

was ripped open, and no cork was found inside of it, only a very small particle, such as might have fallen in when the cork was picked out with a knife, as is usually done. The defendant was using the gas in the name of F. Ship since September, 1886, though he had previously used it in his own name, and is still indebted to the company for gas consumed in the year 1886. So that upon the evidence I have no doubt at all but that the gas was turned off by the company on the 20th of March last, and was let on again by the defendant himself, or by someone under his direction, without the knowledge of the company. It must be remarked that the infraction here prosecuted is not for stealing the gas. I am satisfied that the defendant did not intend to steal it, but simply wanted to avoid paying the emolument of \$1 claimed by the company to let on the gas again. So I have not to deal with a case of larceny, but simply to ascertain if the gas was used without the consent of the company. Not a word of proof is offered to show that the company consented or even assented to the defendant resuming the use of its gas, and all the circumstances of the case show that they were not so willing. The penalty imposed is such a severe one (\$100) that it caused me to hesitate, but being satisfied that this severity has been intentionally introduced in the law in order to protect the company against those who might be disposed to use their gas clandestinely, I hold it is my duty to convict. The Statute says: "That if any reason shall lay or cause to be laid any pipes, etc, etc." Here the defendant did not lay or cause to be laid any pipe, but the statute goes further, and says: "Or in any way obtain or use its gas without the consent of the directors or their officer appointed to grant such consent, he, she or they shall forfeit and pay to the said company the sum of twenty-five pounds," etc. The statute also imposes a fine of one pound (\$4) for each day such pipe shall so remain. Inasmuch as there was no pipe laid by the defendant to communicate with the company's pipes there is no occasion for the penalty of the additional fine of (£1) one pound per day, but judgment must go in favor of the company for £25 (\$100) and costs.

## INSOLVENT NOTICES, ETC.

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## Judicial Abandonments.

Wilfrid Etienne Brunet, druggist, St. Sauveur de Québec, June 3.

Pierre Coutu, Joliette, June 4.

Eugène Dallaire, trader, Ste. Germaine du Lac Etchemin, May 25.

John Ogilvy, merchant, Montreal, June 3.

## Curators appointed.

*Re* Hilaire Brulé, St. Barthélemi.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, June 5.*Re* J. Bte. Day, Montreal.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, June 4.*Re* Joseph Dubé, trader, St. Sauveur de Québec.—H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator, June 3.*Re* George Guay, Yamachiche.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, June 4.*Re* L. M. Perrault & Co.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, June 4.*Re* Léon L. Raymond, trader, parish of L'Ange Gardien, May 25.

## Dividends.

*Re* Napoléon J. Bertrand, harness-maker, Coaticook.—First and final dividend, payable June 25, W. L. Shurtleff, curator.*Re* Michel Chenard, Fraserville.—First dividend, payable June 25, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.*Re* W. R. Crepeault, Kamouraska.—First and final dividend, payable June 25, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.*Re* H. A. Gagné, Fraserville.—First and final dividend, payable June 25, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.*Re* Joseph Guay, Baie St. Paul.—Second and final dividend, payable June 25, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.*Re* J. McIver & Co.—First and final dividend, payable June 25, W. A. Caldwell, Montreal, curator.*Re* Montreal Soap & Oil Co.—First and final dividend, payable June 25, W. A. Caldwell, Montreal, curator.*Re* Morency & Frères.—Dividend, payable June 24, G. O. Taschereau, St. Joseph Beauce, curator.*Re* Joseph Moyon.—First and final dividend, payable June 25, C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator.*Re* The Beaver Oil Company, Montreal.—First dividend, payable June 15, Geo. Irving, Jr., Montreal, curator.*Re* L. O. Villeneuve, Quebec.—Second and final dividend, payable June 25, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.

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## Judicial Abandonments.

Hormidas Brais, trader, Montreal, May 13.

Désilets &amp; De Grandpré, parish of Ste. Eulalie, June 5.

Joseph Marie Gravel, (Gravel, Kent &amp; Co.) Montreal, June 5.

Lamothe &amp; Hervieux, curriers, Quebec, June 6.

T. McRae &amp; Co., township of Eaton, June 12.