NEWS OF THE WORLD.

THE IRISH PART OF THE TIMES CASE FINISHED.

Police Inspector Martin's Murder-Im mense Conflagrations in Mandalay-The. Bismarck Dynasty.

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. Witness said he remembered the visit of Messrs. Dillon and Parnell to America in 1880. The meetings held during their stay in the United States were organized exclusively by the United Brotherflood or Clan-na-Gael. Witness attended several meetings at which Dillon and Parnell were present Parnell attended the demonstration in Chicago at which bodies of the Clan-na-Gael and the Hibernian Rifle Guards were under arms. Beach produced a copy of the Constitution of the B.C. or Clan-na Gael. It provided for concerted action with the Irish Brotherhood and ki dred societies to bring a ombination of the Irish revolutionary movements in all parts of the world to act decisively against England. Witness said in 1878 Devoy and Millen were sent as delegates to Ireland, receiving \$10,000 from the Skirmishing Fund and a further sum which does not appear in the official lists.

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. The witness had two interviews with Parnell. The first was held in the house of A. M. Sullivan at Clapham and the next in the lobby of the House of Commons, where, after conversing with O'Kelly and Parnell together, he had a talk with Parnell alone. Parnell said it rested wholly with the leaders of the revolutionary party to bring both parties into line. He asked witness to get Devoy to meet him in Paris and offered to defray Devoy's expenses. He also desired to meet Alexander Sullivan, Hines and others.

"Doctor," he said to Beach, who is a physician, "I have long since ceased to believe that anything but force of arms can bring about the redemption of Ireland." Parnell also said he did not see why a successful insurrection should not happen in Ireland, adding: "I think we will have at the end of the year £100,000 in the League treasury. That's a pretty good nucleus. You people might do something more."

On seeing Parnell a third time witness conversed with him for a few seconds only and on bidding him good-bye he got his photograph, signed "Yours truly, C. S. Parnell," as a memento. He would produce the photograph. .

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 Kilmainham Jail, where he saw Dillon, Sheridan and Boyten. He returned to New York in June, 1881, and tried to see Devoy and Carney with Parnell's message. He met Breslin, who with Hines and Devoy formed the revolutionary directory. Breslin expressed willingness to bring both parties into line, so also did Sullivan, Hines and Devoy, whom he met in Chicago. Dr. Carroll expressed himself as pleased to see that Parnell was returning to his senses on the revolution question, but he objected to any coalition between organizations.

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 He was also a major in the Irish republican army. He was graduated M. D. after the failure of the raid on Canada. When he returned to America he got a circular from the "V. C.," meaning the Executive Council of the Clauna-Gael, announcing that it had been decided to call up the 25 p r cent. D fund or camp subscriptions to expedite military

Inspector Martin's Murder.

LONDON, Feb. 5. - Details are at hand of the murder of Police Inspector Martin at Derrybeg, County Donegal, showing the fight to have been much more desperate and of larger proportions than at first reported. The police have taken possession of a number of palings, posts, etc., stained with blood in spots corresponding with the gashes upon Martin's head and body. Martin slashed his assailants with his sword and was himself cut with various weapons until he fell to the ground insensible. Father McFadden escaped through the line of police and took refuge in a house to which Martin was subsequently conveyed. His head and face were mangled beyond recognition and he died soon after reaching the house. Seven constables were severely cut in the melee, one of them having his lips split with a blow from a sharp instrument. Father McFadden surrendered to the police and was committed by the magistrate without bail.

O'Brien Clothed and in the Infirmary.

DUBLIN, Feb. 5. - The prison officials at Clonmel have returned to William O'Brien the civilian clothing that was forcibly removed from him and it was immediately donned by the prisoner. Mr. O'Brien has been removed to the infirmary.

Immense Conflagrations in Mandalay.

LONDON, Feb. 6. -Advices from Burmah announce that Mandalay has been visited by two immense conflagrations. In the first the flames destroyed 632 houses, a bazaar and a Buddhist monastery. In the second 500 houses were burned. Both were accidental.

"The Bismarck Dynasty."

LONDON, Feb. 5.—The Empress Frederick is much distressed by the publication of the Bismarck article in The Contemporary Review and is particularly indignant that the authorship or inspiration thereof should be ascribed to her. She denies all knowledge of the article prior to its publication and is reported to have said that had she been aware of the intention of its author to publish it, all the influence that she might have possessed would have been used in the direction of preventing its appearance.

Rudolph's Obsequies,

VIENNA, Feb. 5.-This city was to-day entirely given over to mourning. The Emperor and Empress and Crown Princes attended a requiem mass in the oratory of the palace at which the "Miserere" was sung by the court choir. The services ended at noon. The church bells then tolled. The funeral services held in the Capuchin Church were most impressive and the Emperor was deeply affected.

Tell, act, and live the exact truth always.

TORONTO TOPICS. Fletcher Retensed From Custody-The Central Farmers Institute.

TORONTO, Feb. 6. -Mr. Justice Mac-Mahon 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, Mr. Fletcher of Kankakee, it is alleged, was in the habit of coming to Canada and inducing the plaintiff's wife to reside with him at the leading hotels during her husband's absence. In support of the motion for the defendant's release from custody a number of affidavits were read, among others that of Mrs. Rice, who admitted visiting the defendant but denied any wrongful act. His Lordship, in a somewhat lengthy judgment, came to the conclusion that the defendant was a foreigner and residing merely temporarily here, his home being in the United States, and consequently was not liable to arrest under the statute. The defendant was accordingly ordered to be released from custody, but the \$20,009 action will, it is understood, be pushed merrily along.

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. There are now in the province 71 institutes representing 5000 farmers, but there are 12 electoral districts in which there are no institutes, and the president strongly urged his hearers to endeavor to plant the banner in these places. The farmers' interests have been the most neglected of any class of the community and it was to aid them that the local farmers' institutes were established to spread agricultural education and it was for the same purpose that the great central body was formed. As tokens of the work done by the Central Institute he pointed out that the body's influence was the chief cause of a practical farmer being appointed Ontario Minister of Agriculture. These officers for 1889 were elected:

President-Nicholas Awrey, M.P.P., Bin-Vice-President -T Lloyd Jones, Borford,

Secy. Treasurer - A. H. Petitt, Grimsby. Executive Committee-Thos. Kells, Vandeleur; Valancey E. Fullet, Hamilton; Prof. Thos. Shaw, Guelph; Colm Campbell, Nelson; M. Bogart, Napanee; James McEwing, Drayton; G Copeland, Hespeler; David Bair, Renfrew: S. Kitchen, St. George; D. Derbyshire,

Auditors-James Laidlaw, Guelph, and Thomas A. Good, Brantford.

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 Queenstreet west, yesterday and ran off with two pairs of boots. A sneak thief entered the Toronto ('lub on Saturday night and made off with a South Sea seal skin cap belonging to James McDonald. The residence of W. T. Bull, 153 Queen west, was entered on Monday night and a dolman belonging to Mrs. Bull and a quantity of clothing stolen, all of which was recovered. The butcher shop of William Kerr, 24 Arthur-street, was broken into on Monday night and \$3 taken from the till. The rear door of Dack & Son's shoe store, King-street, was entered yesterday morning and two pairs of boots stolen. One pair was found in a lane near the

THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

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

Toronto, Feb. 6.—Our legislators put m 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. The Private Bills Committee in the afternoon organized with Mr. Gibson as chairman, and its first act was to extend the time of receiving bills another week.

Nine private and three public bills were introduced. The most important of these was a bill by Mr. Leys to confer certain powers on the Board of Trade. It is to compel the attendance of witnesses in arbitration cases, the taking of evidence under oath in such cases, and enforcing the awards

of arbitrators. The time of the House was chiefly occupied by the consideration of the bill respecting voters' lists. Hon. Mr. Fraser explained the charges made, which by the way are generally unimportant and were only found necessary i order to make the provisions of the b. with the Manhood Suffrage Act passed last session.

Dr. Gilmore(West York), is endeavoring to get a bill through the House to incorporate a Belt Line Railway Company round the city. He introduced it.

Mayor Clarke, John Leys and H. E. Clarke, M. P. s, with Ald, McMillan, City Treasurer Coady and City Solicitor Biggar held a consultation with the Attorney-General last evening regarding the consolidation of the city debt. Ald. McMillan explained that the city wanted power to use permanent debentures, a power which is enjoyed by Montreal. Mr. Mowat promised to give the petition of the city now before the House his best attention.

Amongst the petitions presented in the Legislature yesterday was one from the city of Ottawa asking power to borrow \$150,000 for the extension of the waterworks system.

Commissioner of Crown Lands Hardy dines the members of the House and prominent citizens at the Reform Club this evening.

Mr. Clancy asked what time the Factory Inspector's report would be submitted. Mr. Fraser replied it was in the hands of the

A large delegation of druggists conferred with the doctors who have charge of the Druggists Bill in the library yesterday and set forth the grievances which the measure would remedy.

STORM IN ONTARIO.:

Terrific Wind and Heavy Snow-Railway Blockade at Owen Sound.

OWEN SOUND, Feb. 5.-Last night and this morning's storm is the worst that has visited this place for years. The wind averaged fifty-eight miles per hour from the north and west. Roads are almost impassable. The morning train due to leave at 5.45 a. m. is still here. The thermometer

went down to zero. KINCARDINE, Feb. 5. - A very severe snow storm has been raging here since 9 o'clock last night. Country roads in every quarter are blockaded, and all trains are behind time to-day. The temperature stood 10

degrees below zero this morning. BARRIE, Feb. 5. - Snow fell here last night to the depth of fully one foot, and considerable drifting following the roads are in a bad state, but not impassable. The trains are not much delayed so far. The snow plough is at work on the Muskoka branch.

Destructive Fire in Petrolia.

Petrolia, Feb. 5. - About 12.30 to-day a fire was discovered in Van Tuyl & Fairbank's large store room building in rear of their store. The building was completely gutted. In the building was a large assortment of stoves, rope and hard-

Every one is the son of his own works.

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. The proceedings in the House this afternoon were so brief that the Speaker was not in the chair over ten minutes. The lobbies and the departmental offices were rather brisk during the day, for when there is a slow day in the House you may count on something going on elsewhere.

When the House met at 3.15 a large number of petitions were handed up. The petitions from labor organizations and Knights of Labor assemblies continue to pour in. Mr. Cockburn of Toronto presented about a dozen of them from the Queen City. These petitions are similar to the ones that have been presented to the Ontario Legislature, an important one of a national character being for the proclamation of an annual holiday all over the country to be known as "Labor Day."

Herman Cook signalized his first day in the House by introducing two bills, which however are not unknown in Parliament. He introduced them last session but they were kindly slaughtered for the time being. Mr. Cook's first bill provides for the examination and licensing of persons employed as stationary engineers and all persons having charge of steam boilers and other devices under pres-

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 dun.p passengers off passenger trains into snow banks and mud piles, but they shall deposit them on properly constructed platforms. Also that the baggage smasher shall be looked after with a sharp stick and that he shall not be permitted to wreck the traveling conveniences of passengers at his own sweet will. Mr. Cook said these abuses were practised on every railroad in Canada. The P stmaster-General laid upon the table

the annual report of his department. The Minister of Finance presented the report of Mr. S.meon 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. Mr. Jones is full of hope for the results if our

Government can give and take concessions. Just before adjournment Mr. Laurier said: "Mr. Speaker, I wish to call the attention of the leader of the Government pro tem, to the fact that I intended, had the First Minister been in his place, to call his attention to the various upportant changes that had been made in the Cabinet since the last session of Parliament and to ask him to give the House an explanation of the various shuffles, However, I will defer the question until to-

Sir Hector Langevin: "I will mention the question to the First Minister,

WAR. CHEESE AND STEAMSHIPS.

What Various Deputations Wanted of Ministers lesterday.

OTTAWA, Feb. 5.-Mr. Smith and Mr. Madill, two Conservative members from the County of Ontario, saw the Minister of Militia this aft riboon with reference to a new drill shed at Whitby. Writhy is the headconsisters of the 34th Battalion, Col. Otter D. A.G. has already reported in favor of removing the present dull shed to the fair ground, which it is claimed would suit the purposes of a parade ground, a brigade camp, and the building itself could be used for exhibition purposes. Whitby's present drill shed is said to be in the last stages of dilapidation. "I will do the very best I can for you," said Sir Adolphe Caron to las interviewers.

Henry Corby to-day introduced a deputation of Believille cheese men to the Ministers of Finance and Customs. They want the Government to put a duty on liquid rennet, which is extensively used in the manufacture of cheese, for the benefit of persons in Canada who are desirous of entering into im manufacture. At present all the liquid is imported from the Unted States.

Mr. F. W. Polson of the Polson Iron Works, Toronto, had an important interview with Mr. Bowell and Mr. Foster to-day, and he will see the ministers again to-morrow, Mr. Pelson wants to engage extensively in the building of steel steamships and be is now building a n ammeth ship for the Canadian Pacific Railway's upper lake service at Owen Sound. This ship will replace the wrecked

Mr. Polson wants to have admitted free of duty certain large steel plates and other castings which are used in the construction of He says they cannot be made in Canada owing to their size. Mr Polson pointed out that a steel ship which was put together in Glasgow could be brought into Canada free of duty, but the various parts could not. He is promised plenty of work in his yards at Toronto and Owen Sound it the Government will re-model their tariff as applied to the building iron and steel steamships. The American Government, he said, allowed the Cibola to be fitted with steel plates at Ogdensburg free of duty because of the labor it afforded mechanics at that point. He has promised to furnish the ministers with a list of what he wants free and what he is willing to pay duty on to-morrow. John Small and John McDougald (Picton), M. P. s, were present at the interview. Mr. McDougald spoke enthusiastically of the blast furnaces of his province, but regretted that they'c uld not east plates large enough for Mr. Polson's wants.

A Scrambic for Plums,

OTTAWA, Feb. 5 .- The Government has already received several applications for the position held by the late Mr. Moodie, as general agent of the Intercolonial Railway at Toronto, Mr. Weatherston of Toronto arrived in the city this morning and is being backed by several of his friends here for the position. His stock is said to be well up. Several other applicants came from Toronto. among them being Mr. Sam. Beaty.

There is quite a scramble after the vacant pos mastership at Goderich. Mr. Thomas Farron, ex.M.P., wants it, but Mr. Porter, the member for West Huron, in which riding Goderich is situated, has got another gentleman for the position. The betting is good that Mr. Porter's man will get there. There is a deputation here in connection with the

The Labor Commission, who are now engaged in drafting a bill for presentation to Parliament at the present session, met in the City Hall this morning and discussed their business with closed doors. The commission will hold meetings for at least three days yet in order to include in their bill all questions pertaining to labor.

Mr. Edgar will move on /Feb. 18 for copies of all documents, papers and correspondence relating to the seizure or release of the American ship Bridgewater at Sherburne, N.S., in the possession or control of the Canadian Government, including all correspondence which has taken place on the subject between Great Britain and the United States, also copies of all claims which have been made to recover damages from Canada for the seizure and detention of the vessel.

Desmond Downed by Davis."

NEWTOWN, L.I., Feb. 5. - Jim Davis and Jack Desmond of New York fought eight rounds here early this morning under Marquis of Queensberry rules Davis forced the fighting and knocked Desmond down in the 1st, 3d and 8th ro nds. Desmond refused to fight another round and was berated by his friends for lack of courage. The fight was awarded to Davis. Neither man was much the worse for the contest.

Bread, 12tc. per loaf in Toronto.

REDUCED TO \$6000.

The Supreme Court Knock \$1000 Of La flamme's Judgment Against The Matt

OTTAWA, Feb. 5.-The Supreme Court gave judgment this morning in the now famous libel suit appeal of Laflamine 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. The judgment disallowed the appeal but reduced the amount of damages from \$10,000 to \$6000. Mr. Laflamme is given ten days to accept the verdict or in lieu thereof a new trial will be ordered on behalf of The Mail.

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. The justification traduced Mr. Laflamme's private character and he succeeded in raising the judgment from \$6000 to \$10,000.

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.

The costs of the actions in the lower courts are awarded to Mr. Laflamme, these amounting it is said to something like \$5000. No costs on appeal were awarded. This sum is the highest that has ever been awar ed as damages for any libel in Canada.

OVERPAID DUTIES.

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 Burbidge to-day. The suit has created considerable interest among lumbermen and the plaintiff won his case hands dewn. It is said he will recover about \$12,000 of overpaid, or rather wrongly imposed, customs duties. The money was paid on sawn white oak, cherry and other lumber which was imported from Michigan in 1887 and 1888, which the customs officers claimed were manufactured goo s. Judge Burbidge awarded the return of these dues without hearing the address of counsel for Mr. Magann: Dalton McCarthy and Frank Mackelcan of Hamilton. Mr. Sedgewick, Deputy Minister of Justice, and Mr. D. Hogg of Ottawa appeared for the Govern-

In connection with the present sitting of he Exchequer Court a funny contingency has arisen: There has been a strike among the shorthand reporters now in the city who are members of the Canadian Shorthand Association. The members of the Hausard staff belong to this Association. By a recent order-in-council the Government will not pay more than 15 cents per folio for court work and the reporters must furnish four copies of the evidence. The Hansard staff are supposed to be availfor this work, but Parliament being in session they could not be obtained. Then the services of outside reporters were called in, but they would not work for less than tariff rates, 20 and 25 ceuts per folio.

Enterprising Burgiary at Stratford. STRATFORD, Feb. 5. - The safe at the office of the Stratford Oil Company was blown open by burglars between 1.30 and 2 o'clock t is morning. As far as known \$55 is all that was taken. The safe door was not locked, but the burglars proceeded to blow it open without noticing this fact.

The Diphtheria Microbe Identified.

Paris, Feb. 5. - The Figaro says two professors connected with the Pasteur Institute have succeeded in identifying the generative microbe of diphtheria. The discovery of a preventive of this disease by means of vaccine virus is expected to follow.

Belleville Taverns Will Not be Cut off.

Belleville, Feb. 5. - The City Council rejected last night, 13 to 7, the petition for the reduction of the number of tavern licenses from 17 to 20.

An Anti-Treating Bill. HARRISBURG, Pa., 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 an other to intoxicating liquors. A C.P.R. Station Burnt.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 5. - The Canadian Pacific Railway station at Headingly was burnt LATEST SPORTING NOTES.

For Walkerton Curlers. CARLETON PLACE, Feb. 5 - The clubs take ing part in the Ottawa Valley bouspiel for the tankard, which is to be won three years in succession before becoming the property of any club, are Pen broke, Rentrew, Amprior, Almonte, Carleton Place, Smith's Falls, Perth and Kingston. In the first round Carleton Place scored a bye. Smith's Falls not being able to send a team Amprior and Almonte played this afternoon, Amprior wixning by two shots.

The Ottawa Valley Bonspiel-Two Victories

Two Victories for Walkerton.

HARRISTON, Teb. 5 -Two matches in the Ontario Tankard competition were played here to-day. In the first Walkerton beat Harriston by 20 shors, and in the second Walkerton beat Wroxeter by 8 shots.

The Sullivan-Kilraln Fight.

Boston, Feb. 5. - Jack Hayes, John L. Sullivan's trainer, says Sullivan will go to New Orleans about April 1 to train for his fight with Kilcain. The fight it is thought will take place at Mississippi City, Miss., but that has not been decided. Sullivan left for New York to night.

Hamilton's taique Acquisition.

HAMILTON, Feb. 5. - The Hams have accepted Pete McShannic's terms and he will be signed when Manager Swartwood returns to Pittsburg. Last season McShannic played third base for Zanesville in the Tri-States League, and had a fielding average of 883. His batting average is not very heavy, but he seldom struck out. In the latter part of 1887 he played 26 games with the Pittsburg league team. McShannic neither drinks nor smokes.

Odessa Public School.

Honour roll for January, Robert T. Pres. ton, principal. Fifth Senior-Eddie Sproule, Ada Mont-

Fifth Junior-Archibald Young, Lottie Schermerhorn, Florence Walker, Ethel Mabee, Agatha Booth,

Fourth Senior-Guy Watts Ernest Young. | aldermen personally liable if the money is Flossie Derbyshire, Walter Watts, Freddie Cairns.

Fourth Junior-Allie McCormac, Siddie Davy, Nellie McCormack, Annie Snider. Third Senior, Miss Henry, teacher-Louis Timmerman, Wallace Laidley, Edith Hem-

stead, Dundas McLeod.

Third Junior-Gertrude Bennett, Florence Hemstead, Carrie Steinberg, Willie Cairns. Second Class, Miss Henzy, teacher-Mable Mabee, Harry Jones, Orange Babcock, Theresa Young. Average attendance 101.

LORD STANLEY "BOUNCED"

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

The Second Day's Pestivities at Montreal Carried on in a Furious Snowstorm-

Hunt Club Batt. 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 trotting races fixed for this afternoon had to be postponed.

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 Tuque Bleue toboggan slide, where, after receiving a hearty bouncing at the hands of the big crowd present, he inaugurated the sliding 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 Victorix 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. Every Canadian city from Vancouver and Winnipeg to Toronto and Halifax sent belles to grace the ballroom, which was a perfect bower of beauty.

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 he 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. Tomhinson, J. Rogers, W. Bell, Mrs. J. Burton, Mrs. J. Lee, M. Madoney, G. W. Reinhardt, Miss Touner, 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 Blata Fined.

HAMILTON, Feb. 5. - At the 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. Arrangements were made for affiliation with the Dominion

At the meeting of the Christian Alliance today 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. Montreal-Rev. John Hall and Dr. Alexander. Ottawa-Mr. Hobbs. Secretary, W. J. Fenton; Treasurer, A. I. Mackenzie; Executive Committee - T. Parker, Mrs. Bryson, Miss Jones, Geo. Fisher, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Peter Mitchell, Mrs. Cardell, Rev. J. T. Dorland, Jas. Watson and M. Brennen, with power to add to their

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. Laid aw 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 Tuiner 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 Vicar-General Hecnan 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 \$50 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, Bowlby. Krantz, Roos, Fennell, Hoffman, Moatz, Breithaupt, Lackner, Jagary, King, Trauers, Janheim and others. The addresses ail abounded in loyalty to Canada and Britain, predicting a grand future for the Dominion.

Winnipeg Wire Whispers. WINNIPEG, Feb. 5. - The Sun says that at last night's caucus of 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

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 loca! 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'nt winter?