

Perceiving that his last hour had come, the officer motioned to Collet to approach him. How could he fail to have confidence in this young, fresh face! The dying man chose him for a confidant of his last wishes. Raising himself painfully in his bed, he reached his hand under the pillow, and drew out the picture of a woman, to which he applied for the last time his pallid lips; a portfolio filled with *souvenirs* of love and family papers; a gold watch and a purse, all that he possessed in the world. He gave them all, with his cross, to the young man, murmured the woman's name and address in his ear, and expired.

Collet, whose natural instincts were awakened, examined the gold watch—a beautiful repeater;—he opened the purse, and found in one side one hundred and sixty-five louis, a six-franc piece, and fifteen sous; in the other, two rings, one of which contained a large brilliant. The eyes of the wretch sparkled: he had found his means. He put the purse in his pocket, the watch in his vest, and determined to forget the name and address given him by the dying man.

Made happy by this sacred deposit, so readily misappropriated, Collet thought only of abandoning his profession. This was, indeed, the greatest service he could render the French army. Accompanied by his Dominican, he went secretly to the shop of an old clothes man, and exchanged his uniform for a citizen's dress, and departed for Caserte.

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INSOLVENT NOTICES, ETC.

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Judicial Abandonments.

Gélinas & Paquette, grocers, Montreal, July 9.

Napoléon Mercier, Lévis, July 2.

Curators appointed.

Re Héliarie Bachand, carriage-maker, St. Césaire.—J. O. Dion, St. Hyacinthe, curator, July 10.

Re Honoré Carrier.—G. E. Roy, Lévis, curator, June 27.

Re T. J. Claxton & Co.—P. S. Ross, Montreal, curator, July 10.

Re Désilets & De Grandpré.—T. Béliveau, St. Wenceslas, curator, July 3.

Re A. Gaudet & Co.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, June 28.

Re Israel Goldenstein, St. Polycarpe.—J. McD. Hains, Montreal, curator, July 8.

Re E. M. Matthews (Mrs. H. W. Jewitt), Montreal.—J. L. Ross, Montreal, curator, July 2.

Re E. Patry, Montreal.—Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, curator, July 10.

Dividends.

Re Joseph Fortin.—First and final dividend, payable July 31, C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator.

Re O. E. Gagnon, trader, Baie St. Paul.—First and final dividend, payable July 30, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.

Re Legendre & Leblanc, traders, Kamouraska.—Second and final dividend, payable July 30, H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator.

Separation as to property.

Demerise Croteau vs. François Pelletier, contractor, Montreal.

Martha Gauntlett vs. Thomas Henry Turton, agent, Montreal, July 2.

Marguerite Gauthier vs. Honoré Carrier, trader Lévis, July 5.

Vitaline Tremblay vs. Joseph Amyot, contractor, March 28.

Culastre deposited.

Village of Hebertville, registration division of Chicoutimi, No. 2, August 1.

GENERAL NOTES.

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.—A student said to a distinguished lawyer one day, "I cannot understand how circumstantial evidence can be stronger than positive testimony." "I will illustrate it," said the lawyer. "My milkman brings me a can of milk, and says, 'Sir, I know that this is pure milk, for I drew it from the cow, washed the can thoroughly, strained it into the can, and nobody else has handled it.' Now, when I take the cover from the can, out leaps a bull-frog. Surely, the frog is stronger evidence than the man!"

EXPEDITION V. NEATNESS.—In the last century, a baron of the Exchequer, who clothed an excellent head, and honest heart, rather too negligently, met with no ill-timed sarcasm from a learned serjeant, who had made the court wait one morning on the circuit. On his taking his place, the baron, who sat as judge, observed rather sharply: Brother, you are late, the court has waited considerably. Serjeant—I beg their pardon: I knew not that your lordship intended sitting so early; the instant I heard your trumpets I dressed myself. Baron—You were a long while about it! Serjeant—I think, my lord (looking at his watch), not twenty minutes. Baron—Twenty minutes! I was ready in five after I left my bed. Serjeant—In that respect my dog Shock distances your lordship hollow; he only shakes his coat, and fancies himself sufficiently dressed for any company.