

ful romance. He was born a British subject, at St. Croix, in the West Indies; he was of the Jewish race; he was a senator of the United States; he was Attorney-General of the Confederation under Jeff. Davis; he lived in England and died in Paris, having become a domiciled resident of Paris. "Benjamin was not possessed of any graces of manner or appearance. He was a short round man with a strong American accent, pronouncing jury as if it were 'jewery.'" He made great sums as a lawyer, and but for his Confederate history, and his age no doubt, he would surely have gone to the bench. But it would not have been a wise thing to do to appoint such a man to such a position, even many years after the fall of the Confederacy. It is noticeable that in these accounts of famous English judges, there are hints of many weaknesses of temper, of industry, and sometimes even of moral character. "I have seen all the great English journalists," said George Augustus Sala, "and none of them are ten feet high." It is quite likely that if we could transplant men like the late Judge Ramsay, the present Chief Justice Hagarty, or the ex-Equity Judge Ritchie, of Nova Scotia, to the bench of England they would shine there by virtue of learning, of industry, of keenness of intellect, of dignity of manner and of probity of character, and even by virtue of a certain wit repressed in some cases on account of the too short distance which in some ways separates the bench from the bar.—"*M.J.G.*" in the *Gazette*.

INSOLVENT NOTICES, ETC.

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Judicial Abandonments.

- E. Beaudet et al., Quebec, August 2.
 Nazaire Fournier, Sherbrooke, August 8.
 J. Levi Gaudette, Montreal, August 2.

Curators appointed.

- Re* Louis S. Bisson, Montreal.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, curator, August 9.
Re Alice Mary Swalwell and Margaret McKenna, (The Boston Millinery Rooms).—J. M. M. Duff, curator, Montreal, August 9.
Re J. Levi Gaudette.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, August 9.
Re L. H. Lafleur, Yamaska.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, curator, August 4.

Re Damase Rocheleau.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, July 22.

Dividends.

- Re* Clément Berthiaume, Contrecoeur.—First and final dividend, payable August 30, A. E. Gervais and A. L. Kent, Montreal, joint curator.
Re Euèbe Bourgoing, Ste. Flavie.—First and final dividend, payable August 24, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.
Re J. A. Landry, Montreal.—First and final dividend, payable September 5, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, curator.
Re F. X. Kinfret, Matane.—First and final dividend, payable August 21, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.
Re Félix Yachon, St. Eugène.—First and final dividend, payable August 21, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.

Separation as to property.

- Minnie J. Condy vs. Charles F. Pharaoh, trader, Cowansville, August 5.
 Sophronie Monbleau vs. Odilon Rémillard, farmer, Ste. Marguerite de Blairandie, July 8.

GENERAL NOTES.

A ludicrous illustration of the proneness often shown by counsel to identify themselves with their clients, has been contributed in the course of hearing a breach of promise case at the Liverpool Assizes. The plaintiff, described as "an attractive-looking widow of about thirty-five," brought an action against a local licensed victualler named William Henry Veovers, to recover damages, and was awarded £80. The plaintiff was represented by Mr. Segar, who observed, in the course of his opening statement: "Our case is that for a considerable time, since the end of 1885, the defendant has been courting us." This extraordinary attribution of affection to the defendant elicited from Mr. Justice Wills the query, "Are you and the solicitor, then, coming into the courtship?" After this illustration of counsel's identification with client, there is no longer occasion to doubt the veracity of the anecdote about the barrister appealing to the judge, on behalf of a woman just found guilty of murder, in the startling words, "My lord, we are on the point of becoming a mother."—*Irish Law Times*.

Disons-la, parce que c'est si invraisemblable que ça doit être vrai: les époux Gayot, chiffonniers, prévenus de vol, paraissent assurément de bonne foi dans leurs explications.

En chiffonnant, à Aubervilliers, ils ont trouvé une montre et une alliance: ces deux objets ils les ont vendus à un brocanteur; tel est le vol qui leur est reproché.

Or, la montre et la bague ont été, leur dit M. le président, trouvées dans les décombres de l'Opéra-Comique.

Le prévenu.—Mais, mon président, nous n'en savions rien, ma femme ni moi: nous avons trouvé ça à Aubervilliers, dans la décharge de la rue du Mauvin; quand le tonnerreau est arrivé, et qu'on l'a déchargé, nous y avons couru, comme d'autres chiffonniers; nous trouvons une vieille montre toute noire.....

M. le président.—Eh bien, cela aurait dû vous indiquer qu'elle avait été noircie dans un incendie.

Le prévenu.—Nous n'avons pas pensé à ça.

M. le président.—En tout cas, vous avez bien pensé à aller vendre la montre et la bague, au lieu d'aller la porter au commissaire de police.

Le prévenu.—Je n'ai jamais entendu dire qu'il fallait porter les objets chiffonnés chez le commissaire de police.

M. le président.—Les chiffonniers savent parfaitement cela.

Le Tribunal les a condamnés chacun à six jours de prison.