

Safety on Railways.

Mr. HUDSON—That has got nothing to do with this executive referred to, nor with the board.

Mr. CASEY—Yes, it has.

Mr. HUDSON—I tell you it has not.

Mr. CASEY—I am reading from the constitution. It states that two members nominated by each Local Executive Committee shall be members of the Board of Management. Under the heading of "Executive Committees," it is provided that the company's system shall be divided into sections, and in each section there shall be a Local Executive Committee, the members in the section electing the members of the Executive Committee. Each Local Executive Committee shall appoint two members to the Board of Management.

Mr. HUDSON—No.

Mr. CASEY—Well, that is the statement in their constitution.

Mr. HUDSON—If you understood the meaning of "Railway Local Executive Committees," you would understand why I dissent. I will tell you what these committees mean. Each organization has a committee. The engineers have an Executive Committee for the system which —

Mr. CASEY—We cannot have you read your mind into this constitution and by-laws. The thing is made clear—two members to be elected by each Executive Committee. The constitution says that the Executive Committee shall be elected by all the members of this society in each section of the company's system.

Mr. HUDSON—If you wish to take that meaning out of it there is no use of my explaining it.

Mr. CASEY—The meaning is clear there. I will ask you if the plan is a good one?

Mr. HUDSON—That is not the plan in the first place.

Mr. CASEY—That is the plan laid down.

Mr. HUDSON—No, it is not. I had something to do with the working of it.

Mr. CASEY—I cannot allow Mr. Hudson to make his statement in that way. We have before us, which I have not seen before, the constitution and by-laws of this Insurance and Provident Society of the Grand Trunk Railway system, stating how it is composed. We have to take this constitution and by-laws as the constitution and by-laws of the society. As to the meaning of the constitution and by-laws Mr. Hudson is not the judge. As to whether the system works well and as to whether the men are contented with it, I will ask his opinion.

Mr. HUDSON—The men are not satisfied with it and there has been dissatisfaction from the beginning among them.

Mr. ELLIS—There was a statement made that the men were fairly satisfied with it and that one of the men got up at the annual meeting and so stated.

Mr. HUDSON—There is only one way to satisfy yourselves as to whether this is correct or not. The company say they pay in \$10,000. Have they shown you what they pay out?

Mr. CASEY—Yes, here is an abstract they have submitted of the receipts and expenditure as furnished to the members of the society themselves. I got this, just this morning from Mr. Wainwright and I have not had time to look over it. I will read what they are said to have paid out:

	1896.	1895.
Sick Benefit Fund	\$87,864	\$80,763
Life Insurance Fund	69,943	75,940
Temporary Employees Accident Insurance	12,594	11,672

The receipts are made up of the company's contribution and monthly fees. They are as follows:

	1896.	1895.
Monthly Fees	\$60,822	\$61,715
Annual Fees of Retired Members	553	496
Grand Trunk Ry. Co's. Annual Allowance	12,500	12,500
Interest on Monthly Balances	158	395
Balance	13,829	1,914