

of the children will be necessary. They are wards of Court, and it will be very injurious to the children. I ask your lordship to follow the same course as that pursued in a recent case.

Mr. Bray (for the plaintiff): I do not consent, nor do I see why the case should be tried *in camerâ*. These issues have already been tried in another Court, and not then *in camerâ*, and why not again?

Mr. Henn Collins: Consent is not necessary.

Mr. Justice Cave: What is the case about? I will look at the pleadings.

Mr. Bray: I believe there is absolutely nothing in this case which will be prejudicial to the children.

Mr. Justice Cave: There is no sufficient reason why this case should not be tried in the ordinary way.

INSOLVENT NOTICES, ETC.

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Judicial Abandonments.

Leonidas A. Bergevin, dry goods merchant, Quebec, Dec. 28.

Rémi Bernard, contractor and builder, St. Hyacinthe, Dec. 27.

George White McKee, Coticook, Dec. 28.

Curators appointed.

Re Aldéma Bourbonnais, tanner, Ste. Marthe, Dec. 30.

Re Auguste Charbonnier, doing business under the name of Hélène Chalifour.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Dec. 27.

Re Ambroise De Blois, grocer, St. Sauveur, Quebec.—N. Matte, Quebec, curator, Dec. 31.

Re Philias Desormier.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Dec. 27.

Re James Stuart Kennedy.—R. N. England, Knowlton, curator, Dec. 31.

Re F. X. Lepage, dry goods, Quebec.—H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator, Dec. 31.

Re Elie Rochon, carter, Ste. Cunégonde.—T. Gauthier, Montreal, curator, Dec. 27.

Re F. X. Trudeau, Montreal.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Dec. 29.

Dividends.

Re D. Z. Bessette, Montreal.—First and final dividend, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.

Re Joseph Donati, jeweller, Quebec.—First dividend, payable Jan. 21, N. Matte, Quebec, curator.

Re A. Fournier & Co.—First and final dividend, payable Jan. 22, C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator.

Re George Gauvreau.—First and final dividend, payable Jan. 24, C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator.

Re Moïse Gauvreau.—First and final dividend, payable Jan. 21, C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator.

Re Laganière & Schambier.—First and final dividend, payable Jan. 23, C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator.

Re Médéric Lefebvre, Laprairie.—First and final dividend, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.

Re Louis Pigeon.—Collocation on hypothecary claims, C. H. Parent, Montreal, curator.

Re Pouliot & Falardeau, curriers, Quebec.—First dividend, payable Jan. 21, N. Matte, Quebec, curator.

Re J. Rasconi & Co.—First and final dividend, A. A. Taillon, Sorel, curator.

Separation as to property.

Maranda Covey vs. Isaac Patton, farmer, township of Brome, Dec. 27.

Marie Elzémire Dubeau vs. Louis Lebel, butcher, Megantic, Dec. 31.

Marguerite Lémonde vs. Théophile Brodeur, hotel-keeper, St. Liboire, Dec. 28.

Agnès Moreau vs. Ephrem Durocher, trader, Iberville, Dec. 30.

GENERAL NOTES.

THE HABIT OF A LIFETIME.—One summer morning, years ago, a number of young lawyers surrounded Col. Boyd, of Norristown, Penn., on the porch of the Stockton House at Cape May. When they were about to leave, the good colonel said he did not feel like parting with them without giving them some good advice. Said he, "Young men, I have practiced law for forty years, and I have found that the best plan to have an easy conscience is to open each week in the proper way. Monday morning I go to my office about half an hour earlier than usual, lock myself in the back room, and go over the events of the preceding week, so as to see that I have wronged no man. If I find that I have, I make amends at once. If I find on mature consideration that I have charged a client too large a fee, I promptly write him a check and reduce it to the proper amount. You cannot too soon adopt such a practice." "Have you often had occasion, Colonel," innocently asked one of the young men, "to make many such repayments?" "That is the singular part of it all," promptly replied the good colonel: "I have religiously followed this habit for forty years, and thus far I have never had occasion to do anything of the kind."

JUDICIAL LIFE.

Judicial honors no sane man will grudge,—
It is an awful bore to be a judge;—
To sit for hours and strict attention keep
When one is dying with desire to sleep,
Lulled by the droning of the voice professional,
Like priest by penitent's outside confession:
To look as if he never heard these things before,
When counsel every day repeat them o'er and o'er:
To hear them eat their words from term to term
With memories or consciences infirm;
These blowers of both hot and cold empiric
Make patient judges grow a bit satiric;
Never to be allowed to laugh at jokes;
Though counsel are so funny that one chokes;
No use to try to stop the tedious patter
Of immaterial and superfluous matter;
Much better wait until the storm is over
Unless one has the courage of a Grover;
Beware the fate of him, who sawing logs,
His fingers interposes 'twixt the cogs;
The saws of lawyers may be out of place,
But meddling with them does not help the case.

—Irving Browne.