
Bench and Bar.

Sir Louis Amable Jette, K.C.M.G., of Quebec, to be puisne judge of the Superior Court of the Province of Quebec in the room and stead of Sir C. A. P. Pelletier, K.C.M.G., resigned.

Dominique Monet, of the City of Montreal, barrister-at-law, to be puisne judge of the Superior Court of Quebec, in the room and stead of the Hon. E. Z. Paradis, deceased.

United States Decisions.

CHATTEL MORTGAGE—On the much-disputed question whether a chattel mortgage fraudulent as to a portion of the property may be upheld as to the remainder, it is held, in *Eastman v. Parkinson* (Wis.) 113 N.W. 649, 13 L.R.A. (N.S.) 921, that a chattel mortgage of stock in trade and other property, not characterised by actual fraud as to creditors of a mortgagor, may be constructively fraudulent as to them respecting the stock, and valid as to the other property.

CONTRACT.—To render a transaction voidable on account of the drunkenness of a party to it, it is held, in *Martin v. Harsh*, 231, Ill. 384, 83 N.E. 164, 13 L.R.A. (N.S.) 1000, that the drunkenness must have been such as to drown reason, memory, and judgment, and to impair the mental faculties to such an extent as to render the party non compos mentis for the time being.

Flotsam and Jetsam.

For the first time since the days of Pitt, it is said, an English lawyer has now become Prime Minister of England. The new Premier, Herbert H. Asquith, is recognized as a man of unusual ability and force. Other eminent lawyers hold some of the most important positions in the new ministry. David Lloyd-George is Chancellor of Exchequer; Augustine Birrell, K.C., is Secretary for Ireland; Lord Loreburn is High Chancellor; Sir Henry H. Fowler is Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster; Reginald McKenna, First Lord of Admiralty, and Richard B. Haldane, Secretary of State for War.