

without oil, a trumpet without a sound, a smock without fire, a fiddle out of tune, or a bell without a clapper; and differs from a lawyer as a shrimp does from a lobster, a frog from an elephant, or a tom tit from an eagle."—*Solicitors' Journal*.

### INSOLVENT NOTICES, ETC.

*Quebec Official Gazette, Nov. 24.*

#### Judicial Abandonments.

Jacques Olivier Boucher, Sorel, Nov. 19.  
George Duberger, hotel-keeper, Pointe au Pic Nov. 2.  
Eustache Biroleau dit Lafleur, trader, Bryson, Nov. 14.

#### Curators Appointed.

*Re* Catherine Duffin, widow of late James McIvor, Salaberry de Valleyfield.—W. A. Caldwell, Montreal, Nov. 16.  
*Re* Rachel Legault (Mad. Laurin).—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint-curator, Nov. 21.  
*Re* Hermine Therien.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint-curator, Nov. 21.  
*Re* Montreal Soap and Oil Co.—W. A. Caldwell, Montreal, curator, Nov. 21.  
*Re* Louis Grenier.—F. Valentine, Three Rivers, curator, Nov. 16.  
*Re* Miller & Higgins, livery stable keepers.—W. J. Common, Montreal, curator, Nov. 21.  
*Re* William Wray.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, Nov. 21.  
*Re* Wright, Torrop & Co., manufacturers, parish of St. George.—L. Moisan, St. George, curator, Nov. 16.

#### Dividends.

*Re* Bergeron & frère.—First and final dividend, payable Dec. 4, J. O. Dion, St. Hyacinthe, curator.  
*Re* Blais & Emond, Quebec.—First dividend, payable Dec. 5, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.  
*Re* W. A. Canfield, Lacolle.—First dividend, payable Dec. 17, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint-curator.  
*Re* C. E. Carbonneau, Montmagny.—First and final dividend, payable Dec. 8, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.  
*Re* James Guest.—First dividend, payable Dec. 11, A. F. Riddell, Montreal, curator.  
*Re* Archibald Jacobs.—First and final dividend, payable Dec. 12, C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator.

#### Separation as to property.

Frances Eagleson vs. John Frederick Wolff, merchant, Montreal, Nov. 8.  
Mary Kernan vs. Thos. Wm. Nicholson, clerk, Montreal, Nov. 7.  
Marie M. Valiquet vs. Aloys M. Hulek, Montreal, Nov. 21.

#### Separation from bed and board.

Lemuel C. Barron vs. Rev. J. Hiscoks *es qualite* curator to Jean *alias* Jane Todd, a minor, St. Scholastique, Nov. 12.

#### Proclamation.

Legislature to meet January 9.

### GENERAL NOTES.

**OFFERING REWARDS FOR CRIMINALS.**—The offer of rewards may stimulate the activity of citizens not directly interested in the detection of criminals, but it chills the activity of those directly interested, including the police, detectives, and others in the employ of the State. No doubt it is usual to limit the promise of reward to those not in the service of the police, but it is well known that rewards have been successfully claimed by private persons to whom police officers have given the information and with whom they have shared the reward. The mischief of offering rewards is that those who have information, and whose duty it is to communicate it, keep it back till a reward is offered. Another kind of mischief lies in the ambiguity of the phrase "information leading to the discovery" of the crime, and when a criminal for whose arrest there is a promise of a reward is caught there are generally several claimants. Those who have had to sue for a reward find such difficulties in their way that they are sure never to try to catch a criminal again. Rewards for energy in the prevention or detection of crime should be given after the event, on the recommendation of the judge, according to a practice not uncommon in English Courts. *Qui tam* actions are no longer brought in England. They began to go out of vogue in the reign of Henry VII., and were practically got rid of altogether by an Act of 1859, which allowed the Crown to remit in all cases. In point of disrepute the common informer has been a by-word for centuries in England.—*Law Journal* (London).

**SINGULAR WILL.**—Probate has been granted of the will dated June 18, 1887, of a testator who died recently and left all his residuary estate to two granddaughters, having appointed as sole executrix a daughter to whom he bequeathed 25*l.*, and to his wife one farthing, which he directed the executrix to forward to her by post unpaid as an indication of his disgust at the treatment which he had received at her hands, and especially in respect of the abusive epithets, such as "old pig" and others, which she used in circumstances which he explained, but did not think justified such opprobrious language. The will has evidently been carefully drawn, although not apparently by a solicitor, and is engrossed in a clerk-like manner and duly executed by the testator.

**LITTELL'S LIVING AGE FOR 1889.**—During the forty-five years of its existence this sterling weekly magazine has steadily maintained its high standard. It is a thoroughly satisfactory compilation of the most valuable literature of the day, and as such is unrivalled. As periodicals of all sorts continue to multiply, this magazine continues to increase in value; and it has become quite indispensable to the American reader. By its aid alone he can, with an economy of time, labor, and money otherwise impracticable, keep well abreast with the literary and scientific progress of the age and with the work of the ablest living writers. It is the most comprehensive of magazines, and its prospectus for 1889 is well worth the attention of all who are selecting their reading-matter for the new year. To new subscribers remitting now for the year 1889 the intervening numbers are sent *gratis*. Littell & Co., Boston, are the publishers.