

THE BRAKEMAN'S STORY.

How the Terrible Affair at Hastings Happened.

Herick Puts a Statement in His Father's Hands.

Six Lives Lost in a Collision on the Hannibal and St. Joe Railway.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Railroad Detectives have so far been unable to find Albert Herick, the brakeman whose negligence caused the Christmas Eve wreck at Hastings, on the New York Central road. He was in New York Sunday, however, and was met here by his father, Timothy Herick. Mr. Herick urged his son to go to the railroad officials, but he refused on the ground that he deemed it unsafe to make his whereabouts known till public opinion became calm, so that he can fairly hear. He, however, wrote out a statement to be given to Sept. McCoy. It read as follows:

Dear Sir, I would say, in reference to the accident north of Hastings, Christmas Eve, that when my train slowed up, and while yet moving, I dropped off and placed two torpedoes on the rail and then ran back to the train, which was still moving but as it slowed up again, I took my lights and stepped down the track to stop the engine. I then placed one torpedo on the rail and then walked on down to the station, thinking it better to notify the engineer than before he was fairly under way. When I got to the station I placed my lights on the platform and then stepped to the door and inquired of the agent how the train was. He said he did not know, and I sat down and waited. A few minutes later, when I heard the train coming, and started for the door, believing it to be the local. But soon as I saw the train I knew it was not the local, and I rushed my lights and tried to attract the engineer's attention, but it was too late. I followed upon the track, hoping that the train I had just started would stop, but it did not. I saw a man coming back with a red light. Soon I got to him and asked what had happened, and he told me they had struck something, but he did not know what it was. I went on further and met another man, and asked if anyone was hurt, and he said all the sleepers were killed, and I did not know what to do. I went on to the wreck, so I turned about and came to New York. I fully realize the awful position I am placed in, and can only say I felt too sure the train to come first was the local.

ALBERT HERICK. District Attorney Platt said that when the Winchester country grand jury convened in February, he would ask for Herick's indictment for manslaughter. He would also ask for the indictment of the train dispatcher who sent the wrong train out from the Grand Central station, knowing that there was a wreck at Hastings. He thought the dispatcher was as much to blame as Herick.

It appears that neither Herick nor Station Agent De Lany knew that the Croton local had been discontinued. While Herick did not obey orders, he relied on seeing the local train, which stopped at Hastings. The condition of Homer R. Baldwin, whose mind gave way through grief for his other sister, killed in the Hastings railroad wreck, shows but little improvement. Mrs. A. M. Baldwin and Miss Lillian Baldwin, the mother and sister, were buried Monday at Riverhead. I. I. The body of Theo. W. Polly, the friend of the family who was also killed, was sent to Boston for burial. Mrs. Homer R. Baldwin is in St. John's Hospital, at Yonkers, and Mr. Baldwin is so frightened and nervous that it is a question whether his mind will not be permanently affected. He broke down entirely the funeral service of his loved ones Sunday. Edwin C. Wilcox, another victim, was buried yesterday from his former home, No. 491 Eighth street, Brooklyn. This is the twelfth victim up to date.

FIVE FATALITIES. ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 30.—A collision between two freight trains on the Hannibal and St. Joe railway yesterday, resulting in the death of four of the trainmen and the fatal wounding of two others. Dead were Engineer Cushe, Fireman Brown, Fireman Price and Brakeman Gill. Fatally hurt—Brakeman Ball and Fireman Hannan.

SHE YELLED "DAN!"

There was almost a panic at the death of Dan. The mention of the name frightened the women bathers in Woods' Clinton street Turkish bath, and they fled almost out of their wits. It happened about 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Two fashionably dressed women entered the bath, and registering as Miss W. Ryan and Mrs. Ryan, were assigned to rooms at the second floor of the women's department. When one of the Ryan women broke away from the attendant, and running to the head of the stairs called in a frightened voice, "Dan! Dan!" the women in all stages of undress, seeking for shelter, screamed at the top of their lungs, and for a few minutes the stillness of the Turkish bath was turned into a pandemonium.

When the fair bathers were assured that it was a false alarm and "there is no man around," quiet was restored. By this time the woman who had created the confusion was taken in hand by the attendants, and admitted she had perhaps taken too much wine at dinner. She also said that her companion—who was her sister-in-law—and herself were both members of the chorus in the City Directory Company, playing at the Bijou Theatre. "Dan" was her husband. When it suddenly flashed across her mind that they had missed the matinee and were liable to be discharged, something prompted her to call for "Dan."

The much desired "Dan" arrived soon after 5 o'clock and took the woman away in a cab. Yesterday one of the women called at the Turkish bath and apologized to the manageress of the women's department. Dr. T. M. Buckley, the manager of the bath, said yesterday: "We never allow anyone in here who appears to be under the influence of liquor. When these women came here on Saturday they seemed to be all right, but like a great many others who spend too much time in the Turkish company, as soon as they reach the hot room they suddenly become hysterical."



Mrs. Charles F. Crispe, Wife of the New Speaker of the House of Representatives at Washington.

Mrs. C. F. Crispe ranks socially next to the wife of the Vice-President, with a doubtful struggle for fourth place between the wives of Senators and those of the Supreme Court. Mrs. Crispe, the wife of the Speaker, who not long ago figured in Washington society, being an invalid for a number of years. It is not expected that she will take an active part in social festivities of the coming season even if her tastes should incline her to assert her social rank. Mrs. Crispe, who was formerly Miss Burton, of Schley, Ga., was married in 1867, and is the mother of four children.

TERrible DISASTER AT SEA!

Loss of the Enterprise and 71 of Her Crew.

The British Steamer Iona Disabled—Failure of an Attempt to Tow Her Into Port.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—The steamship Oceanic, from China and Japan, brings news that the Indian steamer Enterprise, with a crew of 77 men, foundered off Port Blair, Andaman Islands, on Nov. 2, and only six men were saved. A BRITISH STEAMER DISABLED. From Philadelphia, Dec. 10, arrived at Rouen Dec. 28. She reports that on Dec. 20, in latitude 49 north, longitude 29 west, she ran into the British steamer Iona, from West Hartlepool for Baltimore, with her machinery disabled, and attempted to tow her. The attempt proved a failure, however, as the Iona's hawsers parted, and it was found impossible to get the wire hawsers of the Prudence afloat. The Prudence was therefore compelled to leave the Iona. When they parted company the Iona was proceeding under full steam and full sail. During the night, after the steamers separated, a heavy gale sprang up.

THE GRIP RAGING.

Many Deaths from the Disease—A Whole Family Prostrated.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 30.—There were 52 deaths in this city last week, including the largest number of adults ever reported in a single week. Twelve of the deaths were caused by pneumonia and five by grip. Grip is raging here to an alarming extent. Three of the special Christmas services announced were abandoned, and the annual New Year's reception at the city hall by the Pilgrim Churches have been given up. About one policeman in every ten is off duty on account of the prevailing epidemic.

WINSTED, Conn., Dec. 30.—Women from the Christian Association, calling at the house of George Mallison, found the fires out, and the family of five persons helpless in bed with the grip. Mrs. Mallison died on Sunday. Her mother died yesterday, and Mallison and his two children are very ill. Other deaths from grip are reported in the city.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Sixteen deaths from grip were reported here yesterday. LONDON, Dec. 31.—In this city of influenza many business establishments have been compelled to close for lack of hands. An epidemic resembling influenza is causing ravages among horses at Normanton. In three pits there 20 horses have died and 80 are ill. Work has been stopped in the pits and thousands of miners are idle.

In Milan influenza has caused 73 deaths in one day, and in Lucra 17 deaths. Cardinal Rampolla, Papal Secretary of State, is confined to his bed with the prevailing malady. An epidemic of influenza of the milder form prevails in the Austrian Provinces. Few deaths are reported. Many deputies and governmental officers in Pesth are incapacitated.

THE DEMOCRATS WIN.

Interesting Newspaper Comment on the Political Situation in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The World (Dem.) this morning says: The decision of the Court of Appeals in the election cases awarding a majority of the Senators to the Democrats confirms the verdict of the people at the polls. It insures majority rule. The consequences of the decision are momentous. It will insure an enumeration and a reapportionment of the Legislative and Congressional districts, a constitutional convention, a larger degree of home rule for cities, rooting out the Republican holding offices, and other reforms demanded by the people, but long denied by a lawless and obstructive minority in the Senate.

The Herald (Ind.) says: The decision presents two significant aspects. In the most of the cases the lower courts are overruled, which shows that their action was unwarranted. Second, the will of the Republican majority in the Senate in at least two districts, in one on account of the candidate's ineptitude, and in the other on account of marked ballots.

The Tribune (Rep.) says: "We file no appeal; we bow to the court of last resort in the recalcitrance of whose intentions we have entire confidence. That we are disappointed goes without saying. But we are firmly convinced that the outcome of the decision is nevertheless fraught with flagrant injustice to the voters of the districts in question."

All the new leading odes in perumery and anet powder may be had at Brown's drug store, 184 Dundas street.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

A Vienna Mail Cart Robbed of \$10,000.

Epidemic in the Amsterdam Zoo—Two Rich Misses Die of Starvation—Terrible Gale in Ireland.

CANADIAN.

A Quebec dispatch says: Diphtheria and la grippe are decimating the suburbs. Three weeks ago George Grasseick and Sydney Mowat left the former's ranch, near Regina, to hunt for some cattle, and the news was not heard of since.

Mr. W. C. Edwards, M. P. of Rockland, has been appointed a member of the Council of Arts and Agriculture in the place of the late Mr. Ira Morgan, of Canada. The total number of failures in Canada, reported by Dun, Wiman & Co., for 1891, was 1,889 as against 1,847 in the year 1890. The liabilities, however, show a decline, amounting in 1891 to \$7,100,000, as against \$18,289,000 in 1890.

Matthew Wynn, of Pontypool, has been committed for trial on a charge of feloniously stabbing Walter Kerr, of Aberberri, on Sept. 15. Kerr has been in the hospital between life and death from the results of the wound, and is only now able to give evidence.

Louis Harner, 15 years of age, was, according to Snake Creek, on the Gatineau, near Wakefield, with another lad, Albert Hogan, when the latter broke through the Harner house, the latter's assistance, but broke through and was drowned. Hogan was saved.

M. McNabb, wanted on eighteen charges of burglary and theft, was located in Orleans on Wednesday by a Montreal detective. Douglas thought the station in prison, visiting hotels, etc. McNabb boiled up a lane and was drowned.

Acting for George Hogaboom, who purchased the unrealized assets of the Central Bank, counsel have issued a summons against D. Mitchell Macdonald, the former director of the defunct institution, setting up a claim of \$161,531.60. Defendant has been residing in Los Angeles, Cal. The claim sets forth how Macdonald obtained various sums from the bank on his note of hand, overdraw his account to the extent of \$61,000, and also borrowed various other large sums, which were never repaid.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Prince Alfred, Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, Archduke of Austria, the wife of Napoleon I., died at Vienna from influenza. A mysterious illness has killed sixteen animals in the Zoological Garden at Amsterdam. The lions have been the most numerous to succumb.

A terrible gale is prevailing in Ireland. The Atlantic is rolling mountains high, especially south of the Islands Aran. A number of houses have been destroyed, and fifty nihilists suspected of being connected with a conspiracy formed in Moscow are on trial in the Warsaw citadel.

Among the prisoners are four women. Miss Wellesley, well-connected English resident of Naples, was found dead in one of the streets of that city on Christmas Day. She had been outraged and suffocated.

Yesterday a man disguised as a postal official, on pretense of revising the contents of a mail cart, stole registered letters valued at \$10,000 in Kaiserslautern, a suburb of Vienna.

The French Senate has approved the tariff duties, as finally adopted by the Chamber of Deputies, but restored the duty of 18 francs on hemp and 24 francs on petroleum.

A rag-pickier at Buda-Pesth on Wednesday found a large loaf of bread, which, on examination, was found to contain fragments of an infant's body. The whole mass had been baked.

James Murphy and his sister Mary were found dead in their house in Newry, Ireland, on Wednesday. They were misers, and had died of starvation. The bodies lay on heaps of straw. They left money and property to the amount of £40,000.

The Turkish Grand Vizier has asked Mr. Ribot, French Minister of Foreign Affairs, to renew the relations of France with Bulgaria, which were ruptured because of the expulsion by the Bulgarian Government of Gaston Chauloune, a French journalist.

A dispatch from Masterton, New Zealand, says that at a wedding feast there Wednesday a practical joker mixed with the food a poisonous substance which he supposed to be Epson's salts. Thirty persons were poisoned, two being already dead and others critically ill.

The Pope yesterday received the various dispatches which called upon him to express the customary New Year's greetings. His Holiness devoted an hour to the audience, and extended a most cordial reception to his visitors. All the diplomats remarked the healthy appearance of the Pope.

FOURTEEN SUICIDES IN ONE NIGHT.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—The statistics of the police furnish a grim commentary on the festivities on Christmas eve by recording fourteen cases of suicide on that night.

Another of the Sims Family Lynched. SIMS, Miss, Dec. 30.—Sunday morning, about 9 o'clock, John Sims, Bob's brother, was taken from jail at Butler, Ala., and hanged by a dozen men. Sims protested that he was innocent.

Assessment Insurance Companies. TORONTO, Dec. 30.—County Judge MacDougall has given judgment on the appeal by the Confederation Life Assurance Company against their assessment, deciding that the reserved funds of insurance companies are not assessable, but that the amount payable as participating profits may be assessed.

Hood's Karsaparilla has a steadily increasing popularity, which can only be won by a course of real merit. Give it a trial. A man regards his own faults as much the same way as a woman regards the faults of her children, and is patient with them for the same reason.

Among the pains and aches cured with marvelous rapidity with Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil is ear-ache. The young are especially subject to it, and the desirability of this Oil as a family remedy is enhanced by the fact that it is perfectly adapted not only to the above ailments, but also to the hurts, disorders of the bowels, and affections of the throat, to which the young are especially subject.

THE QUEBEC SITUATION.

As Seen from an English Standpoint—The Portfolio of Agriculture for Hon. Mr. Chapleau.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Chronicle discusses fully the position in Canada. It says Mr. Angers' action will force the electors who consider purity of administration of our highest moment to vote against constitutional freedom, while those resolved to support constitutional freedom will have to vote against administrative purity. Reviewing the outlook generally, it declares the anticipations of progress held out at Confederation have not been realized. What Canada needs now more than anything else is industrial and commercial freedom. Her perennial difficulties with the United States and Newfoundland arise from her absurd protective system. Mr. Laurier struck the true note when he declared Canadians should approach the Americans on economic, not on political lines. Continental trade is the watchword of every Canadian who wishes to live on friendly terms with the neighboring States and takes an enlightened interest in the economic future of his country.

QUEBEC, Dec. 30.—Hon. B. Masson in an interview said in substance that he would be sworn in as Minister in the De Becheville Administration, but that he would take no part in the coming political fight. L'Electeur lays great stress upon the supposed difference between the Leclercq and the Angers camps d'etat. In Leclercq's case it says the Ministers were accused of having violated prerogatives of the Crown. In the Angers' case the Ministers were accused of corruption in a matter purely administrative. The same paper publishes a speech made by Mr. Chapleau in 1882, in which he accused Mr. De Becheville of having granted, without asking for tenders, two contracts, one for over \$4,000,000 and another for \$8,600,000, without obtaining any guarantee whatsoever from the contractors. These contracts were given in connection with the construction of the North Shore Railway.

CHAPLEAU'S NEW JOURNAL. It is stated, on what should be self-authority, that Mr. Chapleau's new portfolio will be that of Agriculture. To this may be attached the proposed Bureau of Trade and Commerce, which is authorized by act of Parliament. Mr. Carling, it is said, will either take another portfolio or become the next Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

NOTES. The time for the trial of the Annapolis election petition has been extended to April 7.

According to an Ottawa dispatch about twenty writs for by-elections may be expected shortly.

Mr. Wm. Hartley has been proposed as the Liberal candidate for Kingston for the Provincial Legislature.

The Conservatives of North Lanark were addressed last night by Sir John Thompson, Hon. C. H. Tupper and others.

Mr. Chapleau's illness from grip at Sherbrooke is declared to be genuine, and not a sham to cover another strike.

Mr. E. A. D. Morgan, the Government candidate in Richelieu, is proving unpopular, and he may be withdrawn from the contest. He recently Mr. Chapleau's private secretary.

The writ for Richmond, Nova Scotia, election is out. Nomination, Jan. 14 polling.

It is stated in official circles at Ottawa that Parliament will be opened about Feb. 10.

The election of John Brown (Lib.), M. P. for Mecklenburg, on account of his illegality by an agent. No evidence was offered as to the personal charges, and they were dismissed, as was the cross-petition against Arthur Doyle. Costs follow the event.

GARZA'S BAND.

Four Thousand Mexican Soldiers Said to Have Joined the Rebels.

BROWNVILLE, Tex., Dec. 30.—News from the Mexican side of the Rio Grande are to the effect that 5,000 Mexican Government troops stationed at Mier have revolted, killed their commanding officers, and are on their way to join Garza's band.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 30.—Charles W. Ogden, a lawyer, of San Antonio, Texas, talking last evening of the Garza revolution, said it is the most serious menace to the present condition. With a population of some 15,000,000 less than 10,000 people constitute the land owners outside of cities. These are homeless and poverty stricken. These are ready to join any sort of revolution providing its leader furnishes them with food, but none of these leaders have the needed money.

CANADA'S FUTURE.

Henry Labouchere Moralizes on the Angers Coup in Quebec.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Truth, Henry Labouchere's paper, to-day publishes an article on Canada's future, drawn out by the trouble in the Province of Quebec, which resulted in the ousting from office of Prime Minister Mercer and his Cabinet. Truth says it is the manifest destiny of the Dominion to become a new United States, or to become attached to the great Republic. The change is inevitable, and the sooner it occurs the better. The emancipation of the protean Dominion and its absorption in the United States would be a benefit to the Canadians, and also to Great Britain. Such a course would relieve Great Britain of the necessity of struggling in transatlantic squabbles in which she has no concern. It would moreover give the Canadians energy and enterprise, which no mere colonists can possess. The only sufferers would be the Indians, who would be transferred to the tender mercies of what is probably the most corrupt and rascally institution on the earth—the Washington Indian Bureau.

The paper further says that Canada once free Australia would soon follow; indeed, it is quite possible that Australia will be the first to sever the bonds by which she is attached to Great Britain. The talk of Australian loyalty to the British crown is all buncombe.

Mr. Job Scates, of Toronto, writes: "A short time ago I was suffering from Kidney Complaint and Dyspepsia, sour stomach and amak; in fact, I was completely prostrated and suffering intense pain. While in this state a friend recommended me to try a bottle of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Compound. I used one bottle, and the permanent manner in which it has cured and made a new man of me is such that I cannot withhold from the proprietors this expression of my gratitude."

A BROKEN RAIL.

Causes a Bad Railway Wreck in Tennessee.

Disastrous Smash-Up Near Salem, Ohio—Fatal Accident at La Grande, Oregon.

MOORESTOWN, Tenn., Dec. 31.—A broken rail on the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railroad, four miles west of Bristol, yesterday wrecked the west-bound passenger train and derailed two coaches. Those hurt are Mrs. (Rev.) E. M. Farr, Miss Sadie Farr, Midway, Tenn.; Miss Nellie St. John, Chilhowie, Va.; Congressman R. R. Butler, Mountain City, Tenn.; A. L. Kite, Rome, Ga.; G. McDowell, Bristol, Tenn.; Berry Well, Baltimore. All were severely injured.

TWO MEN FATALLY KILLED. ALLIANCE, Ohio, Dec. 31.—A wreck occurred near Salem, Ohio, yesterday on the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago road. Eighteen cars were destroyed and three men hurt. Engineer Grims and Fireman Graven were fatally injured, and Brakeman Jas. Had had his arm crushed.

THREE VICTIMS. LA GRANDE, Ore., Dec. 31.—The fast mail train on the Union Pacific Railway was wrecked near here Tuesday night. Engineer R. E. Lawrie, Fireman Miller and a tramp named Zaminicki were killed and another tramp named Siger received fatal injuries. It is supposed that in rounding a curve the head engine caused the rails to spread, precipitating the second engine, mail and baggage car into the river, a distance of 50 feet. None of the passengers were injured.

TWENTY PERSONS KILLED. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 31.—A terrible railroad accident occurred yesterday near Rostov, on a railroad between Minsk and Smolensk. An express train ran into the rear of a train carrying troops. Twenty persons were killed and 100 injured.

ON TO THE PAMIR!

Complete Success of the British Operations in Hunza.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Advices received at Calcutta from Gilgit, the British advance post close to the borders of Kashmir, from which base of operations the British forces have been operating against the Hunza and Nagar tribesmen, state that the advance movement recently inaugurated by the British has been entirely successful, and that the town of Hunza has been occupied by the advance column. No opposition was offered by the tribesmen, they having been thoroughly defeated in the several engagements which have hitherto occurred. Their submission to the British authorities is now complete.

The British will now be able to complete their work in Hunza, and to proceed from Gilgit to the Pamir, which the Hunza and Nagar tribesmen sought to prevent, and thus, upon completion of the road from Kashmir to Gilgit, will afford an easy means of access for the British to the Pamir, the country now in dispute between Great Britain, Russia and China.

The State of Hunza lies on the southern slope of the Hindukush, back of which lies the Pamir, a vast, elevated table land known as the "Roof of the World."

SARNIA PRESBYTERY.

SARNIA, Dec. 31.—The Presbytery of Sarnia met on Tuesday, when the following calls were sustained: A call from East Sarnia to Rev. D. A. McLean, of Kilmorie, in Owen Sound Presbytery; a call to Rev. Wm. Leachman from Mandanville and Vyne; a call to Rev. Mr. Martin, London, and the latter for good music was rapidly increasing in the Forest City, owing to the educative effects of the concert that have been given there. Mr. W. H. Forreth, Toronto, read an essay on "The Piano and its Technique." Mrs. F. J. Moore, London, took part in discussing the paper. Her remarks were brief, and referred to Mr. Forreth's opinion that studies would fall into disuse. She did not agree with him, and believed the study of the great works would not take their place. The studies were designed to teach how to overcome difficulties, and if the classics were used for that purpose she feared the pupils would weary of them. A piano recital by Mr. Thomas Martin, of London, one of Canada's first pianists, assisted by Mr. Waldemar Bleunier, of London, and the Mehan Ladies' Quartet, of Detroit, concluded the afternoon proceedings.

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"LO" IS DANCING AGAIN.

The Messian Craze Breaks Out Again—A Thousand Indians Engaged in the Dance.

GULCH RIE, O. T., Dec. 30.—A courier from the Cheyenne and Arapahoe reservation states the Messian Craze has broken out anew among the Indians there. Let's Hand, head chief of the Arapahoes, and Old Crow and Whirlwind, chiefs of the Cheyennes, have gathered about 1,000 Indians around them among the interior hills, and for many days and nights have kept up the dance continually, declaring that they will not stop until the Savior arrives. Other members of the tribe are daily joining them, and trouble is feared.

BURNED OUT.

BLENHEIM, Dec. 30.—The residence of Coghlan Mead, on the Back Ridge, about four miles from here, was burned Monday. Loss, \$1,400; insurance, \$100.

WINSTON, Ont., Dec. 30.—The barns of Antoine Lapan, proprietor of Maple Grove dairy farm, on the Walker road, were burned on Monday, together with seventeen cows, three horses, fadder and implements. Loss estimated at about \$8,000. No insurance.

ZURICH, Dec. 29.—William Kapp's house and barns lately occupied by Mrs. Alexander Rosenberg and family, were burned Monday night. The family escaped with only enough clothing to cover themselves. Over 2,000 bushels of grain was burned. Fairly insured.

JOLIE, Ill., Dec. 30.—A fire of supposed incendiary origin wiped out the business portion of Plainfield yesterday. Loss \$50,000.

The Voters' Lists Appeal.

This morning at 10 o'clock Judge Elliot will hear the appeals from the decisions of Revising Barrister Fraser in connection with the revision of the Dominion voters' list. Of these the Liberals have 23 and the Conservatives six to make. Of course this proceeding is entirely apart from the proposed appeal on the part of the Conservatives to retain 200 odd names on the list which Mr. Fraser has struck off. That is a matter for a higher court at Toronto.

The substance of the following witnesses in request: John R. McQuay, 284 Clarence street; John Cameron, Wellington House; Michael J. Gilligan, 532 Richmond street; John McDonnell, 307 Denison street; W. H. and E. T. Shaw, Dorchester Station; John Smart, 928 Waterloo street; John Alexander Clark, 2921 Princess avenue; Geo. Wilson, Glenora, on behalf of himself and brothers.

Meeting of Musicians.

The seventh annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Musicians opened Tuesday morning in the hall of the Department of Education, Toronto. Among those from London who attended yesterday's sessions were W. A. Bleuthner, Thomas Martin, Mrs. J. J. Brown, Miss Amelia Hasker, Miss Eleanor Hall, Mrs. Francis J. Moore, Miss E. A. Proudfoot, Miss Lizzie Raymond. Reports of the society's representatives in various cities were received. Mr. Thomas Martin, London, said the taste for good music was rapidly increasing in the Forest City, owing to the educative effects of the concert that have been given there. Mr. W. H. Forreth, Toronto, read an essay on "The Piano and its Technique." Mrs. F. J. Moore, London, took part in discussing the paper. Her remarks were brief, and referred to Mr. Forreth's opinion that studies would fall into disuse. She did not agree with him, and believed the study of the great works would not take their place. The studies were designed to teach how to overcome difficulties, and if the classics were used for that purpose she feared the pupils would weary of them. A piano recital by Mr. Thomas Martin, of London, one of Canada's first pianists, assisted by Mr. Waldemar Bleunier, of London, and the Mehan Ladies' Quartet, of Detroit, concluded the afternoon proceedings.

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