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On their arrival, the superintendent said that there was a warrant out against him for perjury; that he must be detained in custody, and taken before a magistrate in the morning. It was then about five o'clock in the afternoon.

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With great difficulty Roslin was able to bail himself out in the sum of £100, and, without losing a moment he went with his friend, Mr. Hopkins, to a very learned lawyer whom he induced to take up his case.

It appeared, however, at this consultation, that there was little hope of gaining his cause, that he would certainly lose, and that the judge would probably give him fifteen months, or perhaps two years' penal servitude, at least.

"It is clear," said the lawyer, "that when you applied for a license as a street musician, you swore that you had no other means of livelihood—we cannot deny that—and they have found out who you are, and all about you. You have committed wilful and direct perjury by signing the paper presented to you, and nothing on earth can save you from the consequences."

"By Heaven!" muttered Roslin, "I never read the paper before I signed it."

The result of all this was that Mr. Roslin le Beau sacrificed his bail. He rushed off and hid himself in Bordeaux, where he happened to have an acquaintance, a partner in a mercantile house.

That was Roslin's first (and last) appearance in public as a violinist, and it cost him a good deal more than a hundred pounds.

## VAGARIES OF LATE AUTUMN SEASON.

Those engaged in rural occupations must perforce adjust their efforts to the ever varying elemental condition and have to take into their consideration possibilities as well as probabilities, yet during the month of November just ended some farmers that we wot off (this refers to the Georgian Bay district of Ontario, and County of North Simcoe, where the writer of these lines chanced to be visiting at the time spoken of) too confidently assumed that there would be no lasting snowfall until the beginning of December and continuing at the very desirable work of fall plowing, bemoaning the probable loss of their *Ruta Baga* crop, many acres of which esculent are now covered (as is reported) with 12 or 14 inches of snow, and grim winter—to all appearance—firmly established.

The main migrations of water fowl from the Northern regions were not much noticed until near full moon of 25th November, just previous to which date vast flights of "whistle wing" ducks were noticed in nocturnal movement south eastward, but extensive groups of "honking" wild geese had been noticed overhead just out of rifle range moving towards Lake Simcoe, a week previous to the migration of their smaller web-footed congeners; returning to Brant County on the 9th inst., we found the ground bare of snow and we told that plowing had been going on until 30th November, but on Monday, the 9th December, a Nor' Easter set in covering the district with five inches of "the