

outburst: 'Par Dieu! if he were here, to prison he should go, just as if he had committed an offence against the king.' In the *Ipswich Tailor Case* (11 Rep. 101) there is a longer but almost equally quaint passage, in which it is said 'the law abhors idleness, the mother of all evil, *otium omnium vitiorum mater*, and especially in young men who ought in their youth, which is their seed-time, to learn and practise lawful sciences and trades which are profitable to the commonwealth, and whereof they may reap the fruit in their old age, for idle in youth, poor in age, and therefore common law abhors all monopolies which prohibit any from working in any lawful trade.' Since those days, the scale on which buying and selling are carried on has extended enormously. A tradesman no longer sits in his shop with a couple of apprentices crying 'What do you lack?' to passers by, but he has an army of agents going all over the world; and when he has made his fortune, he does not shut up his shop and retire into the suburbs, but he sells his business probably to a joint-stock company. This alteration in commercial life necessitates a modification of the old prohibition of restraint on trade, but does it necessitate its abolition? There is not any likelihood of the House of Lords saying that it does: but if the thing is to be done, the duty of saying whether he will do it or not lies on every judge, as Lord Justice Cotton appears to consider, and cannot be shifted to another tribunal as *dignus vindice nodus*. The idea that the House of Lords can modify the law in any other sense than that it can get rid of bad law, and that judges below are to anticipate their doing so, imperils the legal system.—*Law Journal (London)*.

INSOLVENT NOTICES, Etc.

Quebec Official Gazette, Feb. 11.

Curators appointed.

Re François Xavier Crevier.—W. A. Caldwell, Montreal, curator, Feb. 7.

Re Isaac C. Grant, hotel-keeper.—A. F. Riddell, Montreal, curator, Feb. 7.

Re O. Proulx.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Feb. 9.

Re J. E. A. Renaud.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, Feb. 9.

Re D. B. Viger & Co.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Feb. 9.

Dividends.

Re Bessette, Lefort & Co.—First dividend, payable March 5, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.

Re André Gagnon.—Final dividend, payable March 5, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.

Re L. A. Sauvé.—Dividend, payable March 5, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.

Separation as to Property.

Julienne Lasalle vs. Isaie Riopelle, Joliette, Feb. 6.

Quebec Official Gazette, Feb. 18.

Judicial Abandonments.

William Wallace Morency, Sherbrooke, Feb. 8.

John C. Purkiss, West Brome, Feb. 14.

Curators appointed.

Re John Baptist and James Dean (George Baptist, Son & Co.) Three Rivers.—John McIntosh and George Hyde, Montreal, curators, Feb. 13.

Re P. C. de Grandpré, Berthierville.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Feb. 14.

Re J. G. Hamilton Brown & Co.—A. W. Stevenson and W. A. Caldwell, Montreal, joint curators, Feb. 7.

Re Joseph Lepage, wholesale grocer.—H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator, Feb. 16.

Re Théodore Malo.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator, Feb. 14.

Dividends.

Re Onésime Boisvert, district of Richelieu.—Dividend, payable March 5, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.

Re Dupuis, Brien, Coutlee & Co.—Dividend, payable March 5, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.

Re A. H. Weston.—First dividend, payable March 5, James M. Paul, Montreal, curator.

Separation as to Property.

Julie Lainé vs. Joseph Marcotte, hotel-keeper, township of Durham, Feb. 3.

Marie Louise O'Keeffe vs. Louis Flavien Timoléon Buisson, Three Rivers, Feb. 14.

Adeline Robitaille vs. Alfred Ballard, laborer, St. Hyacinthe, Feb. 9.

Separation from Bed and Board.

Ann McCarthy vs. Thomas Hughes, farmer, township of Durham, Feb. 4.

GENERAL NOTES.

The Hon. S. Rivard, a member of the Montreal Bar, and Legislative Councillor for Alma Division, died Feb. 4, aged 63. Mr. Rivard was Mayor of Montreal for two years.