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rangement should be made whereby early notes of cases would be published in this journal. This would be a great benefit to the profession. The expense would be very trifling, and we shall be glad to facilitate the arrangement.

The difficulties which encompass the subject of law reporting are very great; it is therefore not surprising that there is much doubt as to the efficiency of the scheme which will be in force when the comparatively unimportant changes above mentioned come into force. These difficulties are so great that some prominent men in the profession advocate leaving it to private enterprise, even though this would seem to be a retrograde movement; whilst others argue in the same direction, when they think of the addition to the fees for certificates. We trust, however, that the importance of the subject will ensure its being treated in a comprehensive manner, with that attention to details which is absolutely necessary, but which it is difficult for busy men, however able, to give, when engrossed by more pressing duties.

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In the first week of April next will take place, pursuant to 34 Vict. cap. 15, the Election of Benchers of the Law Society. An advertisement in another place gives full particulars as to the time, mode and place of election. It also gives the names of the *ex-officio* Benchers in their order of seniority. Thirty have to be elected by the Bar. Of those who were elected five years ago, only fifteen are on the present list, the remainder having been appointed from time to time, pursuant to the Act, by the remaining Benchers. Those now on the roll are as follows:—

Henry C. R. Becher, Q.C., London.
 Kenneth McKenzie, Q.C., Toronto.
 Stephen Richards, Q.C., Toronto.
 David B. Read, Q.C., Toronto.
 John Crickmore, Toronto.
 Robert Lees, Ottawa.
 M. C. Cameron, Q.C., Toronto.
 Daniel McMichael, Q.C., Toronto.
 John Bell, Q.C., Belleville.
 John D. Armour, Q.C., Cobourg.
 Thomas Moore Benson, Port Hope.
 D'Alton McCarthy, Q.C., Barrie.
 Timothy B. Pardee, Sarnia.
 William R. Meredith, London.
 James Shaw Sinclair, Goderich.
 James MacLennan, Q.C., Toronto.
 James A. Henderson, Q.C., Kingston.
 Andrew Lemon, Guelph.
 John T. Anderson, Q.C., England.
 Edward Martin, Hamilton.
 Clarke Gamble, Q.C., Toronto.
 Thomas Robertson, Q.C., Dundas.
 Thomas Hodgins, Q.C., Toronto.
 Æmilius Irving, Q.C., Hamilton.
 James Bethune, Toronto.
 B. M. Britton, Kingston.
 J. G. Currie, St. Catharines.
 F. Osler, Toronto.
 Hector Cameron, Q.C., Toronto.

The selections which the Benchers have from time to time made are, with one exception, unobjectionable, and have shewn that they were actuated by a desire to obtain useful men, and to pay due regard to a representation as to locality; and though, in our opinion, this latter is a matter of small moment, as we should endeavour to get the *best men*, it cannot be entirely overlooked.

It is not probable that there will be any great change in the above list. Mr. Anderson has, we understand, expressed his intention of not returning to Canada, and Mr. Currie has recently put himself without the pale. Many of the local Bars will in all probability make known to their brethren those whom they wish to be their representatives, and should this selection be made in a fair spirit, it will carry great weight with their brethren in other places.

We have heretofore expressed a mis-