

BRIGGS, Wm. H., Stanbridge East.—First and final dividend, payable Sept. 25, H. Beatty, Stanbridge East, curator.

DROLET, Delphis, Quebec.—First dividend, payable Sept. 27; H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.

FONTANELLE, Etienne.—First and final dividend, payable Sept. 16, Bilodeau & Renaud, Montreal, joint curator.

MOUSSEAU & Co., H.—First and final dividend, payable Sept. 24, Bilodeau & Renaud, Montreal, joint curator.

PARENT & Co., D., coal dealers, Montreal.—First and final dividend, payable Sept. 14, C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator.

PARKER, S. H., Montreal.—First and final dividend, payable Sept. 13, C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator.

PORTELANCE & Co., Victor.—Dividend on hypothecary claims, payable Sept. 20, G. H. Burroughs, Quebec, curator.

QUINTAL, Isaie A.—Dividend, payable Sept. 20, C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator.

GENERAL NOTES.

EVIDENCE IN JAPANESE COURTS OF JUSTICE.—A Japanese journal, describing the manner in which witnesses are sworn and evidence taken in native Courts of justice, says that with the Japanese anything to which a man affixes his seal is considered more sacred than what he may say. Hence, each witness is required to make a declaration to the effect that with a mind free from bias in favour of or against either of the litigating parties, and with perfect fairness, he will give evidence, and, after this has been read out by the recorder of the Court and handed to the witness in the form of a document, the latter is expected to affix his seal to it. The same plan is adopted with the statement of facts which, in the course of the examination he undergoes, a witness makes in Court. The purport of his evidence is written out by the recorder, and before the Court he is required to make what corrections are necessary to render the written statement a trustworthy record of his evidence, and to guarantee its correctness by affixing his seal. Though this process occupies a good deal of time, it precludes the possibility of the evidence given being incorrectly reported, which, in trials where the decision of the Court depends largely on oral evidence, is a matter of much moment.