

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

THE IRISH PART OF THE TIMES CASE FINISHED.

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LONDON, Feb. 5.—At to-day's session of the Parnell Commission Attorney-General Webster said he had finished with the Irish portion of The Times case and would now take up the American part.

A witness named Beach testified that he joined the Fenians in 1865 and was appointed military organizer. After the failure of the invasion of Canada by the Fenians he joined a society known as the "B. C.," the object of which was to provide money to carry on the Irish agitation and to ship arms to Ireland.

Beach said Egan also told him many payments were made by the League which it was impossible to make public and he instanced the paying of Dutch officers sent from Amsterdam to assist the Boers during the Transvaal war.

Witness then went to Dublin leaving letters of introduction to Mr. Kenny, M.P., and others of the League. He discussed an open movement with Sexton and Kenny. He was driven by Kenny to Kilmalshin Jail, where he saw Dillon, Sheridan and Boyton.

Witness was introduced to Parnell and others of his party as Major Lecaron, under which name he had been known for the past 28 years. He attained the rank of major in the Federal army during the civil war.

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TORONTO TOPICS.

Fletcher Released From Custody—The Central Farmers' Institute.

TORONTO, Feb. 6.—Mr. Justice MacMahon gave his decision yesterday in the capias proceedings of Rice v. Fletcher. This is the case in which the defendant has been languishing some days in jail on an action for \$20,000 for alienating the affections of the plaintiff's wife.

The feature of yesterday's session of the Central Farmers' Institute was the annual address of President Fuller, who began by referring to the ratifying success of the Central Institute. A few years ago they organized with trepidation, but hard work had made the Institute a lasting success beyond peradventure.

President—Nicholas Awrey, M.P.P., Bismarck. Vice-President—T. Lloyd Jones, Barford. Secretary—A. H. Pettit, Grimby.

An unusually large number of burglaries and petty larcenies have been committed in Toronto during the past few days. Two boys entered the store of E. Hardy, 448 Queen-street west, yesterday and ran off with two pairs of boots.

THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

Nine Private and Three Public Bills Introduced—The Voters' Lists.

TORONTO, Feb. 6.—Our legislators put in what might be called, for them, a full half day's work, yesterday. They sat two hours. The volume of petitions is on the increase, and bills are piling up wonderfully.

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A BRIEF SESSION.

THE DOMINION HOUSE SITS ONLY TEN MINUTES.

A Bill to Abolish the Baggage Smasher—The Day of Deputations—Labor Petitions Pouring In.

OTTAWA, Feb. 5.—The days of the deputation have arrived and the pilgrims with axes to grind are wending their way to the Capital. There was quite a batch of them to-day, principally from Western Ontario.

When the House met at 3.15 a large number of petitions were handed up. The petitions from labor organizations and the Knights of Labor assemblies continue to pour in. Mr. Cockburn of Toronto presented about a dozen of them from the Queen City.

His other bill, if passed, would probably fill "a long felt want" and relieve a long suffering public. It provides simply that railways in this country shall not be permitted to dump passengers off passenger trains into snow banks and mud piles.

The P. & O. steamer Grand laid upon the table the annual report of his department. The Minister of Finance presented the report of Mr. Smeen Jones of New Brunswick, the commissioner who went to the Argentine Republic, Brazil and Uruguay to see if the trade relations between these great countries and Canada could not be extended.

WAR, CHEESE AND STEAMSHIPS. What Various Deputations Wanted of Ministers Yesterday. OTTAWA, Feb. 5.—Mr. Smith and Mr. Madill, two Conservative members from the County of Ontario, saw the Minister of Militia this afternoon with reference to a new drill shed at Whitby.

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REDUCED TO \$6000.

The Supreme Court Knock \$1000 Off Laflamme's Judgment Against The Mail.

OTTAWA, Feb. 5.—The Supreme Court gave judgment this morning in the now famous libel suit appeal of Laflamme v. The Toronto Mail. Chief Justice Ritchie was not in his place, owing to illness, and Mr. Justice Strong voiced the judgment of the court.

This suit has been before the courts for a period of three or four years and has been vigorously fought by The Mail people. It will be remembered that the plaintiff, who was originally charged by The Mail with inventing a patent ballot box stuffer, recovered \$6000 on that score and \$1000 was obtained on the plea of justification which Mr. McMaster, ex-M.P., filed.

It is understood that in case of Mr. Laflamme's non-acceptance of the \$6000, which The Mail also offered before the case reached the Supreme Court, they will go on to the Imperial Privy Council with it.

Mr. Magann Wins His Suit—Shorthand Reporters on Strike. OTTAWA, Feb. 5.—G. P. Magann of Toronto won an important suit against the Government in the Exchequer Court before Mr. Justice Burbridge to-day.

OTTAWA, Feb. 5.—The safe at the office of the Stratford Oil Company was blown open by burglars between 1.30 and 2 o'clock this morning. As far as known \$5 is all that was taken.

OTTAWA, Feb. 5.—The City Council rejected last night, 13 to 7, the petition for the reduction of the number of tavern licenses from 27 to 20.

OTTAWA, Feb. 5.—In the House to-day a bill was introduced making it an offence punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 or over \$100 for any one to treat another to intoxicating liquors.

OTTAWA, Feb. 5.—The Canadian Pacific Railway station at Headingly was burnt yesterday.

OTTAWA, Feb. 5.—The clubs taking part in the Ottawa Valley bowls for the tankard, which is to be won three years in succession before becoming the property of any club, are Pen Broke, Rentree, Arnprior, Almonte, Carleton Place, Smith's Falls, Perth and Kingston.

OTTAWA, Feb. 5.—Two matches in the Ontario Tankard competition were played here to-day. In the first Walkerton beat Harrington by 20 shots, and in the second Walkerton beat Wroster by 8 shots.

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LORD STANLEY "BOUNCED"

VICE-REGAL DIGNITY BOWS TO THE FUN OF THE CARNIVAL.

The Second Day's Festivities at Montreal Carried on in a Furious Snowstorm—Hunt Club Ball.

MONTREAL, Feb. 5.—The second day of Montreal's winter carnival was ushered in by a snow storm, which raged with fury all day and effectually put a stop to all outdoor sport, except tobogganing, snowshoeing and sleighing.

The Vice-Regal party spent the morning quietly in their rooms at the Windsor, receiving a few informal callers. In the afternoon Lord Stanley and staff braved the snow storm and drove out to the "Touque Bleue toboggan slide, where, after receiving a hearty bouncing at the hands of the big crowd present, he inaugurated the sleighing by declaring the slide open and rushing down the icy incline himself several times.

Crowds of people have been pouring into the city all day, the railways are taxed to the utmost, and this evening, despite a slight blockade owing to the snow, all the hotels are crowded. The number of visitors is far in excess of any previous year.

Everybody is on the qui vive for the great event of to-morrow evening, the attack and defence of the "ice castle," in which 3000 snowshoers, including the Winnipeg, Quebec and New York delegates, will participate. Another attraction of to-morrow is the snowshoe races in the afternoon.

This evening the weather cleared and all the resorts were crowded with visitors. The children's fancy dress carnival in Victoria rink was witnessed by thousands and pronounced the grandest affair of the kind ever seen on the continent.

Later on was the ball at the Kennels, given by the Hunt Club, which the Vice-Regal party and the elite of Canadian and American society attended. It was very exclusive and tickets couldn't be had for love or money.

One of the events of the day was the private luncheon given by Manager Woodruff of the Hotel Balmoral to the visiting journalists. About 30 sat down to an elegant repast.

Owing to the crush at the hotels it is impossible to obtain anything like a full list of the Ontarians here, but among many hundreds are: J. C. Hurst, H. O'Hara, F. Armstrong, T. Tomlinson, J. Rogers, W. Bell, Mrs. J. Barton, Mrs. J. Lee, M. Maloney, G. W. Reinhardt, Miss Towner, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. and Miss Denison, Miss Rose of Toronto, Miss Ramsay, H. J. Wright of Hamilton, Miss McCabe of Port Hope.

AMBITIOUS CITY NOTES. A Big Batch of Gossip About Church Matters—Hotel Keeper Blain Fined. HAMILTON, Feb. 5.—At an annual meeting of the Hamilton branch of the Evangelical Alliance Rev. Dr. Laidlaw was elected president; Rev. John Morton, vice-president; Rev. R. G. Boville, secretary; Joseph Lister, treasurer.

At the meeting of the Christian Alliance to-day Dr. Simpson delivered an address upon the second coming of Christ. He was followed by Rev. John Salmon upon the same topic. Officers were elected provisionally as follows: President, W. H. Howland; Vice-Presidents, Toronto—Rev. John Salmon, W. J. Fenton, Dr. Zimmerman and Mrs. Hatch, Hamilton—A. J. Mackenzie, Rev. W. H. Laird and R. L. Whyte.

The first annual meeting of the Church of England defence association of the diocese of Niagara was held in the court house this afternoon. There was a large attendance. The principal business was the reception of the report of the committee who called on the bishop in relation to alleged ritualistic practices.

At the meeting of the Hamilton Presbytery to-day Rev. Dr. Laidlaw reported on behalf of the committee that the Welland canal closing petition had been prepared and would be presented in the House of Commons by J. C. Rykert, M.P., of St. Catharines, and in the Senate by Senator Turner of Hamilton. It was endorsed by the Methodist Ministerial Association of Hamilton, the General Ministerial Association of this city, the Evangelical Alliance and the Ministerial Association of Toronto.

At noon to-day Detectives Doyle and Campbell arrested Thomas Hooper on the charge of breaking into St. Mary's Cathedral. Last night about midnight Vice-General Heenan had occasion to go into the church and found a man supposed to be Hooper crouching behind one of the pews. He had endeavored to break open the poor box and to get into the safe.

At the Police Court this morning Alex. Blain, who keeps a temperance hotel at Blackheath, was fined \$30 for keeping liquor for sale without a license.

BERLIN'S BOARD OF TRADE. First Annual Banquet—Loyal and Patriotic Addresses. BERLIN, Ont., Feb. 5.—The first annual banquet of the Berlin Board of Trade was held at the City Hall this evening, nearly 200 guests being present. Speeches were made by Messrs. Young, Jackson, Bowley, Krantz, Ross, Fennell, Hoffman, Moatz, Breithaupt, Lackner, Jagary, King, Trauers, Janheim and others. The addresses all abounded in loyalty to Canada and Britain, predicting a grand future for the Dominion.

Winnipeg Wire Whippers. WINNIPEG, Feb. 5.—The Sun says that at last night's caucus of the Government supporters they were all solid on the past action of the Government. The principal topic of discussion was the Torrens Act, which it is expected will be made compulsory.

Another action for criminal libel has been entered against Acton Burrows by H. J. Clarke, for reflecting on his morals in The Call during the Provencher election. Ald. Bell became unruly in the City Council last night and the Mayor telephoned for the police to secure him, but quiet was restored before the police arrived. The Council voted ex-Mayor Jones a bonus of \$600, but threats are made to make the aldermen personally liable if the money is paid.

The Emerson International Press has removed over the boundary to avoid seizure. The weather is cold. Officially Declared off. NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—After receipt of reports from the local assemblies the great tie-up on the street railroads here was tonight officially declared off by the executive committee in charge of the strike. Who said we had 'n winter?