



A WESTERN BLIZZARD.

What a Snow Storm on the Prairie Means. (From the Detroit Free Press.) About 1 o'clock, when we were in a dry...

THE FATAL BLIZZARD. And Fair. In Western Ontario Fair: Frozen to Death on the Prairie. A London, Ont., telegraph says: A story is published regarding the sad fate of John Woods and his family...

LAWYERS' COMPLAINTS.

A Washington dispatch says: In the Star route trial Herdell's cross-examination was resumed. An angry passage occurred between Mr. Merrick and Mr. Ingersoll...

THE ELECTION QUARREL.

Particulars of the Vermont Snubbing Affair. A Kingston despatch says: John McCullough, of Pownoy, was snubbed at Vermont on the night of the elections...

Practical Training for Boys.

Leigh Hunt, Superintendent of Schools in Des Moines, has adopted a plan of giving practical instruction in earning and saving money.

Chicago Divorces.

Chicago still keeps up some of its reputation. In one day recently there were before one of the courts in that city...

A Salon Tragedy.

A Chicago despatch says: Last night Jas. Elliott, the pugilist, and Jere Dunn, a well-known sporting man...

Philadelphia Tenor.

A Philadelphia tenor took a place in a church choir under his own name...

LATEST FROM ROME.

The Holy See - Returns in a Church - Obituary. A Rome despatch says: The Propaganda has directed Monsignore Sylvester Sembratovici to go to Vienna and oversee the proposed reforms in the Slavo-Ruthenian Roman Church...

THE IRISH MURDERERS.

Sketches of the Dublin Prisoners as They Listen to the Evidence. The London Times gives the following account of the Dublin trials, and of the scene when Kavanagh turned informer...

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DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

Issue on the Land. Sir John Macdonald, while not quite sure, said he was of opinion that no patents had actually been issued except one where the station ground was granted...

NOTICES OF MOTION.

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them from using the other names to which reference has been made. A person drawing money from a bank had a right to demand as much as \$50 in Dominion \$1 or \$2 bills, and it was proposed to extend the amount to \$60, and allow payment in \$4 bills. It was now provided that there must be a reserve of 30 per cent. before a dividend could be paid. It was decided that this was to be extended so as to provide that returns should be made showing more distinctly than was done at present in some cases. Banks were now required to send in a monthly statement on the 10th of the succeeding month, and particularly in the case of banks having agencies at Winnipeg and other distant points this was found difficult. It was therefore proposed to extend the time to the 20th and provide a penalty in case of non-compliance. The provisions fixing the date for payment on a note falling due on a holiday did not now apply to Prince Edward Island, British Columbia and Manitoba. The Bill extended that provision to those Provinces. A brief discussion followed Sir Leonard Tilley's explanation, in the course of which Mr. Blake expressed his disapproval of the advisability of hampering private enterprise by the restriction proposed. Mr. Mackenzie expressed a doubt that Parliament had the right to prevent people using any name they pleased. The motions having been passed through committee, a Bill based upon them was introduced and read a first time. Mr. Mackenzie's resolutions, preliminary to the amendment and consolidation of the Customs laws, were brought before the House. From Mr. Bowell's explanation it seemed that the most important change proposed was that providing for the proportionate reduction of the duty upon goods damaged in transit on which specific duty would be ordinarily charged. The usual forms were gone through and a Bill introduced and read a first time. The adjourned debate on Mr. Cameron's (Huron) motion regarding the double return in King's county, P. E. I., was postponed until Tuesday at the request of Sir John Macdonald. Sir Leonard Tilley's Bill to provide for raising a new loan was read a third time and passed on the understanding that some doubts regarding the extent of the authority given by the Bill, raised by Mr. Blake, should be removed in the Senate. Mr. Mulock, in moving for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Consolidated Railway Act, explained that the existing Act permits railways to pool for 21 years, during which period the pooling companies are in fact in partnership. The public not being aware of this state of the law, have on various occasions been led to grant bonuses in aid of what were thought to be competing lines, but almost as soon as the money had been paid, the railways so aided pooled with a former rival, thereby failing to give the people the advantages of the pooling companies, which was held out to them as an inducement to grant the bonuses. The law as now existing having been abused in this way, it is necessary to guard against its being abused still further. If this be not done, railway companies will continue to grant bonuses to themselves until the whole railway system of Canada is controlled by a single corporation, a state of affairs most calamitous to the best interests of the people. The Bill proposed that no pooling arrangements or railway amalgamations should be made without the consent of Government of the Province being first asked and obtained. The Bill was read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Railways. A short but interesting debate arose on Mr. Robertson's (Hamilton) Bill to provide for the return of persons who were before the County Criminal Court and released on bail. Mr. Robertson simply moved the second reading, without speaking in support of the Bill. Mr. Cameron, of Huron, called upon him to explain. He said the purpose of the Bill was to return to persons held to bail the same privilege of speedy trial as was now accorded to persons committed to jail, and added he could not see what objection could possibly be made to the Bill. Sir John Macdonald took occasion to refer to the summary trials of the ground that it shielded offenders from the publicity which was a punishment of crime as well as a deterrent. Mr. Blake agreed with Sir John, and pointed out that the operation of the law granting summary trial was in favor of the accused. In answer to the motion, Mr. Robertson defended himself by agreeing in the principles laid down, but alleging that the fact that he was released on bail was a guarantee in some sense that he was not an old offender. The Senate. The Senate met to-day and remained in session fully twenty minutes. Hon. Mr. Allan introduced a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Northern Railway of Canada. The proceedings were of routine character, all other propositions on the order paper being postponed. PETITIONS. Several of the schools of Toronto pray for the admission free of duty of at least two copies of each work when imported for the use of colleges and public libraries. The Board of Management of the Free Library, Toronto, petition for the admission free of duty of works of learned authors and scientists and books of general reference imported for free library purposes. The Royal Society of Canada pray that scientific books and instruments, printed in foreign languages, and all transactions of scientific societies, may be admitted free of duty. A DISPUTE ABOUT POSTAGE. Inquiry into the truth of the report that the Mail Printing Company, and the Toronto Postmaster General, had entered over a postage account was revealed a rather interesting state of matters. Some months ago the Mail annual circulars for 1882 were sent to the post-office to be carried at the newspaper rate - a cent-a-pound. The Toronto Postmaster General declined to transmit them at a lower rate than book postage, one cent for every four ounces. This the Mail Company declined to pay, and the matter was referred to the Postmaster-General, who, it is understood, asked the Toronto Postmaster to send the circulars to their destinations, and leave the question of rate for future decision. It is also understood that the officers of the Post-Office Department, including the Deputy Postmaster-General, agreed with Mr. Patterson on the opinion that the circulars were properly subject to book postage. Unless the postage was paid within the last few days it has not yet been paid at all, at either the higher or the lower rate. Probably a Parliamentary inquiry would serve a useful purpose. A captain once lost overboard one of the "skiffs" belonging to the schooner. The skipper was, we thought, a man of heart, and we said to him in a sympathetic tone, "So poor Jim is gone?" "Yes, he is gone," he replied, "and I never knew a new one - and, I swear, that's gone too!" An eastern merchant who never advertised was found lying dead on the counter in his store the other day. It is thought the body had lain there for several days before being discovered. The Toronto Postmaster is slowly recovering from her illness. J. M. Hill, her manager, however, cannot announce any definite time for her reappearance. The "Merry War" managers sat down upon the deceased stockholders at the "Black and White" in Toronto last night. They held a meeting, they got them, but they were in the upper gallery.