointed.

Re Alexander Allan, doing business as the Canada Dye Stuff and Chemical Co.—W. A. Caldwell, Montreal, curator, March 22.

Re S. Cardinal.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Mar. 18.

Re J. W. O. Déchène, Fraserville.—H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator, March 19.

Re J. A. Demers, Levis.—H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator, March 20.

Re G. A. Drouin.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, March 15.

Re A. J. Fertin & Co., Three Rivers.—J. McD. Hains, Montreal, curator, March 15.

Re Evariste Gélinas.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, March 20.

Re L. Philippe Guillemette, St. Jérôme.—Bilodeau and Renaud, Montreal, curators, March 15.

Re David Guimond, Ste. Madeleine.—A. Turcotte, Montreal, curator, March 16.

Re L. E. Guimond & Co., Beauharnois.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, March 18.

Re Francis X. Lahaie, Masham Mills.—J. McD. Hains, Montreal, curator, March 15.

Re J. C. E. Montreuil & Co.—A. Toussaint, Quebec, curator, March 13.

Re Morency & Frères, St. François.—G. O. Taschereau, St. Joseph, Beauce, curator, March 19.

Re Munns & Crabtree.—C. Millier & J. J. Griffith, Sherbrooke, joint curator, March 18.

Re Pierre Plautier.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, March 15.

Re Archibald Ralston (Peter Ralston & Sons).—W. A. Caldwell, Montreal, curator, March 20.

Re Amable Rufiange.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, March 19.

Re Hormidas St. Germain.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, March 20.

Dividends.

Re G. A. Chevalier.—First and final dividend (52½ per cent.), payable April 5, J. McD. Hains, Montreal, curator.

Re J. C. Dansereau.—First dividend, payable April 15, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.

Re Solyne Davignon, fils.—First dividend, payable April 5, J. A. Nadeau, Iberville, curator.

Re David Déry, Trois Pistoles.—First and final dividend, payable April 8, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.

Re P. C. Gagnon.—Dividend, payable April 12, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.

Re L. Grenier.—Dividend, payable April 1, F. Valentine, Three Rivers, curator.

Re C. Z. Langevin, St. Sauveur de Québec.—First and final dividend, payable April 8, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.

Re B. Maynard, St. Guillaume.—Dividend, payable April 15, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.

Re Eugène Michaud, Fraserville.—First and final dividend, payable April 8, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.

Separation as to Property.

Celina H. Narbonne vs. J. Bte. Blanchard, forwarder, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, March 20.

Delphine Clarisse Piché vs. Alexis Grégoire, manufacturer, St. Henry, March 20.