

Re Benjamin Vallée, doing business as Vallée Frères, hotel keeper, Vaudreuil. — A. McGregor, Montreal, curator, Aug. 21.

Dividends.

Re Jos. Bonenfant, St. Rémi.—Dividend, payable Sept. 18, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.

Re W. E. Brunet & Co., St. Sauveur.—First and final dividend, payable Sept. 14, D. Arcand, Quebec, curator.

Re Thomas J. Claxton & Co.—Composition of 45c., payable Aug. 29, P. S. Ross, Montreal, curator.

Re P. Coutu, St. Félix.—First dividend, payable Sept. 19, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.

Re J. F. C. Dupuy, St. John.—Dividend, payable Sept. 18, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.

Re Israël Goldenstein, St. Polycarpe.—First and final dividend of 24 p.c., payable Sept. 3, J. McD. Hains, Montreal, trustee.

Re J. N. Grenier.—Dividend, payable Sept. 18, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.

Re David Hambleton.—First and final dividend, payable Sept. 19, H. J. Simpson, Lachute, curator.

Re M. A. Ouimet.—First dividend, payable Sept. 18, C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator.

Re F. X. Panneton.—First and final dividend, payable Sept. 16, T. E. Normand, Three Rivers, curator.

Re E. Patry, Montreal.—First dividend, payable Sept. 18, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.

Re P. Plautier.—First and final dividend, payable Sept. 29, C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator.

Re Avery R. Reed.—First and final dividend, payable Sept. 16, Henry Miles, Montreal, curator.

Re Ross Brothers, Shawville.—First and final dividend (5c.), payable Sept. 3, J. McD. Hains, Montreal, curator.

Re J. & H. Taylor.—First dividend, payable Sept. 17, W. A. Caldwell, Montreal, curator.

Separation as to property.

Camille Couture vs. Joseph Samson, farmer, parish of St. Charles, county of Bellechasse, June 6.

Nathalie Lalonde vs. Joseph Lamarche, contractor, Montreal, Aug. 28.

Aiphonsine Maher vs. Wilfrid Tardy, butcher, parish of St. Enfant Jésus du Mile End, Aug. 28.

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Judicial Abandonments.

M. O. David, St. Hyacinthe, Sept. 4.

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Alexandre Houle, grocer, Montreal, Aug. 29.

André Laferrière, trader, parish of St. Barthélemi, district of Richelieu, Sept. 2.

Avila Palin, trader, Napierville, Aug. 10.

Victor Turcotte, tailor, Sherbrooke, Sept. 2.

Curators appointed.

J. B. de Vicq de Cumptich, tobacconist, Quebec.—H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator, Aug. 30.

Re Julie Deschênes.—T. Gauthier, Montreal, curator, Aug. 31.

Re Leandre Lapointe.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, Sept. 4.

Re New Glasgow Lumber Co.—Frank Weir, Montreal, curator, Aug. 30.

Re Avila Palin, Napierville.—P. R. Mériszi, Napierville, curator, Aug. 20.

Re Antoine Perrotton, Hull.—J. McD. Hains, Montreal, curator, Sept. 4.

Re L. A. Stearns & Co.—C. Millier and J. J. Griffith, Sherbrooke, joint curator, Sept. 2.

Dividends.

Re James Johnstone.—First and final dividend, payable Sept. 24, W. A. Caldwell, Montreal, curator.

Re Raphael Maretski, Chambly Canton.—First and final dividend, payable Sept. 24, W. A. Caldwell, Montreal, curator.

Re P. Ouellette.—First and final dividend, payable Sept. 30, P. Deshaies, St. Angèle de Laval, curator.

Re P. Plautier.—Second and final dividend, payable Sept. 24, C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator.

Re A. Renaud & Co.—First and final dividend, payable Sept. 14, Bilodeau & Renaud, Montreal, joint curator.

Separation as to property.

Régina Chaput vs. Amanda Vadnais, trader, Iberville, Aug. 20.

Elmire Dubois vs. Hormidas Labelle, farmer, St. Jérôme, Aug. 21.

Marie Justine Dion vs. François Xavier Beaucher dit Morency, Quebec, Aug. 28.

Marie Hamel vs. Joseph Limoges, trader, St. Jérôme, Aug. 21.

Elise Vallée vs. Joseph Bouchard, deputy registrar, Ste. Martine, Aug. 27.

Separation from bed and board.

Georgine Gingras vs. Evangeliste Cirenne, township of Bulstrode, Aug. 30.

GENERAL NOTES.

THE WHIPPING POST.—The institution of the whipping post, which still survives in Delaware, did not go out of fashion in England until the close of the last century. On May 5, 1713, the corporation of Doncaster directed that a whipping post be set up for punishing vagrants and sturdy beggars. Three centuries ago this punishment was carried to a cruel extent. Owing to the dissolution of the monasteries by Henry VIII, a large number of persons who depended on the charity of the good monks were thrown upon the country, and Parliament hastened to check the increasing vagrancy by an Act passed in 1531, which declared that every vagrant should be carried to some market town or other place, and tied naked to the end of a cart and whipped through the streets till their whole body be bloody. Early in the last century the price paid for whipping was four pence, and the constables' accounts included such items as arresting a distracted woman, watching her, and the fee for having her whipped. Whipping at the cart's tail, as provided for by the statute of Henry VIII, went out of use in 1596, when the whipping post was substituted for the earlier method.—*Philadelphia Record.*

AN OPINION OF COUNSEL.—In the course of the argument in the House of Lords of *Lyell v. Kennedy*, a