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CURRENT TOPICS AND CASES.

The judgment of their lordships of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in *Alexandre v. Brassard*, popularly known as the St. Blaise case, dismisses the appeal, by some of the appellants, from the judgment of the Court of Queen's Bench for this province, reported in Q. R., 2 Q. B., pp. 69-99. The board did not think it necessary to enter into some questions that were discussed in the court below, the argument on the appeal being restricted apparently to two contentions, first, that although it was not competent for the court to set aside the canonical decree erecting a parish, it was at liberty to inquire into the proceedings which gave rise to the decree, and if a flaw or illegality were discovered in those proceedings the canonical decree could not be treated as a decree available for the purpose of founding civil recognition. Their lordships overruled this pretension, holding that every decree for the canonical erection of a new parish which is valid according to ecclesiastical law is a sufficient foundation for proceedings with the view of obtaining civil recognition. The second point was whether a debt contracted by the Fabrique is a debt of the parish within the meaning of art. 3880 R. S. Q., and would therefore constitute a bar to its dismemberment. The