

*Curators Appointed.*

Re James Bisset *et al.*—James Reid, Quebec, curator, Sept. 29.

Re P. J. Callahan, grocer.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, Oct. 3.

Re J. M. Charland (Tellier, Charland & Cie.).—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Oct. 1.

Re Raoul Dufresne.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Oct. 3.

Re Brodie Jamieson, manufacturer.—A. F. Riddell, Montreal, curator, Oct. 3.

Re John Jamieson (Jamieson & Co.).—W. A. Caldwell, Montreal, curator, Oct. 2.

Re Eugène Michaud, trader, Fraserville.—H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator, Oct. 1.

Re Camille S. Milette, Richmond.—J. McD. Hains, Montreal, curator, Oct. 1.

Re Ambroise Moisan, trader, an absentee.—A. Morin, Iberville, curator, Sept. 24.

Re Miriam F. Pincus (M. F. Kutner).—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Oct. 3.

Re Phileas Sicard.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Oct. 3.

*Dividends.*

Re Picard & Pineau, traders, Fraserville.—First and final dividend, payable Oct. 29, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.

*Separation as to property.*

C. Provencher vs. A. Bélair, Montreal, Sept. 24.

*Appointments.*

Albert Bender and Pierre Raymond Martineau, advocates, Montmagny, to be joint prothonotary of the Superior Court, clerk of the Circuit Court, clerk of the Crown, and clerk of the peace for the district of Montmagny.

John Mooney, to be clerk of the Circuit Court for the county of Pontiac, at Portage du Fort, in the place of Charles J. Rimer, deceased.

Robert Scott, to be clerk of the Magistrates Court for the county of Pontiac, at Fort Coulonge, in the place of Geo. Cameron, resigned.

*Fees payable by Stamps.*

Notice is given that the fees payable to the clerks of Magistrates Courts will be payable by stamps in the Magistrates Court for the city of Montreal.

*GENERAL NOTES.*

DEEPLY INTERESTED.—The following story is told of Mr. Justice Hannen. A demure, sombre-dressed jurymen in melancholy tones claimed exemption from serving, and his Lordship asked in kind and sympathetic tones, "On what ground?" "My Lord," said the applicant, "I am deeply interested in a funeral which takes place to-day, and am most anxious to follow." The reply was, "Certainly, your plea is a just one." Scarcely had the man departed before Mr. Justice Hannen learned that he was an undertaker.

MARRIAGES BY A SHAM PARSON.—We note with satisfaction that an Act has been passed validating the marriages celebrated by the sham parson Ellis, in Suffolk, who was recently convicted of falsely pretending to be in holy orders and celebrating marriages according to the rites of the Church of England, the

letters of orders put forward by him having been proved to be spurious. Notwithstanding that the learned judge at the trial (Baron Pollock) seemed disposed to think that the marriages celebrated by him were now good, yet we venture to think, as has been maintained in these columns, that there was such a strong element of doubt as to their validity that the Government have done wisely in allaying all such doubts. It would have been intolerable to lay the burden of proving the marriages good on the parties who had contracted, and it might well have been that, if in years to come their validity had been questioned, the parties might to their shocked surprise have found that they had never been married, their children bastards, and the line of devolution of property changed. The question of the validity of such marriages still remains open, but that of the marriages celebrated by Ellis is happily no longer open to doubt.—*Law Times*, (London).

THE ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE.—During the long vacation, the whole of the courts of the Royal Courts of Justice will be thoroughly overhauled, with the view of ascertaining whether there are any structural defects, such as the one which caused such alarm a short time since in the Queen's Bench Court, occupied by Baron Huddleston, when one of the supporting beams of the roof was found to be in a dangerous condition in consequence of its having shifted out of its place about an inch and a half.—*Law Times*, (London).

LORD COCKBURN'S CIRCUIT JOURNEYS.—The "Circuit Journeys" is published by his executors apparently. In 1838 he began the practice of writing down in a journal whatever might strike him as interesting during his journeys on circuit throughout Scotland. The record runs from 1837 to 1854, and contains much that is valuable and interesting concerning scenery, customs, crime, social usage, the condition of the people, and the character of the bench and bar of Scotland during the seventeen years of Lord Cockburn's judicial career. Of course the book contains the results of a life's experience, and may therefore be said to cover the first half of this century in Scotland. What strikes one about the book is the modernness, so to speak, of the ideas, and the tone of the writing. There is nothing antiquated about Lord Cockburn's views; he preserved up to his latest entries, a couple of days before his death, a freshness of spirits and a vivacity of style very remarkable in a man who at the outset of the circuit wrote down in his journal that he was "not likely to last" another tour. He insists, with quite a "modern" taste, on the folly of delivering pious exhortation to every criminal in turn during the criminal assize. He protests against the privilege too freely extended, in Scotland as in England, till lately, to relatives of prisoners, of refusing to give evidence in criminal trials. He expresses his horror of the circuit dinners which custom had established and which had degenerated into very objectionable drinking bouts. He objects also to, and escapes when he can, from the "processions" by which the judges on circuit were received in the court towns, a ridiculous gathering of soldiers and police and baillie-bodies wobbling behind or before "their lordships."—*M.J.G.* in "*Gazette*."