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We feel gratified to be able to say that present indications point toward an early introduction of phonography into the law courts of New Brunswick. His Honor, Mr. Justice Duff, in addressing the Grand Jury at the opening of the York sittings, once more referred to shorthand reporting, dealing with the subject at considerable length, and strongly advocating its adoption on the grounds both of economy and efficiency. A committee composed of Messrs. G. G. Gilbert, C. N. Skinner, and C. W. Weldon, have been appointed by the Barristers' Society to confer with the Government with a view to the drawing up of a bill to be presented to the Local Legislature at the coming session, to secure the advantages so ably advocated by His Honor, Mr. Justice Duff. The Legislature will meet on the 8th of February, and we strongly commend the subject to the attention of the law officers of the Government, as we feel thoroughly convinced that the introduction of a shorthand system will prove of inestimable benefit in the speedy administration of justice in the Supreme Court.

A correspondent sends us a specimen of shorthand notes, accompanied with a transcription, written in Lindsley's Tachygraphy, and invites us to express our opinion of the system. We firmly believe that the contractor who tendered for and secured the job of constructing Tachygraphy, must have been paid by the mile.

Holland Bros. are reporting the Senate proceedings for the session, and Mr. A. Bradley has the contract for the House of Commons debates. Messrs. Eyvel, Horton, Abbott and Duggan are the reporting staff of the latter, with Charley Boyce as proof-reader.

If a phonographic student can attain a speed of 155 words a minute in three months, how fast should he be able to write in five years?

The climate of the phonographic world evidently agrees pretty well with our young friend, the *Canadian Illustrated Shorthand Writer*, for it continues each month to grow more and more healthy-looking, and instead of living with us merely as a sojourner, we are happy to say that the chances are very much in favor of its becoming a permanent resident, D. L. (Scott) Brown(e)'s opinion to the contrary notwithstanding. The December number is "simply immense," only a little more so. The spider legs, which occupy eight pages, are brought out very clearly. The letter-press portion of the magazine has a very neat appearance, and gives the "latest news."

Under the heading of "Some American Phonographers" are given biographical sketches of the following leading shorthand writers of New York State, all of whom are members of the N. Y. S. Stenographers' Association:

- C. G. Tinsley—Grahamite.
- W. O. Wyckoff—Grahamite (formerly a Benn Pitmanite).
- Dan'l C. McEwen—Isaac Pitmanite.
- Theo. C. Rose—Grahamite.
- S. C. Rodgers—Grahamite.
- Chas. B. Post—system not given (presumably a Grahamite).
- Hudson C. Tanner—Grahamite.
- Worden E. Payne—Grahamite.
- Jas. M. Ross—Benn Pitmanite.
- H. C. Lammert—Grahamite.
- F. J. Morgan—Grahamite.

Mr. Charles Flowers, a Detroit attorney, is mentioned as an accomplished writer of Graham's Standard system. The names of the gentlemen who reported the proceedings of the General Conference of the M. E. Church, held at Cincinnati, are also given; they are C. J. Hudson, Wm. D. Bridge, G. G. Baker, and M. McLean—all gentlemen and scholars, and good judges of Andrew J. Graham's Standard Phonography.

Mr. Baker was Benn Pitman's private secretary for five years, but is now a Standard phonographer all the way round.

How does this list harmonize with the statements of Don Pullus de Bazan, who tells his little circle of readers that there are no Graham reporters of any standing upon the face of the earth, or anywhere else!

The reporting notes given in this number of the *Canadian Shorthand Writer* are those of