

the prisoner until he knew what it was, so that here at the time of taking the sovereign as such he intended to steal it, and so took it feloniously, that is the sovereign was taken and stolen at the same moment. The conviction could not be disturbed without overruling the decisions of Lord Eldon in *Cartwright v. Green*, and of Parke, B., in *Merry v. Green*, and the decision of the judges in *Reg. v. Middleton*. The view he thus took was also in accordance with a case not cited in the argument, *Reg. v. Riley*, (Dearsley's Crown Cases Reserved, 149), which was a distinct authority for upholding the present conviction. In this judgment his lordship said his brothers Grove, Pollock, and Huddleston concurred. There were, therefore, seven judges for affirming and seven for reversing the conviction, and as the rule in this court was *presumitur pro negante*, the conviction would be affirmed.

THE LATE JOSEPH DOUTRE, Q.C.

Mr. Doutre was born at Beauharnois in 1825. He was educated at the College of Montreal, and studied law in the offices of the late Mr. W. Dumas, the Hon. Mr. Morin and Hon. Mr. (afterwards Judge) Drummond. He early identified himself with the Liberal party, and was a contributor to their organ *L'Avenir*. A contribution to this paper excited the ire of Sir George E. Cartier, who sent a challenge to Mr. Doutre. It was accepted, and on the slope of Mount Royal a duel took place, neither of the participants, however, sustaining injury. The ill-feeling thus produced did not last, for in after years the combatants were on sufficiently friendly terms. In 1844 Mr. Doutre published a romance entitled "*Les Fiancés de 1812*," and four years later gave to the world "*Le Frère et la Sœur*," and in 1852 "*Le Sauvage du Canada*." He is also author of a work on the Constitution of Canada, and of several minor literary productions. In the agitation that led to the abolition of the system of seigniorial tenure he was a prominent actor. He joined the Institut Canadien and soon became its president, a position to which he was only the other day re-elected. The dispute with the Church over the library of the Institute led to its members being ordered to abandon it under pain of excommunication. This many would not do, among them Samuel Guibord, whose death, and the refusal of the ecclesiastical authorities to allow his body to be interred in consecrated ground, led to the institution of a suit of which almost all the civilized world has heard. Mr. Doutre was chosen to uphold the

rights of Guibord before the courts. How he discharged the duty is well known. After long litigation the decision of the Privy Council was obtained and Guibord's body was finally laid at rest in the Cote des Neiges cemetery. Mr. Doutre was senior counsel for the Dominion Government before the Halifax Fishery Commission, and assisted in securing the considerable amount that was awarded this country as compensation for the fishing privileges accorded to the United States under the Washington treaty. He also acted on behalf of the Orangemen accused some years ago of illegal association in this province. The fame he obtained through the Guibord case brought him a large *clientèle*, and he was engaged in many important suits. Mr. Doutre was married twice, and leaves six children, the eldest a son, who has nearly completed his studies for the profession in which his father held so high a rank.

INSOLVENT NOTICES, ETC.

(Quebec Official Gazette, Jan. 30.)

Judicial Abandonnements.

Joseph Perrier, trader, Montreal, Jan. 23.
Zéphirin Simard, Rimouski, Jan. 25.
Louis Flavien Timoléon Buisson, Three Rivers, Jan. 26.

Curators Appointed.

B. A. Benoit, St. Hyacinthe.—Jules St. Germain, St. Hyacinthe, curator, Jan. 20.
L. E. Morin, Jr., Montreal.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Jan. 23.
Jean B. Déry, St. Francis.—C. Millier, Sherbrooke, curator, Jan. 15.

Notice of Dividend Sheet.

Thomas J. Samson.—Louis Rainville, Arthabaskaville, curator. Open to objection until Feb. 15.

Actions en séparation de biens.

Dame Amanda St. Jean vs. Alfred Dasylyva, District of Montreal. Jan. 12.
Dame Marie Georgiana Demeul vs. Cyprien Turcot, Village of St. Gabriel, District of Montreal. Jan. 19.
Dame Sarah Annie Baker vs. Louis Charles Leopold Goullioud, Montreal. Jan. 19.

Rules of Court.

The Camperdown Hotel Company, Georgeville, township of Stanstead. Meeting to appoint liquidator under Insolvent Companies Act of 1882, 10 a.m., Feb. 12, Superior Court, Sherbrooke.
A. J. Cleveland and W. H. Whyte, traders, Montreal. Creditors of Arthur J. Cleveland notified to file claims.

MORE LAWYERS THAN DOGS.—I fell across an amusing story the other day in Madame Adam's interesting book, *La Patrie Hongroise*. Hungary, says Madame Adam, swarms with barristers. It is the ambition of the Hungarian peasant to make one of his sons an advocate, as it is the ambition of the Breton and the Irish peasant to make one son a priest. The son of a small farmer in the neighborhood of Pesth was sent by his father to the law school of the town, but, either from want of parts or application, was plucked in the qualifying examination. Not daring to return home empty handed, after all the money that had been spent on his education, he forged a legal diploma. The father, however, was not so ignorant as not to be aware that such diplomas are always written on parchment, *Kutya-ber*—"dog-skin" in Hungarian. "Why is your certificate not made out on *Kutya-ber*?" asked the old man. "The fact is, father," answered the youth, "that there are more barristers than dogs in Hungary, and so there is not enough *Kutya-ber* to make diplomas for us all."—*London Life*.