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MR. JUSTICE JETTÉ.

The vacancy on the Bench of the Superior Court, caused by the death of the late Mr. Justice V. P. W. Dorion, has been filled by the appointment of Mr. L. A. Jetté, of Montreal. Mr. Jetté is a gentleman of high standing in the profession. He was admitted to the bar in February, 1857, and by abilities of a high order, and close attention to professional work, speedily attained a considerable practice. Among the important cases in which he was concerned may be mentioned the celebrated Guibord case, in which he was counsel for the Fabrique in defending the suit. In 1872 he first entered public life, being elected by a large majority, for the division of Montreal East, over his distinguished opponent the late Sir George E. Cartier. In the general election of 1874, Mr. Jetté was returned for the same seat by acclamation. Appointments to the Bench in Canada are probably too much restricted by considerations of politics and nationality, and in the present case advocates of greater distinction are for this reason passed over. But apart from this, Mr. Jetté's appointment is a good one, and will, we believe, give much satisfaction.

SAUVÉ v. SAUVÉ.

We thought we had sufficiently explained (*ante*, p. 385), our opinion that the cases of *Sauvé v. Sauvé*, and *Berthelot v. Theoret* were essentially different. An esteemed correspondent, however, overlooking perhaps our brief reference to the cases, writes us on the subject, pointing out the material differences between the two suits. He says:

"In the case of *Berthelot v. Theoret* it is clear that facts were alleged and proved showing the *cessionnaire* to be proprietor of the debt sued for; hence the *cedant* could not sue. In *Sauvé v. Sauvé* there were facts proved, too, showing that the "third party" had no action. His interests, once held by him, he had *resiliated* by an *acte sous seing privé*, but to which force had to be given."

We should add that the head notes prefixed to the reports, as we received them from our correspondent, were not in strict accordance with the facts as we view them, but unfortunately were printed without the emendations which we intended to have made.

BANKRUPTCY FRAUDS.

The U. S. Bankrupt law passed out of existence on the 1st September, except for pending cases, and there was a considerable rush of debtors, even in the last days and hours of the Act, to bring themselves under its provisions. In the city of New York there were on the last day 394 petitions filed; in the district including Chicago, 375 petitions; in Cincinnati, 100; in Buffalo, 198; and in Philadelphia, 69. Physicians, lawyers, and even clergymen swelled the number of those seeking relief from the demands of their creditors. Advertisements appeared in journals of New York, inserted by attorneys tendering their services to help clients to a full, free and quick discharge from all their liabilities. These, however, are not so remarkable as a daring announcement in the *N. Y. Herald*, which attracted the attention of a reporter of the *World*. The notice was as follows:—

If you contemplate bankruptcy you can procure \$48,000 good, genuine, regular securities; no more of same kind exist; have never been offered; terms to suit contingency. Address, confidentially, Attorney, box 112, *Herald* Office.

Acting in that detective capacity which has been called into play by the press in these latter days, the reporter answered the advertisement under an assumed name, and in due time he received the following reply:—

HENRY H. HADLEY, Attorney and Counsellor at Law, 307 Broadway, N. Y., Aug. 15, 1878.

DEAR SIR,—Your favor referring to bankruptcy, dated 14th inst., was duly received and contents noted.

If convenient, please call on me to-morrow at 11 a.m., or from two to three p.m., here at my office, that we may talk the matter over as requested. I remain, confidentially yours.

H. H. HADLEY, Attorney,

The reporter called on Mr. Hadley at his office, and found him busily engaged with two elderly and eminently respectable-looking gentlemen. After waiting some time the reporter was ushered into the lawyer's office. Upon representing himself as the special partner of a firm of hatters who were about to fail, he