

HARKIN & Co., B. (Catherine Cleary), Montreal.—First and final dividend, payable Oct. 13, C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator.

HERALD Company (Limited).—Second and final dividend, payable Oct. 4, W. H. Whyte, Montreal, liquidator.

LACAS & Co., E.—First and final dividend, payable Sept. 29, J. M. Marcotte, Montreal, curator.

LAVALLÉE, E. N., St. Philippe de Néri.—First and final dividend, payable Oct. 4, H. A. Bédard, Quebec, curator.

LEVI, Raphaël, St. Johns.—First dividend, payable Oct. 3, F. W. Radford, Montreal, curator.

ROBINSON, J. Theo., Montreal.—First and final dividend, payable Oct. 4, J. McD. Hains, Montreal, curator.

ROUSSEAU, Samuel, Hochelaga.—Dividend, payable Oct. 1, L. G. G. Beliveau, Montreal, curator.

SAMSON, Thomas J., Victoriaville.—First dividend, payable Oct. 8, A. Quesnel, Arthabaskaville, curator.

TURGEON & Corriveau, Quebec.—First and final dividend, payable Oct. 4, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.

WHITE & Co., J. D. (Archibald J. Grant), Montreal.—First dividend, payable Oct. 18, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.

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AN INGENIOUS USE OF ELECTRICITY.—For some time Mr. Triquet, a cigar merchant, of Toledo, Ohio, missed cigars from the show-case in his office, and although the premises were watched by detectives for several days, nothing unusual was observed. As a last resort, he applied to an inventor of a flash-light photograph apparatus worked by electricity. The apparatus was placed in the office and left to itself. A few days later it was found to contain a flash photograph showing two boys opening the glass case. The picture led to their apprehension by the police and subsequent committal to prison. The apparatus consists of a camera placed in a box, which is closed by a shutter operated by a spring and escapement released by an electro-magnet. The necessary flash-light is got by means of a match which presses against a rough disc. An electro-magnet on the top of the camera box, when excited by a current, releases a detent, and allows the rough disc to strike a light with the match and ignite the flashing powder. All this occurs in a fraction of a second, and the shutter closes on the camera, retaining the photograph. The current is supplied by a battery, and is started in the circuit by an arrangement of contacts which are unconsciously closed by the thief. Thus the boys, in opening the glass case unawares, completed the electric circuit, which immediately exposed the camera and kindled the flash-light, much to their amazement.