

Proposed Alterations in the Insolvency and Division Court Acts.

The members of the Toronto Board of Trade have come to a definite understanding as to what alterations in the Insolvency Act are desirable. At a meeting lately held by them on Monday night last, the committee appointed beforehand to consider the workings of the present law, reported that the principal provisions they would recommend as desirable to introduce and incorporate with the existing law are, first: "The making it impossible for an insolvent debtor to assign his estate without the consent of his creditors; secondly—the power to the creditors to take immediate possession of the insolvent's estate pending an assignment being made; and thirdly, the appointment of an inspector to act conjointly with the official assignee in the management of the estate."

There were some other amendments suggested, but they were mainly upon matters of detail, the most important of which was a classification of certificates in bankruptcy. They also endorsed the suggestion of the Montreal Board of Trade in relation to fraud and concealment of property. The report has not yet been adopted, but judging from the sentiments of those present at the meeting the main amendments proposed will be viewed with favor by commercial men generally. A number of Montreal merchants have signed a document, praying for the total abolition of the present law. Considering that all extremes are errors, it is not likely that so sweeping a condemnation as this will carry, but that a more moderate course of action will prevail, and all inconsistencies and defects in the law done away with. It took some years to frame a Bankruptcy law, and now there is one against which no complaints have been made till comparatively lately.

Last month the Lieut. Governor appointed Judges Gowan, Jones, Hughes, Daniel and Smith as a Board, to form new rules and regulations for the Division Courts, and for the clerks and bailiffs—the idea being to make these courts still more cheap and simple agencies through which debts of a certain class could be collected. The judges have been in session at Toronto, and it is understood that they have agreed upon some important rules for procedure which will be made known in a few days. One of the most noteworthy of these is what is called a special summons, which will be good for three months, instead of one as heretofore, and can be renewed for a very small fee, each renewal giving it vitality for a further period of three months; and further, the time at which it is returnable is to be reduced from forty days to eleven days after service, unless defendant resides out of the county, when a little longer time will be given. After this special summons is once issued, even if not served in consequence of the absence of the debtor or an inability to serve him, it is to act as a bar to the statute of limitations; and if the suit be undefended, there will be no necessity for the attendance of witnesses, but it will be taken as a confession had been given. These, we understand, are some of the principal amendments which the judges will propose to make to the present Division Court Act.

The Imperial Government have promised to send to Canada a considerable number of workmen with their wives and families, who have recently been discharged from the dock yards.

BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE. Despatches to the Evening Mercury

LONDON, April 14—By later advices from Yokohama and Hong Kong, civil war was raging again with increased violence in the Japanese Empire. The northern party or opponent of the Mikado have a strong fleet under command of the former Admiral-in-Chief of the Tycoon, and made their headquarters in the Island of Yesso, of which they hold complete possession. They have since captured Sado Senna, an important island on the western coast of Nippon, from which they can make incursions into the mainland. An earthquake had been felt in the Japanese Islands; but up to the last dates no loss of life or property is reported, and the shocks were light.

News from China is meagre. At Foo-Chow persecutions of native Christians continued. MADRID, April 14—It is reported that General Prim will go out to Cuba as Captain-General, accompanied by large reinforcements of troops.

LONDON, April 14—In the House of Commons, this evening, the Married Women's Property Bill, introduced by the Right Hon. Russell Gurney, was read a second time.

PARIS, April 14—The Press newspaper says the rejection of the Alabama claims treaty by the United States Senate will be the cause of great prejudice to the United States in Europe.

American Despatches

Naturalization Treaty Ratified. New York, April 15. A special to the Times says the Naturalization Treaty with Great Britain was yesterday ratified. The Committee on Foreign Relations will endeavor to have the President recall certain obnoxious names for foreign appointments.

HOTEL ARRIVALS,

COULSON HOUSE, GUELPH, April 15, 1869. The following are the arrivals at the Coulson House up to 10:30 this morning: W. Shaw, Georgetown; W. Irwin, Toronto; A. Darling, Montreal; C.R. Smith, Hespeler; T. Colquhoun, Montreal; T. Ridout, Hamilton; J. E. Smith, St. Marys; M. Johnston, Acton; T. C. Drake, Montreal; F. McKelcan, Hamilton; C. Whitlaw and son, Paris; F. H. Perry, Dundas; J. Draper, Arthur; T. J. Graff, Mount Forest; P. McGilvery, Darham; A. Dugan, Darham.

The Dominion Parliament.

The following are the leading subjects to be discussed in the Governor's Speech:—A patent law applicable to the Dominion; amendment of the insolvency law; a banking law; the negotiations on the North-West question will be referred to; the prospects of the accession of Newfoundland to the Union will also be mentioned. The new terms conceded to Nova Scotia also fill a paragraph in the Speech.—The Governor General will also refer in tones of congratulation to the projected extension of the Dominion across the Continent. There is a good deal of dissatisfaction at the additional grant to Nova Scotia. The impression is that the change in the Constitution will have to be sanctioned by the Imperial Government. It is expected that the Government will be urged to go on with the debate on the Address immediately. Members generally feel that they have been called at a very late period of the year and are anxious that business should be despatched as speedily as possible. It is to be hoped the Ministry will bring down their measures at once to second the feelings of Parliament.

New Advertisements.

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MISS LAWRENCE, (Successor to Mrs. Wm. Pringle). Will for the present season carry on the business in all its branches at the rooms lately occupied by Mrs. Pringle, a few doors north of the Post Office, Douglas Street, Guelph.

MONEY FOUND.

Found on Saturday below the Drill Shed, a purse containing a small sum of money in bills and silver. The owner on proving property and paying expenses can have it by applying to EVAN MACDONALD, Guelph, Guelph, 9th April.

CARETAKER WANTED.

Applications will be received by the undersigned up till THURSDAY the 20th instant, for the situation of caretaker of all the public schools in town, including the Grammar School. His duty will be to scrub each school-room once a month, sweep each school-room once a day, and keep them perfectly clean, cutting the wood, lighting the fires, and such other duties as may be found necessary. All utensils necessary to perform the work of cleaning to be provided by the Board—Salary \$20 a year, with lodges rent and fire-wood. ROBT. TORRANCE, Secretary, Guelph, 13th April.

SPEED LACROSE CLUB.

A second annual meeting of the Speed Lacrosse Club of Guelph will be held in the Great Western Hotel, on WEDNESDAY next, 15th of April, at 7 o'clock, sharp, for the election of officers and transaction of general business. A full attendance is requested.

JOHN ANDERSON, Secretary, Guelph, 12th April.

HOUSE WANTED.

Wanted to rent, between now and the 1st of May, a house containing four or five apartments. Any one having such a house to let will please leave their name and address at Mrs. G. O'Brien, Guelph, 2nd April.

CAUTION.

Thereby notify all parties against purchasing or negotiating a promissory note, made by me to William Hoover or order for the sum of \$100, dated the 3rd of March, 1869, and payable at my office seven months after date, as I have received no value for the same, and shall not pay it. F. FREST, Guelph, 11th March.

ALMA BLOCK, GUELPH. WHOLESALE.

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Is mild, yet efficacious, and warranted to cure Internal, External, Bleeding and Itching Piles, in the most satisfactory manner, without the least unpleasant sensation. It is well known that thousands upon thousands have been afflicted with this disease, many of whom have sought for relief, but have gone to the long home without it. The number is innumerable who are dragging out a miserable existence at the present day, searching and trying for a remedy. We would say to those who suffer, go and get a box of Briggs' Pile Remedy, and the trial will not be vain.—The relief is immediate, and a cure soon effected. Price \$1.00.

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INSOLVENT ACT OF 1864.

The creditors of the undersigned are notified to meet at the Office of William Mortimer Clark, Esq., in the City of Toronto.

ON MONDAY, 19th OF APRIL, 1869

At 10 o'clock, p. m., to receive statements of his affairs, and to name an assignee. JOHN HENDERSON, Dated at Etters, 2nd of April, 1869.

At DAY'S BOOKSTORE,

OPPOSITE THE MARKET. Guelph, 9th April.

PUBLIC NOTICE. All ACCOUNTS unpaid by the 30th of APRIL will be put in suit for collection. JAMES MASSIE & CO. Guelph, 9th April, 1869.

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