

achieve, Mr. Peacock practised six years on the back benches. He took silk in 1850, and was at once made a bencher of his Inn. Two years later he was appointed to be a Legal Member of the Supreme Council of India at Calcutta. A special pleader necessarily cultivates precision and accuracy of language. The work of the legal members of the Council of India is largely concerned with codification, and the training which Sir Barnes Peacock had received in the painful exactitude of the common law was naturally of great service to him in fulfilling his new functions. Sir Whitley Stokes couples his name with those of Macaulay, Sir Henry Maine, Sir James Stephen, Lord Hobhouse, and William Macpherson among the authors of the Indian Codes, those remarkable summaries of law compiled by Englishmen for India, which, in turn, have exercised, and are still exercising, a valuable reciprocal action in simplifying English law in England. Sir Barnes Peacock was destined not only to frame laws, but to expound them on the bench. In 1859, Sir James Colville, with whom Sir Barnes Peacock afterwards sat so many years in the chamber of the judicial committee in Downing Street, retired from the chief justiceship of the Supreme Court of Calcutta. Sir Barnes Peacock succeeded him, was made Vice-President of the Legislative Council of India, and knighted. In 1862, when the Indian judicial institutions were remodelled, he became chief justice of what was henceforth called the High Court of Judicature at Bengal. The judgments of the Court have been of the greatest assistance to students of Indian law, not only as expositions of the codes, but as repositories of learning on native customs. In 1870 Sir Barnes Peacock returned to this country, and he has since 1872 been a member of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, which has in later years, some time subsequently to his appointment, been strengthened by the addition of the Lords of Appeal in Ordinary. He returned with a great and deserved reputation from India. His work at the Privy Council has been marked rather by caution than by showy or brilliant qualities. He gave evidence of possessing great endurance and persistence, and we reported on Monday a

case in which he took part so recently as last Saturday. His illness lasted only three days, and on its fatal termination being communicated yesterday to the Court in which he had sat for eighteen years, it immediately adjourned as a mark of respect to his memory. — *Times*.

On the opening of the Court of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (present Lord Hobhouse, Lord Macnaghten, Sir Richard Couch and Lord Shand) on December 3, Lord Hobhouse, who spoke with emotion, said: Their lordships have to inform counsel that they have received the shock of learning that Sir Barnes Peacock, who has been sitting in the case now before them and who was the oldest member of the Board, is dead; and they feel that under that shock, and with due respect to him and to the survivors of his family, they ought not to continue the public business to-day. They will go on with this case to-morrow, when they will be in a calmer state of mind.

INSOLVENT NOTICES, ETC.

Quebec Official Gazette, Dec. 27.

Judicial Abandonments.

Dame Fliza Petit, widow of late Pierre Agol, restaurant keeper, Montreal, Dec. 27.

Edward H. Tarbell, tinsmith, Knowlton, Dec. 22.

James Watkins, trader, Drummondville, Dec. 12.

Curators appointed.

Re Dame Athala Piché, St. Gabriel de Brandon.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Dec. 23.

Re Charles O. Dubois, Hull.—D. C. Simon, Hull, curator, Dec. 5.

Re J. A. Dupont.—F. Valentine, Three Rivers, curator, Dec. 20.

Re Joseph Lecompte.—C. Desmarreau, Montreal, curator, Dec. 23.

Re Mde L. Lussier.—Bilodeau & Renaud, Montreal, joint curator, Dec. 20.

Re A. & A. Préfontaine, Belœil.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Dec. 24.

Re Cyrille Sico'te, Montreal.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Dec. 23.

Re J. E. Turgeon, Sherbrooke.—H. A. Bédard, Quebec, curator, Dec. 23.

Dividends.

Re James Dawson & Co, dry goods, Montreal.—First and final dividend, payable Jan. 13, A. F. Riddell, Montreal, curator.

Re Arthur Demers, St. John's.—First and final dividend, payable Jan. 10, A. F. Gervais, St. John's, curator.

Re Jos. Gélinas.—First dividend, payable Jan. 12, P. Heroux, St. Séver, curator.

Re Murdoch Alexander Graham (Graham & Co), Montreal.—First dividend, payable Jan. 12, Dawson Kerr, Montreal, curator.

Separation as to property.

Rose Delima Desmarrais vs. François Ouellette, jr., carter, St. Césaire, Dec. 24.

Odille Dubuc vs. Toussaint Aubertin, farmer, parish of Longueuil, Dec. 24.