

*Re* McDougall, Logie & Co.—Third dividend, payable March 11, A. F. Riddell, Montreal, curator.

*Re* Andrew Mulholland, plumber.—First and final dividend, payable March 11, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.

*Re* A. Renaud & Co.—First dividend, payable March 11, T. Darling, Montreal, curator.

*Separation as to Property.*

Marguerite Brennan vs. Joseph Leclere, trader, Montreal.

Joséphine Gauthier dit Landreville vs. Pierre Cusson dit Desormiers, stone-cutter, Joliette, Feb. 2.

Emilie Stanford vs. Michel Roy, upholsterer, Montreal, Feb. 16.

*Appointments.*

Homer E. Mitchell to be coroner for the district of Bedford, *vice* Dr. Casselles, deceased.

Charles Loupret, advocate, to be district magistrate for the districts of Iberville and Beauharnois.

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*Judicial Abandonments.*

Alfred E. Boisseau, dry goods dealer, Quebec, Feb. 26.

François Louis Déry, trader, St. Hilaire, Feb. 22.

Georges A. Drouin, shoe-dealer, Drummondville, Feb. 27.

David Guimond, trader, Ste. Marie Madeleine, Feb. 27.

François-Xavier Lahaie, trader, Masham, Feb. 21.

*Curators Appointed.*

*Re* Beaugerard & Lapiere.—J. O. Dion, St. Hyacinthe, curator, Feb. 27.

*Re* Noé Brosseau.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Feb. 27.

*Re* Michel Chenard, trader, Fraserville.—H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator, Feb. 23.

*Re* Guimond & Co.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Feb. 22.

*Re* John Farnan, baker, Montreal.—M. B. Smith, Montreal, curator, Feb. 27.

*Re* Patrick Grace, Gracefield.—J. McD. Hains, Montreal, curator, Feb. 22.

*Re* Simon McNally & Son, Calumet Island.—J. McD. Hains, Montreal, curator, Feb. 22.

*Re* Emmanuel Strickland.—N. Pagé, Hull, curator, Feb. 20.

*Re* Amanda Vadenais, coach-maker, Iberville.—A. F. Gervais, St. Johns, curator, Feb. 26.

*Dividends.*

*Re* Z. S. Aubut.—First and final dividend, payable March 18, W. A. Caldwell, Montreal, curator.

*Re* L. R. Baker, Beauharnois.—Dividend, payable March 20, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.

*Re* O. Chartrand.—First and final dividend, payable March 19, A. W. Stevenson, Montreal, curator.

*Re* Dame A. Coutu, Louiseville.—First and final dividend, payable March 4, J. McD. Hains, Montreal, curator.

*Re* François-Xavier Crevier.—First and final dividend, W. A. Caldwell, Montreal, curator.

*Re* Dorval & Samson.—Dividend, S. C. Fatt, Montreal, curator.

*Re* M. H. Fauteux.—Dividend, payable March 20, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.

*Re* Napoléon Lavoie.—Final dividend, payable March 18, T. Paradis, Lévis, curator.

*Re* Ross, Haskell & Campbell, Montreal.—Second and final dividend, payable March 19, A. W. Stevenson, Montreal, curator.

*Re* Sylvain Turcotte.—First dividend, payable March 18, C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator.

*Separation as to Property.*

Aglaé Chevalier vs. Joseph Napoléon Martel, farmer and insurance agent, Iberville, Feb. 19.

Sarah Ann Hall vs. J. B. A. Cousineau, trader, Montreal, Feb. 25.

*GENERAL NOTES.*

**LAWYERS' RECREATIONS.**—The men who join recreation with work are the happiest. Sir Charles Romilly took care that his mind should play every day. He used to travel on the circuit in his own carriage, and carry with him the best books of the day. A friend riding with Sir Charles expressed his pleasure at seeing that the busy lawyer found time for such reading. "So soon as I found," he answered, "that I was to be a busy lawyer for life, I strenuously resolved to keep up my habit of reading books outside of the law. I had seen so much misery in the last years of many great lawyers, from their loss of all taste for books, that I made their fate my warning." Some men un-bend by giving themselves for a season to pursuits wholly unlike that by which they earn their living. An English vice-chancellor found recreation in binding books. He was an adept at the trade, and the volumes he turned out were bound in masterly style.—*Companion.*

**LAW OF SELF-DEFENCE.**—Mr. Uttley writes:—"The various and numerous burglaries which have been taking place up and down the country, often with attempted violence, has roused public interest as to the law of self-defence. The law, however, is most unfortunately in a very unsettled condition, and well it may be, for it is absurd to generalize in questions of this kind; each case can only be decided on its merits, for a legal proposition which might hold perfectly good for one set of circumstances might not apply in another. In Levett's case a servant, who had, unknown to her employers, invited a friend, Frances Freeman, into the house, thinking she heard thieves, called her master, Mr. Levett, who discovered Freeman in the pantry, and believing her to be a thief, stabbed her with a sword. He was acquitted, but it still remains open to doubt if he was not guilty of manslaughter. In another case, however, the effect was more startling. A Lieutenant Moir, being exceedingly annoyed by trespassers on his farm, after giving notice of his intention to shoot anyone found there, fired at a man and wounded him in the leg; this resulted in erysipelas, and the trespasser died. For this, Lieutenant Moir was convicted of murder and executed. A question that will shortly have to be decided is whether it would not be a good plan to imitate the Indian Penal Code, where it is declared to be lawful to kill anyone committing or attempting sundry specified assaults, robbery, housebreaking by night, mischief by fire to a dwelling, and theft, mischief, or house trespass under such circumstances as may reasonably cause apprehension that death or grievous hurt may be the consequence."