

prehension and conviction of the criminal. And the decision arrived at was one pre-eminently where common sense agreed with the rules of law. In a later case of *Bent v. Wakefield and Barnsley Bank*, (C. P. D. 1), a somewhat puzzling case arose which involved the question whether any person can be entitled to such a reward when the criminal voluntarily surrenders himself. In this last case a handbill was published by the defendants as follows: "£200. Whereas, William Glover, shoddy dealer, absconded from Ossett, after committing various forgeries. Notice is hereby given that the above reward will be paid to any person or persons giving such information to Mr. W. Airton, police superintendent Dewsbury, as will lead to the apprehension of the said William Glover." The plaintiff was the chief constable at Exeter, and sued for the reward under the following circumstances: "One day a person (who turned out to be Glover) came to the plaintiff at the police office and said, 'You hold a warrant for me; I am wanted for forgery.' Thereupon names and particulars were entered upon, and the plaintiff, thinking the man might be out of his mind, searched the *Police Gazette*, and ended by telegraphing to Dewsbury and getting instructions to detain Glover. The latter was detained accordingly, and all ended by Glover being locked up and ultimately tried and found guilty. The present action was brought, and one of the defences was, that it was contrary to public policy that the plaintiff should succeed, as he did no more than his public duty and as the criminal had surrendered himself. The question was ultimately considered in connection with the previous authorities, and the judge (Grove, J.), held that the judgment should be for the defendants. The court had, according to the learned judge, already decided in *England v. Davidson*, that actions by constables, though not necessarily excluded, yet require very clear grounds to support them, and he thought there was no clear ground in this case.

The discovery in this last case seems to have been a mere accident without any meritorious exertion by the police superintendent, who was almost passive. Neverthe-

less, he took pains to make inquiry and did his duty well. But all he did was merely by way of satisfying himself whether the criminal was the real man and not a sham. Certainly there was nothing which the constable did beyond his bare duty; he did not originate or discover anything, but simply reported to headquarters. And the judge cannot be supposed to have gone wrong by deciding against an action so entirely without special merits.—*Justice of the Peace, Eng.*

INSOLVENT NOTICES, ETC.

Quebec Official Gazette, Oct. 15.

Judicial Abandonments.

Wilfrid Etienne Brunet, druggist, St. Sauveur de Quebec, Oct. 10.

Joseph Charron, jr., St. Hyacinthe, Oct. 10.

J. A. Michaud & Co., Carleton, Oct. 13.

Joseph Ritchot, grocer, Montreal, Oct. 11.

George W. Swatman, Shawville, June 10.

Louis Tremblay, grocer, Montreal, Oct. 8.

Curators appointed.

Re Camille Gauthier, trader, Montreal.—W. A. Caldwell, Montreal, curator, Oct. 11.

Re Hugh O'Hara, Chambly Canton.—Thos. Darling, Montreal, curator, Oct. 13.

Re Joseph Ritchot, grocer, Montreal.—H. Ward and Alex. Gowdey, Montreal, curators, Oct. 11.

Re Richard Swallow, plumber and gasfitter, Montreal.—David Seath, Montreal, curator, Sept. 15.

Dividends.

Re L. Boyer, Montreal.—Dividend, payable Nov. 3, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, curator.

Re Andrew Fortune, boot and shoe dealer, Huntingdon.—First and final dividend payable Nov. 3, at office of McCormick, Ducloux & Murchison, Montreal J. B. Paradis, curator.

Re Montreal Abattoir Co.—Second dividend, payable Nov. 2, P. S. Ross, Montreal, curator.

Re D. Poirier, Valleyfield.—Dividend, payable Nov. 3, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, curator.

Re Olivier Seguin, merchant tailor.—First dividend, H. Ward and A. Gowdey, Montreal, curators.

Separation as to property.

Rosalie Brosseau vs. Dalphis Cusson, trader, St. John's, Oct. 5.

Adeline Constantineau vs. Jean Bte. Doré, alias Doray, carter, Montreal, Oct. 4.

Aimée Guay vs. James Eagan, St. Joseph de Lévis, Oct. 12.

Annie McCaffrey vs. Louis Raymond dit LaJeunesse, Montreal, Oct. 7.

Hermine Robitaille vs. Etienne Robitaille, St. Sauveur, Oct. 11.

Circuit Court.

Special term for county of Temiscouata, to be held at L'Isle Verte, on Nov. 22.