

cil governs in regard to incapacity will, perhaps hardly be settled until the House of Lords has pronounced upon it; but it would be the natural and reasonable law. Questions of incapacity depend, so far as years of discretion are concerned, upon views taken of maturity, which largely depend on climate, and so far as coverture is concerned, on the habits of domestic life, while so far as mental decay or natural weakness is concerned, there is not likely to be much divergence between the laws of different countries. It is reasonable enough that as a man goes from country to country he should conform in each to the laws of contract of each, but it seems somewhat absurd that as he crosses a border, he should come of age, only to sink into minority as he crosses another. Sir James Hannen's judgment in the second case of *Sottomayor v. De Barros* was full of references to numerous authorities, and we agree with him that the ground on which Lord Justice Cotton's judgment distinguishes *Simonin v. Mallac*, 2 Sw. & Tr. 6, a decision of Sir C. Cresswell, Baron Channell, and Mr. Justice Keating—namely, that the consent of parents must be considered part of the ceremony of marriage—is not satisfactory. As to the distinction which Sir James Hannen considered himself justified in drawing, that both parties must be of the same domicile, it was disregarded by Mr. Justice Stirling because it was not so in the case before him. We confess that, when the question is one of incapacity, we cannot see how the situation of the other party to the contract can affect the matter. It can only do so on the ground of intention, and that is to beg the question *Law Journal* (London).

INSOLVENT NOTICES, ETC.

Quebec Official Gazette, Oct. 8.

Judicial Abandonments.

Zoël Bessette, Granby, Sept. 23.

Achille Gagnon, Arthabaskaville, Sept. 28.

Hugh O'Hara, Chambly, Oct. 4.

Curators appointed.

Re Louis Bonville.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, Oct. 4.

Re La Compagnie de Moulins à Bardeau Chanfreigné.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, liquidators, Sept. 21.

Re Joseph Descoteau, fils.—C. Millier and J. J. Griffith, Sherbrooke, curator, Sept. 21.

Re Joseph Ferreault.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, Oct. 4.

Re William Skinner Thomson (W. S. Thomson & Co).—J. M. M. Duff, Montreal, curator, Sept. 29.

Dividends.

Re Guillaume alias William Gariépy.—Dividend, payable Oct. 22, H. A. A. Brault and O. Dufresne, Montreal, curators.

Separation as to property.

Rosalie Brosseau vs. Dalphis Cusson, trader, Iberville, Oct. 5.

Elisabeth Camirand vs. Calixte Bernard, miller, Farnham, Sept. 23.

Edesse Forand vs. Abraham Fournier, farmer, St. Hyacinthe, Oct. 6.

Delphine Guévremont vs. Norman Guilbault, baker, Sorel, Oct. 5.

Céline Rhéaume vs. Narcisse Roch, farmer, Iberville, Aug. 19.

Marie Louise Adélaïde Odille Turcotte vs. J. Bte. Gailloux, high constable, Three Rivers, Sept. 27.

Terms of Court altered.

Superior Court, Saguenay, for this year only, to be held from 17th to 20th of October. Circuit Court, Saguenay, for this year only, from 21st to 23rd October.

Cadastral deposited.

Parish of St. Hippolyte. Provisions of C. C. 2168 to apply from Nov. 3.

Appointments.

Joseph Geoffrion, to be Registrar for county of Verchères, in the place of Aimé Geoffrion, resigned.

Aimé Geoffrion, N.P., to be Inspector of Registry Offices, in the place of J. A. Hervieux, deceased.

GENERAL NOTES.

M. Sélin, maire de Viliot, près Sarlat, ayant perdu sa femme, proposa sa main à la sœur de la défunte, qui l'accepta.

M. Sélin arrivait donc, il y a deux mois, à la mairie, en compagnie de sa fiancée et belle-sœur et pénétrait dans la salle des mariages.

Quel animal que ce Collard ! s'écria M. Sélin. Il ne peut jamais arriver à l'heure !

—Qui est-ce Collard ? dit la jeune fiancée.

—C'est l'adjoint qui doit nous marier.

—Oh ! comme c'est embêtant ! fit la jeune fiancée.

On attendit quinze minutes. On s'impatienta.

—Dis donc, Georges ! murmura la jeune fiancée.

—Quoi ?

—Dis donc, si tu nous mariais ?

—C'est une idée !

Le maire tira son écharpe de sa poche, courut aux registres, se jura à lui-même de prêter aide et protection à son épouse, signa, fit signer sa femme, s'en fut, et le soir consumma le mariage.

Dans sa précipitation amoureuse, le maire avait cependant négligé quelques formalités.

Le parquet de Sarlat, à la suite d'une enquête, demanda au Tribunal de cette ville de prononcer la nullité du mariage ; ce qu'elle obtint.

M. Sélin néanmoins se remariera ; et Collard, cette fois, remplira à l'heure exacte ses fonctions.—*G. Pal.*