

*Re Jean Baptiste Morin*, baker, parish of St. Antoine.—A. M. Archambault, N.P., St. Antoine, curator, May 15.

*Dividends.*

*Re N. Dion & Co.*—First dividend (15c.), payable June 7, D. Arcand, Quebec, curator.

*Re vacant estate of late Mrs. M. Mercer.*—Second and final dividend, payable June 11, J. W. Molson, Montreal, curator.

*Re Legendre & Leblanc*, traders, Kamouraska.—First dividend, payable June 4, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.

*Re Marcus Markus*, Montreal.—First and final dividend (9c.), payable June 10, J. McD. Hains, Montreal, curator.

*Separation as to Property.*

*Mélina St. Charles vs. Jean Baptiste Sicard*, commercial traveller, Montreal, May 21.

*Céline Berger dit Véronneau vs. Augustin Boudreau*, jr., farmer, parish of St. Cyprien, Iberville, May 20.

*Magistrate's Court.*

Magistrate's Court established for county of Compton, to be held 4th and 5th January, March, May, July, September and November.

*Court Terms Altered.*

Circuit Court, county of Beauce, to be held at St. Vital de Lambton, 1st to 3rd June, and 4th to 6th December. Circuit Court, county of Dorchester, to be held 4th to 6th June.

*Appointment.*

Henri Lapointe, Tadoussac, appointed registrar of the County of Saguenay.

**GENERAL NOTES.**

**THE NEW METHOD OF EXECUTION.**—A New York journal sent a reporter through the "murderers' row" of the Tombs not long ago, and questioned the men under sentence of death. With one accord they pronounced in favor of the new law, and regretted that if they must die, the law did not apply to their cases.

**OARSMEN ON THE BENCH.**—Lord Esher, at the boat race dinner, not only fitly presided, but well represented the five judges who have long rested on the silver oar in virtue of having taken part in the university matches of the past. Of these, three besides himself were in the Cambridge boat—Mr. Justice Denman, who won and lost alternately; Mr. Justice Smith, who won twice and lost once; and Lord Macnaghten, who lost twice, an exceptional ill-luck which did not follow him in his career ashore. Mr. Justice Chitty alone represents Oxford, but with a good record, having won twice and lost once, when he was beaten by a crew in which Mr. De Rutzen, the police magistrate, rowed three. He eclipses Lord Macnaghten in the honor of rowing stroke, as his was a winning crew. So was Lord Esher's when he rowed seven, an almost equally arduous rowlock, in 1837. It is fifty years ago, and in those days sliding seats, keelless bottoms and outriggers were unknown, and the course was from Westminster to Putney.—*Law Journal*, (London).

**DRIVING A POINT HOME.**—Sir Charles Russell, ex-

attorney-general, and leading counsel for Mr. Parnell, has a well-known trick of driving a point home to a jury which is inimitable by any other advocate. He begins to lead up to it with his right hand in his tail-pocket, under his gown. Thence he extracts a snuff-box, transfers it to his left hand, opens it, takes a pinch between the finger and thumb of his right, and with the box still in his left hand, and the pinch still in transitu, he makes his point unerringly, so that it reaches his hearers' minds at the precise moment at which the pinch reaches its destination. Then, with an inimitable flourish of a red and yellow bandanna the oratorical effort is complete. But to be properly appreciated it must be seen.

**RELIGIOUS DISABILITY.**—Mr. Morley, M.P., at Newcastle, on April 24, in addressing the newly-elected General Committee of the Six Hundred of the Newcastle-on-Tyne Liberal Association, said: "I wonder whether it occurred to any of you—it occurred to me, as Sir Charles Russell's speech was going on, as an illustration of the un wisdom with which we have governed Ireland—that though Ireland is, in greater part, a Catholic country, yet the chief Governor of Ireland, by the law of the land, cannot be a Catholic. More than that, I could not help thinking that Sir Charles Russell himself, who is a Catholic, cannot attain to the highest prize in the profession. He cannot be made Lord Chancellor of England. A Jew can be made Lord Chancellor. There is some difficulty, I know, about patronage. It might be rather awkward to have a Catholic Chancellor distributing Protestant livings. But a short time ago we were within a measurable distance of having that state of things. Therefore that difficulty cannot be a real one. I only say this because I think I can promise you—and I cannot conceive how a Tory even can resist it—I think I can promise you that before very long a bill will be introduced into the House of Commons which will sweep away this last rag of religious disability."

**THE BAR AND THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.**—The Solicitor-General, Sir Edward Clarke, wrote from the House of Commons on April 2, as follows: "The suggestion contained in Mr. Cooper's letter that the meeting of the bar on the 13th inst. should be made the occasion of an expression of opinion as to the conduct of the Attorney-General, in matters which have lately been the subject of debate in the House of Commons, is most unfortunate. I have no doubt that the leader of the bar will receive a cordial welcome from his professional brethren, but to propose a resolution conveying any judgment upon those matters would be to invite, and almost to compel, a controversial discussion, and would place many members of the bar whom we hope to see at the meeting, in a very difficult position. I know that the Attorney-General himself is so far from desiring any action of this kind that he will certainly not attend the meeting unless he is fully assured that no such attempt will be made to pledge the bar as a body to the expression of any opinion with regard to incidents and conduct which cannot as yet be fully and properly discussed."

**ABBREVIATIONS.**—The Boston *Transcript* suggests that a good abbreviation for Alaska would be L. S., which, as everyone knows, means the place of the seal.