

INSOLVENT NOTICES, ETC.

Quebec Official Gazette, March 29.

Judicial Abandonments.

Marie Anne Dussault, carrying on business under the name of Gingras & Co., joiners' work, Montreal, March 21.

Patrick Doyle, baker, Montreal, March 13.

Isaac Dubord, trader, Victoriaville, March 26.

Jacques Neveu, Sr., trader, Ripon, March 21.

John S. Murphy & Co., Quebec, March 22.

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William H. Wilson, Quebec, March 22.

Curators appointed.

Re Ed. N. Blais & Co., merchants, Quebec.—H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator, March 26.

Re Narcisse Edouard Cormier, lumberman, Aylmer, —Wm. Grier, Montreal, curator, March 22.

Re Patrick Doyle, baker, Montreal.—W. F. Johnston, Montreal, curator, March 21.

Re Lamarche, Prévost & Cie., Montreal.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, March 27.

Re Narcisse Edouard Morrissette, trader, Three Rivers.—H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator, March 24.

Re E. E. Parent, painter, Hull.—Wm. Grier, Montreal, curator, February 23.

Re Laurent Justinien Pelletier, Montreal.—W. A. Caldwell, Montreal, curator, March 26.

Re J. F. Plourde, St. Etienne.—F. Valentine, Three Rivers, curator, March 20.

Dividends.

Re George Bergeron, Montreal.—First and final dividend, payable April 15, W. A. Caldwell, Montreal, curator.

Re James Bisset et al.—Third and last dividend, payable April 10, James Reid, Quebec, curator.

Re E. Massicotte & frère.—First and final dividend, payable April 16, C. Desmarreau, Montreal, curator.

Re Ambroise Rufange, contractor.—Dividend, payable April 15, R. S. Joron, Salaberry de Valleyfield, curator.

GENERAL NOTES.

EPITAPH ON LORD WESTBURY.—'A Barrister' of Lincoln's Inn writes to us to correct a mistake in the lately published 'Life of Lord Westbury' as to the famous epitaph suggested for Lord Westbury after his judgment in the *Essays and Reviews Case*. The *jeu d'esprit* is there attributed to the late Sir Philip Rose. As a matter of fact, the author of the epitaph was Mr. E. H. Pember, Q.C., the well-known leader of the Parliamentary bar. A more brilliant *mot* was perhaps never published. Within twenty-four hours after its appearance in the *Spectator* everyone at the clubs was saying, 'Have you seen Pember's latest?' The passage runs thus: 'Towards the close of his earthly career, in the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, he dismissed hell with costs, and took away from orthodox members of the Church of England their last hope of everlasting damnation.'—*Law Journal*.

NO CHICKS.—Mr. Justice Field, of the Supreme Court of the United States, is reported to have said to a Chicago interviewer: "We are no chicks. My oldest brother, David Dudley, is eighty-four years old; I am seventy-three; Cyrus is seventy and Henry sixty-seven."

AN ESCAPE.—A curious lawsuit has been decided in Wisconsin. An inmate of one of the county poor houses escaped last winter, and in wandering through the woods was terribly injured by frost, eventually losing both feet. He brought suit against the keeper of the poor house for allowing him to escape, and has recovered a verdict of \$2,300. He was defeated at first, but the Supreme Court sustained his right to sue, and he wins on the second trial.

LAWYERS' WILLS.—The old proverb which, in terms at least, is not complimentary to the man who undertakes to be his own lawyer, is again illustrated in the matter of the Tilden will, the fate of which adds further testimony to the popular belief that a great lawyer is often not capable of making his own will. According to a decision just rendered by the general term of the New York Supreme Court, the late Samuel J. Tilden, who, in his time, was regarded as a lawyer of eminence, has failed to make a valid disposition of his property to the 'Tilden Trust,' an institution which he intended to have incorporated for the establishment of a free library and reading room in the city of New York. In his will Mr. Tilden requested his executors to obtain from the legislature the incorporation of the 'Trust,' and authorised them to convey the entire available residue of his estate, after the deduction of certain bequests, or such portion thereof as they should deem expedient, to the trust. The court holds that the devise is void for indefiniteness, and that the discretionary power vested in trustees is incompatible with the existence of a trust. If this decision should be sustained by the court of appeals, a noble provision for the establishment of a public library, amounting to about \$4,500,000, will be lost to New York city. Up to the present, it should be noted, the supreme court judges, before whom the will has come, have been equally divided upon the question of its validity. The judge before whom the will first came held the trust valid, and one of the three general term judges, a judge of much ability and learning, too, dissents from the decision overruling the earlier judgment.

A SINGLE EYE TO JUSTICE.—Who that saw can ever forget Judge Balcom's wide-eyed amazement when he beheld, entering one after another, the unique collection of monocular officers who composed his famous one-eyed court? "A constable, an associate justice, the clerk, and the crier, beamed affably upon His Honor from out of their solitary optics; and then in walked Henry Van Duser, Schuler county's able, one-eyed District-Attorney. Dazed for a moment, the astonished Justice closed first one eye and then the other to convince himself that his vision was still duplicate, and then, arising, opened the term with the remark that "this court will now enter upon its labors with a single eye to the furtherance of the business before it."—*Rochester Herald*.