THE "TIMES" COMMISSION.

Close of Parnell's Examination—Archbishop Walsh on the Stand.

A last (Wednesday) night's London cable says: Mr. Parnell's examination was finished before the Commission to-day. He testified that the Reception Committee in America comprised the leading merchants of New York, representative citizens and ministers of religion. In his speeches in New York, witness declared that not a farthing contributed to the Irish cause would go towards organizing rebellion in Ireland. Throughout his tour of the United States he had never even swerved a hand's breadth from that declaration. Attorney-General Webster, the witness said, had quoted from five out of sixty speeches he had made in the United States, ignoring the general tenor of his speeches, so as to misrepresent his words. All the names the Attorney-General had mentioned of persons associated with the meetings were only a small fraction of those who attended. Men of prominent positions and undoubted respectability attended these meetings. In no sense could the American reception be identified with the proceedings of the Physical Force Party. Witness firmly believed that none of his colleagues, since joining the Irish Parliamentary party, had had anything to do with the Fenians. Only casually did the Fenians come within the orbit of the constitutional movement. Here Mr. Parnell scored by remarking that the Tories were more certainly associated with the movement; for instance, when they co-operated with the Parnellites to obstruct the Criminal Code Bill to the death.

Referring to some letters of his, Mr. Parnell said he had copies made from his secretary's shorthand notes.

Attorney-General Webster—It seems that there exists a book of Mr. Parnell's letters. I would like to see that book.

Sir Charles Russell—By all means.

Presiding Justice Hannen—If these letters refer to the League they ought to have been disclosed.

Mr. Parnell—Your Lordships are welcome to see any letter I ever wrote or received.

Attorney-General Webster, recurring to Mr. Parnell's private bank account, wanted to trace a number of cheques.

A warm discussion ensued, Sir Charles Russell declaring that such action would be unfair.

Justice Hannen suggested a postponment of the matter until fuller documents were before the court.

Archbishop Walsh testified that he came to the conclusion before 1879 that there was need of a defensive land organization, and was proceeding to give his opinion on the subject.

Justice Hannen said the inquiry must be limited to whether or not the Land League was necessary.

Attorney-General Webster submitted that matters of opinion were not admissible.

Mr. Biggar urged that opinion evidence had been given over and over again by "hirelings" of the Government.

Justice Hannen warned Mr. Biggar not to use such expressions.

Mr. Biggar said that unless such evidence was admitted the whole inquiry would end in a farce.

The judges retired to consider the matter privately. On their return Justice Hannen announced they had decided that it was not permissible to ask any witness, however distinguished, abstract questions of opinion. The facts known to the witness ought to be laid before the court before opinions based thereon were mentioned.

The Archbishop, continuing, said that in the course of his visits through his diocese he had abundant means of knowing that the League denounced outrages. Many priests had joined the League with his approval. He saw nothing in the action of the League to forbid the clergy joining.

A TRIO OF SUICIDES.

Three Unfortunates Shuffle off this Mortal Coil.

Joseph Arcand Stremi committed suicide yesterday morning at St. Philippe, Laprairie County, Que., by hanging himself in a shed. Deceased was a middle-aged man, lately married.

It is stated, on what appears to be good authority, that P. B. Douglas, late Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor.

A deliberate case of suicide occurred in Montreal on Thursday evening. A butcher called George Lussier, residing on St. Catharine street, was threatened with prosecution for keeping a stall without a license. Being involved in financial difficulties at the same time, the trouble so preyed upon his mind that yesterday he attempted to throw himself under a Canadian Pacific Railway train, but was prevented from doing so by the vigilance of the officials. He then proceeded to Monarque street and deliberately threw himself into the St. Lawrence. He rose to the surface and was heard to cry for assistance, bht the current being very strong the unfortunate man was gradually borne away, and was soon seen to sink to rise no more.

An Oklahoma Boomer.

Among the wild riders who crossed the Canadian was Mrs. Dorrance, a charming matron of Purcell, who swam a fast horse through the roaring river and secured a fine farm on the other shore.—*St. Louis Republic's Guthrie Special.*

Hereafter the boats to be carried by Atlantic steamers, instead of being made of wood, will be made of steel, in one piece. Wooden boats rot and are easily crushed. The new boats will be built by machinery especially made for rolling them out in all sizes in a single plate.

Perhaps the secret egrets of life are the weightiest, and chiefly on this account—that they are incommunicable.

J. W. Coffey, a Philadelphia skeleton, weighing only 50 pounds, recently advertised for a wife. So far he has received over two hundred answers and they are still pouring in. What Mr. Coffey lacks physically he makes up for financially. Hence the rush for the prize.

Who said the Chinaman would not assimilate with us? At Denver the other day he ran away with another Celestial's wife and $400.—*Waterbury American.*

"I MUST HAVE HELP!"

Deluded Mrs. Fox Dies in Agony Under the Care of a Faith Healer.

A Syracuse despatch says: The funeral of Mrs. Royal E. Fox took place at her home, No. 30 Erie street, this afternoon. To-morrow the remains will be buried in Oswego. Mrs. Fox died the day before yesterday. The responsibility for the fatal termination of her illness is laid by public opinion at the door of what is called Christian science. Mrs. Fox had been subject to bilious attacks for several years. When the first one came on Dr. Jay W. Sheldon was called. When the patient had begun to recover she was left to the charge of Dr. E. H. Flint. Mrs. Fox was to some extent a believer in Christian science at that time, and her husband was, as he is yet, "very firm in the faith," to quote an expression used to-day by one of the friends of the family. During a recurrence of her illness some weeks ago Mrs. Fox relied entirely upon Christian science, Mrs. E. P. Bates attending her, and she got better. She was told then that having once been cured by Christian science she would be free from the malady thereafter, and she entirely believed it.

FAITH CURE DID NOT HELP HER.

Last Saturday the disease came on again with unusual severity. Mrs. Bates was out of town, and another apostle of Christian science, Mrs. Norris, was called. Mrs. Fox's daughters urged that a physician be called, but their entreaties went for nothing. Mr. Fox had unbounded confidence in Christian science of a curative power and felt sure his wife would again recover. The patient, it is said, suffered terribly, and frequently called out in her agony, "I must have help! I must have help!" She was told that all she needed was courage, and she would be sure to triumph over the malady. Mrs. Fox took scarcely any nourishment during the attack. Dr. Flint was summoned at the last moment.

A DOCTOR CALLED TOO LATE.

"When I entered the house," he said to-day, "Mrs. Fox had just passed away. The body was still warm, but there were no signs of life. I was called to make out the death certificate, I suppose. I assigned as the cause of death inflammation of the liver."

Dr. Flint expressed the opinion that if Mrs. Fox had been allowed her own way she would have had the services of a physician. One of the neighbors said that the body immediately after death was "all twisted up," its position leading her to believe that Mrs. Fox was writhing in agony when she died.

HE KILLED HIMSELF.

A Young Man Puts Up at a Hotel and Shoots Himself.

A Detroit despatch says: On Wednesday evening a nicely dressed man, apparently 20 years old, took room 73, third floor, Russell House, registering as D. E. Cady, of Auburn, N.Y. He had no baggage, and paid for one day in advance. Meals were served in his room. On Thursday morning he came downstairs and told the clerk he would stay another day, and paid for it. Friday morning one of the employees called Mr. McCleary's attention to the fact that no meals had been sent to the room since Thursday noon. The door of the room was locked, and no response was made from within to the rapping. A ladder was procured, and through the transom the lifeless form of the young man, fully dressed, was seen lying on the bed in a pool of blood. The door was forced open and it was found that Cady had been dead some time. His legs were crossed and his arms folded on his breast. His right hand clutched a self-acting revolver, with which he had shot himself in the head over the right ear. On the centre table was an envelope addressed to the proprietor of the Russell House, containing a note with these words: "Please notify Charles Cady, Auburn, N.Y., Cayuga county, if anything happens to me."

Lonsdale Spinning Yarns.

A Winnipeg despatch says: Lord Lonsdale says it was with the greatest difficulty that the Indians could be persuaded to go north, as they were terribly afraid of the Esquimaux, who up there are called "Huskeys," and instead of being short of stature stand six feet in height. When Lord Lonsdale arrived among them they made a half-circle as he advanced, each of the natives holding in his hand a knife about six inches long. Against the advice of his interpreter he went into their chasm snow house, where meetings were held. The natives informed the interpreter that they had heard that all white men were brave, and they were going to try them. The braves then formed in line before Lord Lonsdale as he sat on a box, and each drawing his knife rushed upon him ready to strike. They stopped at his feet, and the leader, advancing, put his ear over the explorer's heart and listened to its beating. Lord Lonsdale took no notice, but asked to see them dance. During the progress of the dance the braves would stop and rush at the white man with their knives upraised. Fortunately his nerve did not fail him, and he was afterwards received with every mark of consideration.

T. Granger Stewart, M. D., F. R. S. E., ordinary physician to H. M. the Queen in Scotland, Professor of Practice of Physic in the University of Edinburgh, writes of Bright's disease as follows: "Catarrh of the intestine also occasionally occurs, sometimes producing an exhausting diarrhœa." Warner's Safe Cure cures the diarrhœa by first removing the cause.

"Pickwick" has been dramatized in Danish.

Word comes of the death of John Kidd, the last survivor of the passengers of the Forfarshire, who were rescued by Grace Darling in 1838.

Mr. Charles Santley, the great English baritone singer, is a capital painter, both in water and in oils.

Mr. Jess Wedde (to his bride)—"Please pass the sugar, sweetness." Looks up in some confusion as the waitress hands him the sugar bowl with unusual alacrity. Suppressed laughter from the other boarders.

Katie Putnam is going to Australia, and she is to take George C. Boniface with her.

Mrs. Alice Shaw, the whistler, will shortly go abroad to fill engagements.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

The attendance at the Paris Exposition has thus far averaged 71,000 persons daily.

It is reported that Sir Charles Russell's fee for acting as counsel for the Parnellites is $10,000.

A landlord has been arrested in Kingston charged with evicting a tenant at the point of a revolver.

Rev. Mr. Evans, Church of England clergyman, of Buckingham, Que., was drowned yesterday while out sailing.

The death is announced of Dr. Alex. Harvey, Emeritus Professor of Materia Medica in the University of Aberdeen.

Work on the Kingston dry-dock was commenced yesterday morning, and it is expected to take two years to complete it.

Miss Kate Sherman, a buxom Tennessee girl, met her father at the depot the other day, and broke two of his ribs at a single hug.

An immense quantity of the plates of the Great Eastern, recently broken up, has been received in Montreal for the iron factories and rolling mills.

Bones were found in the well at Springfield into which it has been rumored a man was thrown seventeen years ago, but whether the bones are human or not remains to be established.

A little boy named Eddie Stansfield, son of Mr. Isaac Stansfield, traveller for R. S. Williams & Co.'s music house, London, was missing on Wednesday and at a late hour last night his body was found in the river.

Von Bulow says that every pianist should learn to sing and play the violin, "as their ears would hear more critically the sounds they produce and thereby teach them how to phrase." Some pianists we have heard should learn to cook and to make shoes—and let the piano alone.—*Norristown Herald*

The house at West Lorne, St. Thomas, to which the smallpox has been successfully confined by the exertions of the Chairman of the Board of Health, was burned last night, and the Chairman was entertained to supper and presented with a cane.

Thomas Elvert, a demented man, at Tweed, attempted to commit suicide by drowning on Sunday, but was rescued by parties returning from church services. A medical commission pronounced him dangerously insane, and to-day he was committed to the county jail.

Mrs. Maria Elliott, formerly Mrs. O'Flaherty, who has kept the Wellington House, London, for some time, is mourning the loss of a husband and $2 000, especially the latter. Elliott by some means got hold of the money, which was to have been paid on some property, and is now far away from his better half.

Rufus Huntley, a farmer, who formerly lived a short distance from Hanover, left the Queen's Hotel to take the early train yesterday morning for Michigan and was found dead on the sidewalk a short time afterwards. He was taken into Mr. Messinger's house near by, and Coroner Landerkin sent for. A large wound was found across the left cheek, how received is a mystery.

Dr. Cassan, physician to the Hospital of the Insane of the Bon Sauveur, Albi, France, was murdered on Wednesday night. Upon entering his room next morning his attendants found him lying on his bed in his night-shirt. His body was literally covered with knife wounds, and his head nearly separated from the trunk. Dr. Cassan was a quiet man, much respected by all who knew him. He was Maire of Albi under the Empire and during the regime of "Seize Mai."

American visitors fairly rained upon London on Wednesday. The City of New York, the City of Rome and the Trave arrived, landing altogether nearly a thousand Americans. By every possible train these, or a majority of them at least, went to London. Where they all found a roof to cover them is a mystery. The hotels were already full to the sky parlors, and turning away each from a dozen to a hundred a day, but presumably all found a place in which to run up a bill for the necessities and luxuries of life.

White Caps have notified Rev. George Jacob Schweinfurth to leave Rockford, Ill., in ten days. If he does not go they say they will break into his house, take him to the woods, strip him, tar and feather him and roast him alive. They claim he is breaking up families. If any one interferes they will be similarly treated. Schweinfurth has employed a night watchman, purchased guns and dogs, and proposes to be ready for them. Rev. Mr. Schweinfurth is the head of what is known as the Beekmanite sect, and is worshipped by his followers as the Christ.

The civic expenditure of Kingston for the year 1888 was $124,837.

Judge Barrett at New York yesterday dissolved the Electric Sugar Refining Company. A receiver was appointed.

The estimated expenditure for the current year for the city of Toronto is 14½ mills on the dollar, as against 14¾ last year.

The Mayor of Collingwood yesterday laid the foundation stone of the Marine and General Hospital which it is proposed to build.

A lady interested in the Montreal Boys' Home has handed the Superintendent a cheque for $4,000, to be devoted to building purposes.

The Mayor, Ald. McMillan, Ald. Gillespie and City Treasurer Coady, of Toronto, will visit England on an early date to float city debentures amounting to three million dollars.

The funeral of Count Tolstoi, late Minister of the Interior, took place at St. Petersburg yesterday. The Czar was present. He has donated to the widow 200,000 roubles and granted her a yearly pension of 6,000 roubles.

A gigantic raft, comprising 2,000,000 feet of timber, is now *en route* from Detroit to Buffalo. The raft reached Detroit late in the fall, when it was thought too risky to let it proceed further. By the time this lumber reaches its destination it will have been over five months on the journey.

Five young men, representing the sporting fraternity, were before the Kingston Police Court yesterday for participating in a cocking main, conducted in an office in the centre of the city. Three were fined $50 and costs and two $25 and costs, with the usual option. It transpired during the trial that a well-known alderman had acted as referee, and he will now be attended to.

Judge Lizars, of Stratford, who has been seriously ill, is much better.

The work of counting the $200,000,000 in the United States Treasury is to be begun at once.

A little lad named Proulx, while playing on the banks of the canal at Montreal last night, fell in and was drowned.

Mr. Donald Chisholm, M.P., Vancouver, B.C., who has been seriously ill in Ottawa for some months, is slowly recovering.

A gunner named Herbert Skinner, of the marine artillery, has had a windfall of £530,000 and a large property in Hereford.

Five negroes and seven whites were flogged at Newcastle, Del., on Saturday for different offences, and afterwards exposed for one hour in the pillory.

Fully three-quarters of a million dollars worth of new buildings are going up at Stratford this season. The contractors all have their hands full.

The statistics of the recent smallpox epidemic in the neighborhood of St. Thomas are quoted as affording strong evidence of the value of vaccination.

The Algoma expedition arrived at Sault Ste. Marie on Friday night, and report the trouble with the lumbermen to be over. They are expected in Toronto to-morrow.

The argument on the motion in reply to the exception to form in the Jesuit-*Mail* case was heard on Saturday before Judge Loranger in Montreal. Judgment was reserved.

Rev. S. G. Bland appeared in the pulpit of Queen Street Church, Kingston, yesterday, the first time since the serious accident which befel him occurred. His usefulness promises to be in no way impaired.

Six Chinamen passed through Montreal on Friday night from New York in bond for China, they having during eight years' residence saved sufficient money at laundry work to enable them to spend the rest of their days in comfort in their native land.

Mrs. Felicite Laframboise, 84 years of age, attended the 5 o'clock service on Saturday morning at Bonsecours Church, Montreal, and a few minutes later was discovered lying on the seat of her pew quite dead. Every effort was made to restore animation, but without success.

Patrick Ford, aged 60, a watchman in Armour's packing-houses, Chicago, shot and killed his wife, 23 years of age, on Saturday morning, and then put a bullet into his own breast. He cannot recover. The couple had been married three months, but quarrelled and were not living together.

A number of Conservative members of the British House of Commons, under the leadership of Mr. Henry Chaplin, have endeavored to impress upon the mind of Mr. Goschen the extent of the hardship imposed upon the landed classes by the proposal of the Chancellor of the Exchequer to increase the death tax of properties valued at over £10,000, and Mr. Goschen listened to their arguments, but declined to modify his proposals.

A largely-attended meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, London, on Saturday afternoon for the purpose of discussing the feasibility of founding an Elsmerian Church, which shall be free from dogma and bend its energies to finding the millennium on earth, leaving the next world to take care of itself. It was proposed to name the new institution the Christian Ethical Church, and it was also decided to erect a building for purposes of worship in London.

The London police made a raid on the Field Club at 2 o'clock yesterday morning and found gambling going on. Most of the players were engaged at baccarat, and large sums were being staked. Twenty-one persons were arrested, among whom were three English and several French and Belgian noblemen. The prisoners were taken to the police station and bailed in £100 each. They are to appear in court to-morrow. The police seized £5,000 in the rooms of the club. A raid was also made on the Adelphi Club, where a number of barristers and solicitors were gambling. All were taken to the police station and bail was in most cases refused. Among those arrested at the Field Club were the Earl of Dudley, Lord Lurgan, Lord Paulet and Baron Feraro.

MARY ANN IMITATES DIDO.

Cremated Herself on a Brush Heap for Love of a Young Man.

A Cheboygan, Mich., despatch says: Mary Ann Collagher, aged 23, went into the woods on her father's farm, lighted a pile of brush, lay down in the flames, and was burned to a crisp. The reason assigned for the deed is that her parents objected to her receiving the attentions of a young man whom they disliked.

Important to Teachers and Scholars.

The High School entrance examination will be held on the 4th, 5th and 6th days of July, beginning at 1.30 p. m. on the 4th.

The third, second and first-class teachers' examinations will begin on Tuesday, the 9th of July. Applications stating age and optional subjects and enclosing a fee of $5 must be sent to the inspector before the 24th of May.

The Provincial examination for Kindergarten assistants and directors will be held in the last two weeks in June. Examination in practical teaching will be held at Ottawa, Toronto and Hamilton, beginning respectively on the 13th, 17th and 24th days of June. The written examination will begin at Toronto on the 26th of June. Applications must be sent to the Secretary of the Education Department before the 1st of June.

Rev. F.L.H. Potts, a young Episcopalian minister who went to China a year ago, has married Miss Wong, the daughter of his first convert.

"Doretta," the new opera, was an utter failure, and was withdrawn at the end of the first week.

Edward Scovel, leading tenor of the Boston Ideal Opera Company, has lost his voice.

Manager Harris has added Mr. McGucken, of the late Carl Rosa's Opera Company to his list of tenors for the London season of Italian opera.

OUR CITIZEN SOLDIERS.

Arrangements for the Holding of the Annual Camps.

A special telegram from Ottawa says: The dates for the several camps of exercise have been decided as follows:

District No. 1—18th June.
" 2—11th June.
" 3—18th June.
" 4—18th June.
" 5—25th June.
" 6—25th June.
" 7—2nd July.
" 8—25th June.
" 9—3rd September.

The locations of the camps have not been decided upon, except with regard to District No. 2, which, as usual, will be held at Niagara. For District No. 1 the choice lies between Windsor and London, and for the united camps of districts 3 and 4 it is expected that Kingston will be selected. The matter will not, however, be settled before next week. The maximum number of officers, non-commissioned officers and men to receive pay for drill in each district will be:

District No. 1—Western Ontario	2,420
" No. 2—Toronto district	3,442
" No. 3—Eastern Ontario	1,858
" No. 4—Eastern Ontario	1,135
" No. 5—Quebec	2,712
" No. 6—Quebec	1,287
" No. 7—Quebec	2,147
" No. 8—New Brunswick	1,304
" No. 9—Nova Scotia	1,932
" No. 10—Manitoba	431
" No. 11—British Columbia	230
" No. 12—Prince Edward Island	327
Total	19,225

"A" Company, Infantry School Corps, will join the camp in New Brunswick; "B" Company, the camp in District No. 5; and "C" Company, the camp at Niagara, and a two-gun detachment from "A" Battery will join the camp in districts 3 and 4. As these are paid as permanent corps, they will be in addition to the strength authorized for districts 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8, but will not be included for drill pay. The Newcastle Field Battery will drill in camp near its local headquarters.

THE MISSING DOCTOR.

He Turns Out to be a St. Catharines Man.

A St. Louis despatch to the New York *World* gives the following information as to the career in that city of Dr. Cronin, who disappeared so mysteriously in Chicago on Saturday night last: Dr. Patrick Henry Cronin came to St. Louis in 1869 from St. Catharines, Canada, when 27 years old. He was a tailor, but never worked at his trade here. He secured employment as a porter in a wholesale grocery, but having a good tenor voice got a position in the Second Baptist Church choir, and this enabled him to obtain the position of omnibus ticket collector for the Transfer Company. He held this position two years, and was then for four years local ticket agent for the St. Louis and Southeastern Railroad, now the Louisville Air Line. Next he opened a drug store in the fashionable west end, attended a pharmacy school and the Missouri Medical College, and afterwards practised medicine, making a specialty of throat and lung diseases. In 1880 he went to Europe as an honorary commissioner to the Paris Exposition, and soon afterwards removed to Chicago. For a time he was professor of eye and ear diseases at the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons. He was a fine-looking man and a hard worker.

Dr. Cronin is a brother-in-law of Mr. John Carroll and an uncle of Mr. Andrew J. Carroll, of St. Catharines. His family resided on Welland avenue, next door to the fire station. At one time he worked for his father in the shoe store, in the premises now occupied by the "Beehive," and was quite a popular vocalist at that time.

TEN MEN KILLED.

Terrible Accident in a Pennsylvania Coal Mine.

A Pottsville, Pa., despatch says: At Kaska-William Colliery, near Middleport, this evening the cage containing ten miners was ascending the shaft and was 16 feet from the bottom when an empty car was pushed over the top of the shaft by two Hungarian laborers. The car struck the cage with awful momentum, shattering it to splinters and killing every one of its occupants. The victims are Michael Bohle, assistant inside foreman; Hugh Carlin, Patrick McDonald, George Rendal, John Pottovisch, Frank Strakovisch, John Moore, Albert Dwyer, Edward Kurtz and Stephen Watson. The cage was hurled into a hole at the bottom where the water from the workings accumulated. The mine is operated by the Alliance Coal Company. The shaft is 500 feet deep.

Her Husband's Image.

A singular case of mistaken identity occurred to-day, when Mrs. James Duke, of Beloit, Wis., arrived here in company with six interesting children, and claimed as her lost husband a cigarmaker named David Robinson, who is the foreman in the factory of Messrs. Robinson & Watson. The lady, who is well dressed and quite prepossessing, confronted her alleged husband this evening, and even after conversing with him was not satisfied that he was not her lost husband until she examined his wrist for a scar. Failing to find this she broke down and admitted that she was mistaken in the man. How much Robinson must have resembled Duke is attested by the fact that the children clung around him affectionately calling him papa. Mrs. Duke's husband, who was a cigarmaker, disappeared mysteriously about a year ago, and she was led to believe he was located here through information received from a travelling tobacco salesman.—*Tuscola (Ill.) corr. Chicago Inter-Ocean.*

The New Niagara Bridge.

Counsel for various American railroads have asked for a hearing on the Bill incorporating the Niagara River Bridge Company, now pending in the New York Legislature, and it has been appointed for next Tuesday. The object of the company is to build a bridge across Niagara River at some point between Niagara Falls and Lewiston, and, it is believed, in the interest of the Canadian Pacific. The project is to be opposed.

The late Dr. Dio Lewis, whose name is a household word all over the globe, warmly endorsed the use of Warner's Safe Cure in cases of kidney disorder. He said over his own signature: "If I found myself a victim of serious kidney trouble, I would use Warner's Safe Cure."