

because it prevents their hooking and injuring each other. A herd of dehorned cattle is as gentle as a flock of sheep. In the West dehorning is practised largely on account of safety and economy. A herd of cows was tested a week before and a week after dehorning, and the milk flow showed no falling off after the operation. Mr. J. E. Martin summed up the case for the society and Mr. Racicot for the defence. The court, after a brief deliberation, dismissed the action with costs against the society.

#### WEDDING PRESENTS.

Mr. Montagu Williams is reported to have recently laid down that wedding presents cannot be recovered back by the giver from the receiver, in the event of the wedding in view of which they were given not taking place. This may seem very hard in some cases, as where family jewels or other heirlooms have been presented, or where the receiver breaks off the marriage without any cause whatever just before the day appointed for it. But whether hard or not, is it good law? We very much doubt it. Lord Hardwicke in *Robinson v. Cumming*, 2 Atk. 409, laid down that 'if a person has made his addresses to a lady for some time, upon a view of marriage, and upon reasonable expectation of success makes presents to a considerable value, and she thinks proper to deceive him afterwards, it is very right that the presents themselves should be returned, or the value of them allowed to him; but where presents are made only to introduce a person to a woman's acquaintance, and by means thereof to gain her favour, such person is to be looked upon only in the light of an adventurer, and, like all other adventurers, if he will run risques, and loses by the attempt, he must take it for his pains.' As the defendant in *Robinson v. Cumming* was an adventurer, and was not allowed to have his presents back, we have only an *obiter dictum* here, but it is an *obiter dictum* of great weight, and we incline to the opinion that an action would lie to recover presents given in expectation of a marriage which did not take place, as for a gift upon a condition subsequently unfulfilled.—*Law Journal* (London).

#### INSOLVENT NOTICES, ETC.

*Quebec Official Gazette*, April 12.

##### Judicial Abandonments.

Demers & Riverin, Quebec, April 8.  
Malcolm MacCullum, shoe-dealer, Lachute, March 28.

##### Curators appointed.

*Re* Dame Hilda Andrews.—W. A. Caldwell, Montreal, curator, April 8.

*Re* Gilbert Currie Campbell, tinsmith, Ormstown.—H. Hartland, Ormstown, curator, April 5.

*Re* Evariste Drouin, grocer, Quebec.—H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator, April 3.

*Re* André Dubrulle.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, April 8.

*Re* Stanislas Gougeon.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, April 9.

*Re* Edouard St. Cyr, Ste. Clothilde de Horton.—J. E. Girouard, Drummondville, curator, April 5.

##### Dividends.

*Re* L. A. Dansereau, Montreal.—First and final dividend, payable April 28, J. McD. Hains, Montreal, curator.

*Re* David Rea.—Second and final dividend, A. F. Riddell and T. Meredith, joint curator, April 12.

*Re* Michel Tessier.—First and final dividend, A. F. Riddell, Montreal, curator.

##### Separation as to property.

Dina Dubois vs. Auguste Méreineau, Montreal, April 8.

Céline Duval vs. François Xavier Sarasin, Three Rivers, April 8.

Sophie Lefebvre vs. Ernest V. Brosseau, Montreal, April 5.

#### GENERAL NOTES.

**COURT BIBLES.**—The health authorities of Philadelphia have been invoked to put a stop to the custom which prevails in the courts of taking the oath by kissing the Bible. The law provides that persons may be sworn either by kissing the book or by holding up the right hand; but in Philadelphia the former procedure is the usual and accepted form. It is complained that the Bible in use is generally a very dirty one, and that the promiscuous smacking of a soiled and salivated book is an unclean and disease-breeding practice that ought to be abolished.

**PROFESSIONAL ADVERTISING.**—A novel design in professional advertising has been sent to us. It is a card of a solicitor with the portrait of a good-looking, well-dressed gentleman on one side, with "My Advocate" beneath, and P. T. O. in the corner. On the other side are the name and address appertaining to the portrait.—*Law Times* (London).

**UNCLAIMED WEALTH.**—The recent conversion of British consols revealed the fact that there was a large amount upon which interest was unclaimed, and some for the principal of which there were no owners at all. The replies to circulars showed that hundreds of stockholders were dead, many were reminded of stock that they had forgotten, while others were made aware for the first time that they had money in the funds. After a thorough sifting of the matter it was discovered that no owners could be found for the great sum of \$40,330,705.