

to whom he gave advice worthy of an honest man, had for him a real veneration. We find, for example, in the annals of the galleys of Rochefort, that in July, 1836, an incorrigible convict, by the name of Jacquenard, having been condemned to death for murder, addressed to his comrades kneeling about the scaffold, according to the solemn custom observed at executions in the galleys, the following remarks: "Comrades, do not do as I have done; obey your masters; they are not bad men now. I thank God and my judges for giving me time to die like a good Christian. I thank you for all your kindnesses to me while I have been in prison. I thank, especially, M. Collet. That is all I have to say. Adieu!"

This reputation for charity and kindness Collet prized above everything.

Collet had never committed an act of violence; on the contrary, he had always shown himself, through vanity perhaps, disposed to do good. Once, at Saint Vallier, on the road from Valence, he adopted a poor little child, three years old, who had been abandoned in a public place, with a letter from its parents in the pocket of its dress. Collet, then in all his glory as Inspector-General, placed eight thousand francs upon the head of the little one, and later, when he became accountable to human justice, he did not forget to continue his benefits to this soul that the good God had, perhaps, placed in the way of the robber, to commence the work of his redemption by charity.

The end of his captivity drew near for Collet. He was about to re-enter society. A few days before the time, he was seized with that fever, caused by the near approach of liberty,—a malady not unfrequent among criminals who have been long imprisoned. He was taken to the hospital, and died there the 24th of November, 1840, on the very eve of deliverance. "I only regret," said he, "dying a convict. Gold! gold!" he murmured, his eyes already fixed in death, "what is the use of so much gold, so many jewels? Well! well!"

Collet died, carrying with him the secret of his treasure, which had sufficed to provide him each day with fine linen, delicate meats, tobacco, and books. They found, after his

death, only nine louis in the pocket of his vest. For twenty years he never, apparently, had a centime reserved in his hands; they had never surprised him with a larger sum than that allowed by the prison regulations; but whenever he wished to gratify a desire the money jingled in his hands, without any one being able to ascertain whence it came.

All this address, this genius, this happy patience, never failing him, had served Collet only so far as to procure for him, in the galleys, a little better treatment than that received by the other convicts.

INSOLVENT NOTICES, ETC.

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Judicial Abandonments.

Amelina Charbonneau, doing business as A. Renaud & Co., Montreal, July 20.

James Henry, Huntingdon, July 30.

Vincent Francis Lefebvre, tailor, St. Jérôme, July 26.

Daniel Raet, Rimouski, July 20.

Curators Appointed.

Re A. Renaud & Co., Montreal.—Bilodeau & Renaud, Montreal, joint curator, July 26.

Re J. B. N. Bedard, Montreal.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, July 30.

Re Hector Bourassa, Three Rivers.—U. Martel, Jr., Three Rivers, curator, July 26.

Re A. A. Chappdelaine, Sorel.—A. A. Taillon, Sorel, curator, July 19.

Re Jean-Baptiste de Vioq de Cumptick, trader.—H. A. Bedard, Quebec, provisional guardian, July 26.

Re Donnelly & McCallum.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, July 29.

Re J. N. Grenier.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, July 30.

Re Raphael Maretsky, Chambly Canton.—W. A. Caldwell, Montreal, curator, July 30.

Re Montreal Cyclorama Company.—A. Gagnon, Montreal, liquidator, July 25.

Re P. Ouellette.—P. Deshaies, Ste. Angèle de Laval, curator, July 29.

Re L. H. Paquin, Sorel.—A. A. Taillon, Sorel, curator, July 19.

Dividends.

Re Edward Coveney, Quebec.—First and final dividend, payable Aug. 20, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.

Re Peter Gannon.—First dividend, payable Aug. 21, C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator.

Re J. L. Gascon.—First dividend, payable Aug. 20, C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator.

Re McDougall, Logie & Co.—Fourth and final dividend, A. F. Riddell, Montreal, curator.

Separation as to Property.

Aglaé Gauthier dit St. Germain vs. Antoine Gauthier dit St. Germain, Longueuil, July 31.