

goes that he asked to be warned should he fall into the same vice. Time, and that no long time, passed before precept and practice were at variance and a warning was not out of place, and, what is perhaps not so credible, one was given. The answer came in a note handed down from the bench, "You fool" (with Lord Thurlow's epithet), "don't you see I am trying to bring him to the point?"

OBITUARY.

Two Justices of the Superior Court for Lower Canada have died within a few days. Mr. Justice T. McCord, who died at Quebec, Feb. 19, was a son of the late Mr. Justice W. K. McCord. He was born in Montreal Oct. 17, 1828, educated at Quebec Seminary and at McGill College; studied law with the late Mr. Justice Aylwin, and subsequently with Messrs. Caron, Baillargé and Duval, and was called to the bar in 1850. He acted as counsel for the Crown at Aylmer for eight years. In 1862 he was appointed Secretary to the Codification Commission, and in 1867 law clerk to the Quebec legislature. In 1872 he was appointed to the bench of the Superior Court. He was the author of a very useful pocket edition of the Civil Code.

Mr. Justice William McDougall, who died March 3, was born in Scotland in 1831 and accompanied his parents to Canada when very young. Mr. McDougall was called to the bar of Lower Canada in January, 1854, and appointed Queen's counsel in 1873. He was an unsuccessful candidate for Three Rivers in the Canadian assembly at the general elections of 1863, was returned to the Dominion Parliament for Three Rivers in the Conservative interest in 1868 on resignation of the sitting member, was re-elected at the general elections in 1872 and 1874, and resigned in 1878 to accept a judgeship of the Superior Court.

RECENT UNITED STATES DECISIONS.

Evidence—Witness referring to memoranda.—Where the items involved in an action are numerous, and therefore difficult to be retained in the memory, the court may in its discretion permit the witness to refer to memoranda proven to be correct both as to items and their value. *Wise v. Phoenix Fire Ins. Co.* New York Court of Appeals. Jan. 19, 1886.

INSOLVENT NOTICES, ETC.

(Quebec Official Gazette, Feb. 27.)

Judicial Abandonments.

Thimothé L. Nadeau, trader, Iberville. Feb. 13.
Ovila Chagnon, cabinet-maker and trader, St. Johns. Feb. 15.
Donat Blondeau, trader, Fraserville. Feb. 8.
Pierre Cormier, navigator and trader, St. Ours. Feb. 18.
F. Thibodeau, Three Rivers, Feb. 17.
Jean-Bte. Dumesnil, Jr., trader, St. Téléspore. Feb. 25.

Curators appointed.

Re Isidore Trudeau.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator. Feb. 22.
Re Pierre Gosselin, carriage-maker, Lawrenceville.—A. B. Roy, Lawrenceville, curator. Feb. 3.
Re Avila Birs Desmarteau, trader, St. Hilaire.—M. E. Bernier, St. Hyacinthe, curator. Feb. 19.
Re O. Boisvert, dist. of Richelieu.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator. Feb. 20.
Re Isidore Villeneuve, Warwick.—Louis Rainville, Arthabaskaville, Feb. 18.

Dividend Sheets.

Re Senécal & Scott.—First div. sheet at office of Kent & Turcotte, Montreal. Open to objection until March 24.
Re Edmond Jetté.—Final div. sheet at office of Kent & Turcotte, Montreal. Open to objection until March 24.
Re J. O. Michaud.—Final div. sheet at office of Kent & Turcotte, Montreal. Open to objection until March 24.
Re Edmond Précourt.—Div. sheet at office of C. Millier, curator, Sherbrooke. Open to objection until March 15.

Sale in Insolvency.

Re Isidore Villeneuve. Sale of lots at church door of parish of St. Médard de Warwick, 10 a.m., April 29.

Rule of Court.

Morasse v. Bruneau, dist. of Richelieu. Creditors of defendant notified to file claims.

Separation as to Property.

Jeanne Charlotte Messier *vs.* Peter Cormier, trader, St. Ours. Feb. 15.
Isabella Brown *vs.* James Walker, trader, Montreal. Feb. 23.
Alphonsine Gauvreau *vs.* Félix Brien dit Desrochers, trader, Montreal. Feb. 23.
Emma Thériault *vs.* Edmond Jetté, trader, Montreal, Feb. 25.

Separation from bed and board.

Henriette Courtemanche, St. Césaire *vs.* Octave Dalpé, absentee. Jan. 20.

La Cour d'appel d'Amiens, réunie en audience solennelle, vient de décider, sur les conclusions de M. le procureur général Melcot et contrairement au jugement qui lui était soumis, que la prêtreise ne constituait ni un empêchement prohibitif ni un empêchement dirimant au mariage contracté par un prêtre catholique. *Journal du Palais*, 2 fev.