

recovery of the chicken, and Gormley has engaged Wanhope Lynn to defend his case. Judge Callahan says:

"I have searched the legal reports in vain to find a parallel case, and I am convinced that the point at issue is new. It seems to me that McCaughn has the best right to the chicken. It is a thoroughbred, and his hen undoubtedly laid the egg from which it was hatched. He is willing to compensate Gormley for his trouble and the hen's services. The case will have to be argued on equity. If Justice McManon of Parkville decides against us we will appeal the case. It is not a question of the money value of the case, but of the right of the case."

Mr. Wanhope Lynn has put in his answer, which is a general denial of McCaughn's claims. If Gormley's hen had not protected this egg, he says, the chicken in question would never have been hatched. Then again if the eggs had been collected and cooked, the game chicken would have been lost. Then there is another theory which he asserts the appearance of the chicken seems to bear out. There was nothing to prevent one of Gormley's roosters from being the father of the egg. A father's claim according to law is paramount, and if this theory is correct, then the chicken belongs to Gormley's coop.

Mr. Lynn is also resolved to appeal the case if the decision is against him. He has submitted the problem to a number of lawyers, and they are about equally divided in their opinions as to the equity of the suit. The Hon. Bourke Cockran thinks that McCaughn has the best claim to the chicken, on the ground that one of his hens laid the egg. Robert H. Racey, the criminal lawyer, warmly and pertinaciously supports the claims of Gormley's hen. The question is being debated on lay grounds in Parkville, where, on account of the prominence of McCaughn and Gormley, it has excited a great deal of interest. Nearly all the ladies think that Gormley has the better claim to the chicken. The suit will come up for a hearing before Justice McMahon next week. In the meantime the game chicken is industriously scratching in Gormley's backyard.

### INSOLVENT NOTICES, ETC.

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#### Judicial Abandonments.

- Godfroi Bedard, lumber merchant, Montreal, Sept. 30.  
 Olivier Bégin, shoe manufacturer, Quebec, Oct. 2.  
 Marie Bélanger, doing business in name of Joseph Labelle & Cie., St. Johns, Sept. 25.  
 F. X. Billy, trader, Victoriaville, Sept. 30.  
 Chactas Henri Desmarais, trader, Montreal, Sept. 30.  
 Wilbrod Doré, trader, Quebec, Sept. 24.  
 Albert Marquette, Quebec, Oct. 2.  
 Auguste Perron, St. Sauveur de Québec, Sept. 27.

#### Curators Appointed.

- Re Beauchamp & Co., grocers.—Bilodeau & Renaud, Montreal, joint curator, Sept. 29.  
 Re Emile Bécu, trader, Anse aux Gascons.—L. P. Lebel, New Carlisle, curator, Sept. 15.  
 Re Robert G. Berry.—Millier & Griffith, Sherbrooke, joint curator, Sept. 29.  
 Re Cantin & Dulong, contractors, Montreal.—Charles E. L. Deslauriers, Montreal, curator, Sept. 30.  
 Re Dame Marie Goyette, doing business under the name of Dme. Louis Baril & Cie., Iberville.—J. A. Nadeau, N. P., and Joseph Lavoie, Iberville, joint curators, Sept. 24.  
 Re Geo. H. Gauvreau, trader, Montreal.—David Seath, Montreal, curator, Sept. 24.  
 Re Léandre Larivée, Montreal.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Oct. 2.  
 Re Benjamin Leclaire, St. Michel de Napierville.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Sept. 30.

#### Dividends.

- Re Eugène Corriveau, jeweller, Quebec.—First and final dividend, payable Oct. 20, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.  
 Re C. N. Falardeau, trader, l'Ancienne Lorette.—Second dividend, payable Oct. 20, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.  
 Re Germain & Payette.—First and final dividend, payable Oct. 21, C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator.  
 Re F. X. T. Hamelin, paper manufacturer, N. D. Portneuf.—Second dividend, payable Oct. 21, A. O. Mayrand, Desmarteau, curator.  
 Re J. P. Morin, Stanhope.—First and final dividend, payable Oct. 22, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.  
 Re Antoine Perrotton, Hull and North Nation Mills.—First and final dividend, payable Oct. 20, J. MoD. Hains, Montreal, curator.

#### Separation as to property.

- Adéline Bernard vs. Joseph Emond, farmer and trader, Sherbrooke, Oct. 2.  
 Mario Laforest vs. Jean Bte. Magnan, butcher, Montreal, Sept. 30.

#### Notarial minutes transferred.

- Minutes of late Thomas Brassard and L. P. Tremblay, notaries, Waterloo, and of Joseph H. Lefebvre, N. P., Waterloo, transferred to E. F. de Varennes, N. P., Waterloo.

#### Appointment.

- Cyrille Auger and Charles L. Champagne, appointed joint registrar for the registration district of Montreal East.