

9. The line between proximate and remote damages is exceedingly shadowy; so much so, that the one fades away into the other, rendering it often very difficult to determine whether there is such a connection between the wrong alleged and the resulting injury, as to place them in contemplation of law in the relation of cause and effect.—Holt, J., in *Smith v. Western Union Tel. Co.*, 4 Am. St. Rep. 126.

10. Whether an original act was the proximate cause of an accident or injury where other agencies intervened, depends upon whether such original act was the antecedent, efficient and dominant cause which put the other causes in operation.—Joyce.

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One of the best known and most respected members of the Canadian Bar was Mr. John Bell, K.C., of Belleville, Ont., who passed away on July 5th at the age of 82 years. Mr. Bell was born in Ireland, and came to the United States with his parents when a year old. After residing in the City of New York for a few years they moved to Toronto in 1833. Choosing the law as his profession, Mr. Bell, in 1841, entered the law office of George B. Lyon in Bytown, now the City of Ottawa. In the year following he removed to Toronto and was articled in the then well-known office of Crawford & Hagarty. In 1849 he was called to the Bar and admitted as an attorney, taking up his residence in Belleville, where he entered into partnership with the late Hon. John Ross. In October, 1852, Mr. Bell was appointed as the first solicitor of the then newly organized Grand Trunk Railway Company. This position he retained until Dec. 31, 1904, when, owing to declining health, he retired from active service in that great corporation, accepting the position of its Consulting General Counsel. On the formation of the Grand Trunk Pacific he was made one of its directors. This and other important positions of honour and trust he held up to the time of his death. Mr. Bell was closely identified with the profession as a Bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada. When that position became elective he was one of those chosen and he was re-elected at each succeeding election. Mr. Bell never took any