

is the more useful to the statistician, the other to the lawyer. The registration of a baptism is less liable to fraud than that of a birth. Every baptism registered must at least bear reference to a child produced to the celebrant, whereas births may be registered on mere statements. Similarly, a burial can hardly be registered unless there is at least a dead man. For this reason the function of the clergyman is still of great importance, and the revival of the practice of periodical transcriptions of the registers would seem the best remedy for the evil of perishing registers of which complaint is made. A fresh injunction on the lines of its predecessors might be issued with the authority of the Crown as the head of the Church, with or without the sanction of Convocation, or an Act of Parliament might be passed. To take the original registers out of the parish and out of their natural custody is unnecessary, and would be undesirable.

#### INSOLVENT NOTICES, ETC.

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##### *Judicial Abandonments.*

- Pierre Charles D'Auteuil, merchant, Quebec, Nov. 23.  
 Lorena A. Merriman, Myra Olive Sutton and Luman Everett Sutton (Sutton & Sutton), traders, Barnston, Nov. 24.  
 David Ethier, trader, St. Eustache, Nov. 29.  
 Maxime H. Loranger, trader, Sherbrooke, Nov. 28.  
 Duncan McCormick and David Bryson, traders, Montreal, Nov. 26.  
 Louis M. Trottier, St. John's, Nov. 28.

##### *Curators appointed.*

- Re* Esra Bigelow.—C. H. Kathan, Rock Island, curator, Nov. 12.  
*Re* Alphonse Busseau & Co., tobaccoists, Montreal.—S. C. Fatt, Montreal, curator, Nov. 23.  
*Re* Samuel Chagnon, St. Paul l'Ermité.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Nov. 24.  
*Re* L. Chandonet, Three Rivers.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Nov. 23.  
*Re* Walter Gibbs, Montreal.—Bilodeau & Renaud, Montreal, joint curator, Nov. 21.  
*Re* A. Houle & Cie.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, Nov. 28.  
*Re* Jean Leroux, Cedars.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Nov. 24.  
*Re* Samuel Myers, jeweller, Montreal.—S. C. Fatt, Montreal, curator, Nov. 28.  
*Re* B. L. Nowell & Co., merchants, Montreal.—S. C. Fatt, Montreal, curator, Nov. 28.  
*Re* Jean Sallafranque.—J. Cartier, Jr., Montreal, curator, Nov. 28.

#### *Dividends.*

*Re* Thos. McCord, merchant, Quebec.—Second and final dividend, payable Dec. 16, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.

*Re* Helen Nugent, trader, Chicoutimi.—Second and final dividend, payable Dec. 16, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.

#### *Separation as to property.*

Tharcile Petit dit Lalumière vs. Toussaint Désiré Roy, Montreal, Nov. 19.

#### *Minutes of notaries transferred.*

Minutes of late G. T. Tremblay, Quebec, transferred to G. P. Chateauvert, N.P., Quebec.

Minutes of late J. M. Lefebvre, Knowlton, and late Jos. Lefebvre, Waterloo, transferred to Ernest Fleury, N.P., Knowlton.

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#### *Judicial Abandonments.*

- Jean Bte. Brousseau, trader, La Patrie, Nov. 29.  
 James Johnstone, Drummondville, Nov. 29.  
 George Mauger, trader, Ste. Adelaide de Pabos, Nov. 24.  
 Louis Felix Roy, trader, St. Felicien du Lac St. Jean, Dec. 4.  
 John Russell, trader, Montreal, Nov. 29.

#### *Curators Appointed.*

- Re* Dame M. Bélanger, Montreal.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Dec. 5.  
*Re* John Donaghy, boot and shoe dealer, Montreal.—A. W. Stevenson, Montreal, curator, Dec. 5.  
*Re* Gosselin & Co., Montreal.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint-curator, Dec. 5.  
*Re* L. & F. Higgins, Montreal.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Dec. 5.  
*Re* E. B. D. Lafleur, Bryson.—J. McD. Hains, Montreal, curator, Nov. 30.  
*Re* McCormick & Bryson, Montreal.—J. C. McCormick, Montreal, curator, Dec. 5.  
*Re* Louis Pigeon, butcher, Lachine.—C. H. Parent, Montreal, curator, Dec. 5.  
*Re* Louis M. Trottier, St. Johns.—J. O'Gain, St. Johns, curator, Dec. 5.

#### GENERAL NOTES.

MEETING OF PARLIAMENT.—Notice is given that the Parliament of Canada is to meet on Thursday, Jan. 31st.

SALE OF A HORSE.—A warranty of a horse, subject to the horse being returned within a specified time, allows the purchaser to sue for its breach if he was prevented from fulfilling the condition through the horse injuring itself (*Chapman v. Withers*, 87 Law J. Rep. Q. B. 457).

UNLAWFUL MARRIAGE.—Notice is given in the Quebec Official Gazette of a bill to legalize the marriage, on the 12th March, 1878, of Odilon Mongenais to Marie Anny McMillan, notwithstanding Art. 126, C.C.