

cil is the only one which, by law, can grant such privilege and be in a position to judge of the merits of such applications.

Your petitioners therefore pray Your Honourable House not to take into consideration any applications for private bills which may be made, without the approval of the General Council; and, in any case, not to grant the favour of passing private bills, without subjecting the petitioners to the obligation of passing the preliminary examination for the study of law, as well as the final examination for practice.

They also pray you not to grant any demands to alter or amend the Bar Act, without consulting the General Council, the natural protector of its interests.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

(Signed by) Rouer Roy, Bâtonnier General, and S. Pagnuelo, Secretary-Treasurer of the General Council.

INSOLVENT NOTICES, ETC.

Quebec Official Gazette, Feb. 16.

Judicial Abandonments.

- M. J. Ahern, trader, New Port, Jan. 15.
 Philéas Beauregard, grocer, St. Hyacinthe, doing business as Beauregard & Lapierre, Feb. 13.
 Ferdinand Bégin, carrier, Lévis, Feb. 12.
 Michel Chenard, trader, Fraserville, Feb. 2.
 F. X. Dugal, trader, Little River, Dec. 29.
 Simon McNally, trader, township of Calumet Island, Feb. 11.
 Marie Hermine Roy, doing business as Guimond & Cie., parish of St. Raymond, Feb. 12.
 C. N. Savage, trader, Little Pabos, Jan. 17.

Curators Appointed.

- Re J. Bte. Blanchard, Montreal and Ottawa.—J. N. Fulton, Montreal, curator, Feb. 13.
 Re Wm. Dieterle, merchant, Montreal.—S. C. Fatt, Montreal, curator, Feb. 13.
 Re P. C. Gagnon, Quebec.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Feb. 12.
 Re Eugène Létourneau.—A. A. Daigle, St. Guillaume, curator, Feb. 4.

Dividends.

- Re Emery Bissonnette, St. Hyacinthe.—First and final dividend, payable March 3, C. Desmarreau, Montreal, curator.
 Re H. Cousineau, Isle Bizard.—Dividend, payable March 12, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.
 Re F. A. Hogle & Co.—Dividend, H. A. Odell, Sherbrooke, curator.
 Re M. H. Loranger, Sherbrooke, first and final dividend, payable Feb. 26, J. McD. Hains, Montreal, curator.

Re Clara L. Morency.—First and final dividend, payable March 6, C. Millier and J. J. Griffith, Sherbrooke, joint curator.

Re L. M. Perrault, Montreal.—Dividend, payable March 12, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.

Separation as to Property.

Marie Louise Brunelle vs. Narcisse Desrosiers, carriage-maker, St. Marcel, Feb. 1.

Marie Fontaine vs. Noël Bonin, hotel-keeper, Montreal, Feb. 1.

Lucie Rousseau vs. David Déry, trader, Trois Pistoles, Feb. 4.

H. J. Taylor vs. Robert Pinkerton, Montreal, Jan. 5.

GENERAL NOTES.

WHAT IS A SIGNATURE.—The high sheriff of Hertfordshire, if rightly reported, seems to have taken a somewhat exacting view of the requirement of the signature of the elector nominating a candidate at a county council election. The nominator, Andrew Symington, signed his name 'Symington, Andrew.' He did so probably out of a precise desire to follow the entry of his name in the county register, so that there might be no mistake in his being identified as a voter. He had signed his name on another nomination paper in the ordinary straightforward way, but there is no reason in law why a man should sign his name in any particular sequence. The correspondent of a contemporary, who signs himself 'Railton,' if he were put on a list of voters, would have to condescend further to identify himself, but it is as lawful for him to sign his name in this way as it is for a peer or a clerk of the peace. The Act simply requires the name to be subscribed and signed. The ordinary signature is not required, and signatures are apt to vary from time to time. The reverse of the usual order of names on a cheque might put a banker on inquiry, but would not justify him in refusing to cash it.—*Law Journal.*

LORD WESTBURY.—The London correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian* recently sent the following amusing paragraph à propos of Lord Westbury: "It is asked to-day, 'Was Lord Westbury a wit?'" The answer of those who knew him best is generally in the negative. Wit is partly tested by surprise, but the sayings of Lord Westbury were astonishing chiefly in their egotism and depreciatory reference to others. I have heard of two which I believe are not included in Mr. Nash's "Life of Lord Westbury." Asked why he had refused a place on the judicial bench, Sir Richard Bethell is said to have replied, "Do you suppose that I, who can make £20,000 a year by talking sense at the bar, would take £5,000 a year to sit up there and hear my learned friends talk nonsense?" And at another time, when he and Sir Henry Keating were law officers of the Crown, Sir Richard Bethell was told that a solicitor was running about the corridors of the House of Commons in order to obtain Sir Henry's signature, jointly with his own, to an "opinion," upon which Sir Richard said, "Good heavens! he has my signature. What more can the man want?"