

The old Scotch sea-dog, if public report was to be credited, was jailed but not convicted, for having committed the same offence for which M. Desormier was publicly whipped in October last. The ancient mariner, however, appears to have gone scot free. There is no account of his trial, either before the recorder or police magistrate of Quebec. Possibly the preliminary investigation fell through for lack of evidence. Query: Had the detectives of the day a finger in the pie? Was it a put-up job to damage the fair name of the ancient mariner? Quien sabe?

INSOLVENT NOTICES, ETC.

Quebec Official Gazette, Aug. 4.
Judicial Abandonments.

Arthur Frenette and Henri Frenette, (H. Frenette & Frère), Fraserville, Aug. 1.

J. Côté & frère, tanners, Quebec, Aug. 1.

Léon G. Villeneuve, trader, parish of St. Faustin, July 27.

Curators Appointed.

Re Archibald Cousineau.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, July 31.

Re Ross, Haskell & Campbell, wholesale fancy dry goods.—A. W. Stevenson, Montreal, curator, July 31.

Dividends.

Re Onésime Boulianne, Tadousac.—Second dividend, payable Aug. 21, T. Laurence, Quebec, curator.

Re Miss Ida Labelle (A. Labelle).—First dividend, payable Aug. 18, C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator.

Re Miss P. Pelletier (L. N. Miller & Co.).—First and final dividend, payable Aug. 19, C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator.

Re Langelier & Larivée.—First and final dividend, payable Aug. 18, J. O. Dion, St. Hyacinthe, curator.

Separation as to property.

Elmaise Charlebois vs. Olivier Proulx, trader, Montreal, June 7.

Quebec Official Gazette, August 11.
Judicial Abandonments.

Joseph E. Godin, dealer in shoes, Three Rivers, Aug. 2.

Curators appointed.

Re Lewis G. Brown ("The Magog Hosiery Co.").—A. F. Riddell, Montreal, curator, Aug. 6.

Dividends.

Re Hy. Dinning & Co., Quebec.—Dividend, payable Aug. 29, T. O. Neill, Quebec, curator.

Re James Langlands & Son.—Dividend, S. C. Fatt, Montreal, curator.

Re O'Neill & Judd.—First and final dividend, payable Aug. 25, D. Arcand, Quebec, curator.

Re Wm. H. Parsons & Co.—Dividend, S. C. Fatt, Montreal, curator.

Re Rosario Roussille.—Second and final dividend, payable Aug. 18, O. Forget, Terrebonne, curator.

Re A. O. Turcotte, Broughton.—First and final dividend, payable Aug. 23, D. Arcand, Quebec, curator.

Separation as to property.

Julie Bondy vs. Alphonse Racette, trader, Three Rivers, Aug. 4.

Quebec Official Gazette, August 18.

Judicial Abandonments.

Joseph Elzéar Picard and Joseph Elzéar Pinault, traders, Fraserville, Aug. 14.

Pierre Ricard, trader, Coaticook, Aug. 7.

Honoré Thibodeau, trader, Victoriaville, Aug. 13.

Curators appointed.

Re Théodore Delège.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint-curator, Aug. 10.

Re Joséphine Galarneau (E. L. Ethier & Co.).—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint-curator, Aug. 9.

Re Frs. Xavier Gareau.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint-curator, Aug. 10.

Re James Guest.—A. F. Riddell, Montreal, curator, Aug. 14.

Re J. Logan Lamplough, music dealer.—S. C. Fatt, Montreal, curator, Aug. 14.

Re Moïse T. Sarault.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, curator, Aug. 10.

Re Trépannier & Co., district of Quebec.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint-curator, Aug. 16.

Re Troutbeck & Co., fancy goods dealers, Montreal.—J. M'D. Hains, Montreal, curator, Aug. 14.

Dividends.

Re T. Michaud & Co., La Chevrotière.—First and final dividend, payable Aug. 31, D. Arcand, Quebec, curator.

Re John Thompson.—First and final dividend, payable Sept. 5, John Boyd, St. Chrysostôme, curator.

Separation as to property.

Marie Ovide Lamarre vs. Antoine Achin, Sr., Montreal, Aug. 11.

GENERAL NOTES.

PATENT CASES.—The length to which patent cases are drawn out has at length elicited judicial comment. It is a crying evil, as practitioners in the Chancery Division can testify. For weeks at a time the courts on that side have been blocked, and the block is with certainty afterward transferred to the Court of Appeal. The weary judges cry out, and Lord Justice Cotton now pathetically tells counsel that short arguments are most effective. It is remarkable how few advocates recognize the force of brevity, not only with judges but with juries. But something ought to be done to remove patent causes out of the ordinary tribunals.—*Law Times* (London.)

A curious blunder came to light in the Cumberland (Me.) Superior Court last week. In an indictment against a Brighton man for keeping a liquor nuisance it was alleged, through a mistake in copying, that he had been guilty of the offence on the 15th day of May, 1806, and on divers days since then up to the time of finding the indictment. The counsel for the respondent was elated at the discovery of this error and confidently moved to quash the indictment on the ground that his client was not alive in 1806. But the county attorney rose and said that he would enter *nolle prosequi* as to the first eighty years of the indictment and would try his case on the remaining time. The judges ruled that the indictment would then hold good. Upon this the respondent pleaded guilty and paid his fine.