

"As a matter of fact, the deposit of £100 is often not demanded from students, for it is not required from members of the Scotch bar, nor from members of any of the universities of Oxford, Cambridge, Dublin, London, Durham, or of the Royal University of Ireland, provided that before call they take a degree or produce a certificate of having kept two years' terms. Before commencing to 'keep terms' at the inn which he may have chosen, the student is required to execute a bond of £50, with two sureties, for payment of 'commons' and dues. The 'commons' are the dinners which the student is required to eat in order that he may keep his term. Three dinners only every term are exacted from university men, while the number for the other students is six. The cost of commons and dues may be estimated at about £8 or £9 a year for three years. When the regulation number of dinners have been consumed, and the terms duly kept, then more fees are payable before call. Approximately these amount to nearly £100. Stamps and fees, £82 10s., commutation for future dues, £12; total, £94 10s. With them, however, the payment of fees ceases, and the full-blown barrister is mulcted no more by his inn.

"The keeping of terms by means of eating of dinners is a survival from the time when the Inns of Court performed some of the functions of a college, and the presence of a student at dinner time was the simplest means of proving residence. A perfect analogy still exists in the various colleges at Oxford and Cambridge, where terms are kept by undergraduates by taking a daily commons of bread and butter out of the college buttery. Now that residence in an Inn of Court has ceased to be necessary, the eating of dinners has become a useless farce, inconvenient to students, and pleasing only to the antiquarian.

[To be continued.]

#### INSOLVENT NOTICES, ETC.

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#### Judicial Abandonments.

- Blumenthal & Rosendal, St. Hyacinthe, Feb. 8.
- Arthur E. Desautels, parish of St. Pie, Feb. 3.
- Charles J. McGrail, grocer, Montreal, Feb. 8.

Louis Poiré, cabinet-maker, St. Roch de Québec, Feb. 6.

#### Curators appointed.

- Re Joseph Dagenais, Montreal.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Feb. 10.
- Re N. Doucet, Grande Piles.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Feb. 8.
- Re H. Gariépy & Co.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, Feb. 13.
- Re James W. Hannah & Co., Montreal.—J. McD. Hains, Montreal, curator, Feb. 8.
- Re Labonté Frère.—Bilodeau & Renaud, Montreal, joint curator, Feb. 11.
- Re Isaïe Rivet, Montreal.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Feb. 11.
- Re Gédéon Sevigny.—W. A. Caldwell, Montreal, curator, Feb. 7.
- Re Abraham Simard.—J. A. Quesnel, Arthabaskaville, curator, Jan. 31.
- Re Zoel Turcotte, Pierreville.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Feb. 6.

#### Dividends.

- Re J. A. Allard, Hull.—First and final dividend, payable March 6, C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator.
- Re A. Blumenthal & Co., Montreal.—Dividend, payable March 10, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.
- Re O. Cartier, fils, grocer, Montreal.—First dividend, payable Feb. 23, Bilodeau & Renaud, Montreal, joint curator.
- Re H. Cousineau, Ile Bizard.—Dividend, payable March 4, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.
- Re P. C. Dauteuil & Co., Quebec.—Dividend, payable March 10, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.
- Re Elz. Drolet.—Dividend, payable Feb. 24, F. Valentine, Three Rivers, curator.
- Re Gouin & Gouin.—First and final dividend, payable March 3, T. E. Normand, Three Rivers, curator.
- Re Lamothe & Hervieux.—First and final dividend, payable Feb. 27, O. Poliquin, Quebec, curator.
- Re Kelly & Frère, Joliette.—Dividend, payable March 3, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.
- Re P. Léonard, Montreal.—First and final dividend, payable March 5, C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator.
- Re Marcotte, Perrault & Co., Montreal.—Second and final dividend, payable March 3, J. McD. Hains, Montreal, curator.
- Re Nap. McCready, St. Romain.—First and final dividend, payable March 3, H. A. Bédard, Quebec, curator.

#### Separation as to property.

- Florianne Chagnon vs. Napoléon Martel, trader, parish of St. Ours, Feb. 4.
- Maranda Cocey v. Isaac Patton, farmer, township of Brome, Dec. 27.
- Mary Elizabeth Featherston v. James Cunningham, Montreal, Feb. 10.
- Émérance Goyette vs. Charles Primeau, Montreal, Feb. 12.

#### COURT TERMS.

Court of Queen's Bench, criminal term, district of Montmagny, changed to March 26.