

is shaped for them almost accidentally, and the barrister must be ready to seize his opportunities as they arise, or they are quickly gone—perhaps never to return. Some perhaps feel that they have not the power of achieving success except in one particular line, and that an opportunity for distinction offered to them in any other would inevitably be wasted. For instance, one man may have a gift of advocacy without any power of storing up a knowledge of law. Such a one would be most likely to succeed on circuit and at sessions, and for him it would be a mere waste of time to enter any chambers where he would see nothing but the drier work of a Chancery practice. Another, again, may have opposite powers and tastes, and may revel in the drafting of complicated deeds and wills, and the grubbing out of obscure points of law.

“Apart, however, from the question whether the necessary reading in chambers ought to be wholly in the Temple or wholly in Lincoln’s Inn, or equally divided between the two, some of a man’s chances depend on a good choice with whom to read. If he has many friends who are able to help him when he is called to the bar he will probably be wise in entering the chambers of some barrister in full practice, with whom he can be sure of seeing plenty of work. If, however, he has not a practice of his own assured to him he had better read, for part of his time at least, with some barrister who is not overwhelmed with work, and who is likely to give his pupil work to do for him in the future in the capacity of his ‘devil.’ In the same way a young barrister who intends to join a particular circuit ought to read with some one who is already in practice on that circuit, and to whom he may hope more or less to attach himself in the future.”

INSOLVENT NOTES, ETC.

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Judicial Abandonments.

- Charles Beaulieu, merchant tailor, Quebec, Feb. 15.
 Archibald Blacklock, doing business under the name of J. Neville & Co., contractor, Montreal, Feb. 15.
 Zéphirin Champoux, trader, parish of St. Sylvere, district of Three Rivers, Feb. 17.
 E. & Z. Durocher, manufacturers and traders, Iberville, Feb. 17.

- Joseph Griffith, trader, parish of St. Cyrille de Wendover, district of Arthabaska, Feb. 18.
 Joseph Lavallée, district of St. Hyacinthe, Feb. 17.
 E. E. Parent, Hull, Feb. 7.

Curators appointed.

- Re* C. G. Davies & Co., Quebec.—J. Y. Welch, Quebec, curator, Feb. 17.
Re Dame Sophronie Lauzon.—Bilodeau & Renaud, Montreal, joint curator, Feb. 17.
Re Giguère & Co., Quebec.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Feb. 17.
Re Joseph Landsberg, Sherbrooke.—A. W. Stevenson, Montreal, curator, Feb. 18.
Re Macaire Laurier, Montreal.—J. McD. Hains, Montreal, curator, Feb. 15.
Re Charles J. McGrail, Montreal.—N. P. Martin, Montreal, curator, Feb. 18.
Re A. Paradis & Co., Quebec.—D. Arcand, Quebec, curator, Feb. 17.

Dividends.

- Re* George Bisset (of James Bisset *et al.*), Quebec.—Second dividend, proceeds of immovables, payable March 3, James Reid, Quebec, curator.
Re H. Gagnon & Co., dry goods merchants, Quebec.—Third and last dividend, payable March 10, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.
Re Miller & Higgins.—Second and final dividend, W. J. Common, Montreal, curator.
Re F. X. Morency, contractor, St. Sauveur de Québec.—Dividend, payable March 12, P. Beland, Quebec, curator.
Re Alexis Paquet, trader, St. Ulric.—First dividend, payable March 8, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.

Seperation as to property.

- Lina Deneault vs. Ludger Deslippe, farmer, parish of St. Cyprien, district of Iberville, Feb. 15.
 Marguerite Lafrenière dit Baron vs. Ferdinand Gagnon, contractor, Montreal, Feb. 4.
 Fridoline Leblanc vs. Olivier Séguin, tailor, Montreal, Feb. 18.
 Marie Sophie Amanda Lussier vs. Napoléon Nicole, farmer, parish of St. Hyacinthe, Feb. 15.

GENERAL NOTICES.

An extravagant young man called upon a judge, and after a few remarks had passed between them, the judge looked up and asked: “Brother Lightweight, why don’t you get married?” Because I can’t afford it. How much do you suppose it costs me to live now?” The judge declared that he could not guess. “Well, it costs me all of \$6,000 a year just for my own living.” “Dear! dear!” said the judge in a tone of astonishment. “Why, Lightweight, I wouldn’t pay it. It isn’t worth it!”

MR. JUSTICE FIELD.—Mr. Justice Field has sent in his resignation to the Lord Chancellor of his appointment as a judge of the Queen’s Bench Division. The learned judge has just completed the fifteen years of service, entitling him to a retiring pension.