

to reveal his reports; his communications are privileged.

Fisher, Burke & Watson, on account of P. H. Braden, doth make insurance, says the contract. The Court below and the Court of Appeal held that the promise to pay the agents was evidently to pay them *as agents*. The authority of the agent to receive the money could be revoked at any time before actual payment. It was further said, "A man can't be agent and principal at the same time."

INSOLVENT NOTICES, ETC..

Quebec Official Gazette, June 20.

Judicial Abandonments.

Oswald Chamberland, boot and shoe merchant, Montreal, June 11.

J. B. Chenevert, boot and shoe manufacturer, Montreal, June 17.

Henry Gardner, trader, South Halifax, June 16.

Curators Appointed.

Re Charles C. Cairns, Montreal.—W. A. Caldwell, Montreal, curator, June 13.

Re Oswald Chamberland.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, June 18.

Re Mary Ann Coffey.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, June 15.

Re Pierre Avila Gouin, hardware merchant, Three Rivers.—John Hyde, Montreal, curator, June 16.

Re Jos. Julien, Ste Jeanne de Neuville.—H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator, June 15.

Re Thomas O'Hare & Co.—W. J. Thomson, Montreal, curator, June 12.

Dividends.

Re Dame Marie Goyette.—second and final dividend, payable June 26, at office of J. A. Nadeau, N. P., Iberville.

Re David Gagnon, Baskatong Bridge.—First and final dividend, payable July 10, Michael Shea, Maniwaki, curator.

Re Patrick Gallery, Montreal.—First and final dividend, payable July 7, A. W. Stevenson, Montreal, curator.

Re J. Giroux, Quebec.—First and final dividend, payable June 24, I. Chavanel, Quebec, curator.

Re M. H. Leprohon.—First and final dividend, payable July 2, Bilodeau & Renaud, Montreal, joint curator.

Re F. Marleau, St. Telesphore.—First and final dividend, payable June 28, L. G. G. Beliveau, Montreal, curator.

Re Joseph Millette.—First and final dividend, payable July 6, J. M. Marcotte, Montreal, curator.

Re Damase A. Morin, Fraserville.—First and final dividend, payable July 6, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.

Re Wenceslas Turcotte, St. Frédéric.—First and final dividend, payable July 6, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.

GENERAL NOTES.

DISHONORING CATTLE—AN IRISH DECISION.—On the 4th instant, in the case of *Newland v. M' Donagh*, the Irish Queen's Bench Division, following the recent example of the Scottish Court of Justiciary, gave judgment in favor of the legality of the practice of dishonoring cattle. The judges present, the Lord Chief Justice and Justices O'Brien, Johnson, Holmes, and Gibson, none of whom had previously pronounced a judicial opinion on the subject, were unanimously of opinion that the practice was not cruelly within the meaning of the statute; the very great, though temporary, pain caused by the operation being justified by the existence, or an honest and reasonable belief in the existence, of a reasonable and adequate object, and by the use of reasonable skill and proper care in performing the operation. Mr. Justice Gibson, however, took occasion to express his sympathy "with the humane feeling that underlay the judgment" of Lord Chief Justice Coleridge and Mr. Justice Hawkins in *Ford v. Wiley*, 58 Law J. Rep. M. C. 145; and Mr. Justice O'Brien "could not personally deliver his mind from an uneasy consciousness that it was a brutal business with which some persons would have no concern for the world." This is the nearest approach to a dissenting judgment that occurs in any of the cases. On the other hand, the Lord Chief Justice alluded to the prosecution as an attempt "to suppress a method of carrying on their business which had been sanctioned by the great body of the representatives of the principal industry of this pastoral country." This is very like the *dictum* of Lord Young that the statute does not interfere with the judgment of farmers who are pursuing their own affairs to the best of their judgment. Questions were asked on the subject in the House of Commons on the 11th instant, and the President of the Board of Agriculture said he was not prepared to introduce a measure to legalize the operation in England. He, however, made the tentative suggestion that perhaps the difficulty might be solved by making dishonoring permissible up to the age of six months, when the horns could be removed without pain, and illegal afterwards.—*Law Journal*.

RECENT DECISIONS IN VERSE.—The *Law Students' Journal* has the following:—

Re The Clitheroe Abduction Case.

If you are a married man new,
And your wife says, "I won't live with you!"
You get an order of course,
But you must not use force,
So, what the deuce are you to do?

Sharp v. Wakefield.

Since Sharp versus Wakefield you'll see
It might very easily be,
That your public-house trade,
For which dearly you've paid,
Is ruined by a local J. P.

SIR JAMES FITZJAMES STEPHEN.—The *Gazette* of May 8 contains the following:—"The Queen has been pleased by letters patent, dated April 20, 1891, to grant to Sir James Fitzjames Stephen, K.C.S.I., late one of the Justices of the High Court of Justice, an annuity of £3,500."