

make and transcribe notes and extracts, with infinite manual labor, in a huge 'common-place book,' as former generations were compelled to do by the dearth of printed works of reference.* But since the law is a living science, no facilities of publishing and printing can ever keep pace with it. A student who intends to be a lawyer cannot realize this too soon. There is no need for him to make voluminous notes (indeed there is a great deal of vain superstition about lecture notes); but those he does take and use ought to be made by him for himself, and always verified with the actual authorities at the first opportunity. Another man's notes may be better in themselves, but they will be worse for the learner. As for attempts to dispense with first-hand reading and digesting by printed summaries, and other like devices, they are absolutely to be rejected. No man ever became a lawyer by putting his trust in such things; and if men can pass examinations by them, so much the worse for the examinations. It is, of course, needless to say this to scholars; I now speak of purely professional experience. And in order to form the habit of first-hand work it is not necessary to possess many books, or even to have constant access to libraries.

There is nothing to prevent any student of average means from having in his own copies of good modern editions the whole of the authentic texts of the Roman law. If, however, the *Corpus Juris* appears too formidable, the use of select parts of the Digest has been greatly facilitated by the publications of this University. English authorities are less manageable, but the selections of leading cases which have been published on both sides of the Atlantic (I may especially mention as the latest, and one of the best, Mr. Finch's, on the Law of Contracts) will go some way towards enabling the student to practise real search and verification without so much as leaving his own rooms. At the same time it is good to learn, as early as

* The old "Abridgments" are nothing else than the commonplace books of eminent lawyers. See the preface (attributed to Hale) to Rolle's Abridgment. Hale's own unpublished commonplace book, an amazing monument of minute industry, is preserved among the MSS. of the Lincoln's Inn Library.

may be, the use of public libraries, catalogues, and books of reference generally.

Facility in such things may seem a small matter, but much toil may be wasted and much precious time lost for want of it. To the working lawyer these things are the very tools of his trade. He depends on them for that whole region of potential knowledge, which, as I have said, must bear a large proportion to the actual. And where can one learn the mechanism of scholarship, general or special, better than at Oxford?—*Frederick Pollock in Law Quarterly Review.*

INSOLVENT NOTICES, ETC.

Quebec Official Gazette, Oct. 30.

Judicial Abandonments.

Francis Gélinas, Sorel, Oct. 23.

Thomas Lang, Caldwell, district of Ottawa, Oct. 23.

Curator Appointed.

Re John Haly et al., Montreal.—Kent & Turcotte Montreal, curator, Sept. 15.

Dividends.

Re J. D. Teller, Sorel.—First dividend payable Nov. 17, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, curator.

Re Alex. Waters.—Dividend payable Nov. 15, F. Penfold, curator.

Separation as to property.

Dame Eva Berton vs. Etienne Demers, butcher, Longueuil, Oct. 26.

Notarial Minutes.

Minutes of late Désiré La Rue, N.P., St. Gervais, Co. Bellechasse, transferred to Louis Abraham Wilfrid Guay, N.P., St. Gervais, Oct. 23.

Members elected.

Hon. W. W. Lynch, Brome; Ed. Caron, Maskinongé; L. P. Cardin, Richelieu; B. E. Spencer, Missisquoi; Hon. A. Turcotte, Three Rivers; F. X. Lemieux, Lévis; L. T. N. L. Duplessis, St. Maurice; Joseph Morin, Charlevoix; L. T. Dorais, Nicolet; A. T. Johnson, Mégantic; Hon. H. Mercier, St. Hyacinthe; Hon. J. Blanchet, Beauce; J. B. T. Richard, Montcalm; G. A. Nantel, Terrebonne; J. E. Girouard, Drummond and Arthabaska; P. E. Le Blanc, Laval; H. J. Martin, Bonaventure; E. Lafontaine, Napierville; T. C. Casgrain, Quebec; J. Picard, Richmond and Wolfe; L. Sylvestre, Berthier; E. O. Martind, Rimouski; L. Basinet, Joliette; F. G. M. Déchéne, L'Islet; Jules Tessier, Portneuf; W. J. Poupore, Pontiac; E. H. Laliberté, Lotbinière; J. E. Robidoux, Châteauguay; O. Murphy, Quebec West; J. Pilon, Bagot; E. H. Bisson, Beauharnois; O. G. Bourbonnais, Soulanges; N. E. Cormier, Ottawa; C. A. E. Gagnon, Kamouraska; J. S. Hall, jr., Montreal West; F. Trudel, Champlain; G. H. Deschênes, Temiscouata.

District magistrate.

Menalque Tremblay, advocate, appointed district magistrate in the county of Gaspé.