THE FINANCES OF QUEBEC.

TREASURER SHEHYN MAKES HIS BUDGET SPEECH.

A Surplus of \$373,000 in Receipts Over Expenditure Claimed-Next Year's Estimated Revenue and Expenditure at \$4,389,000.

QUEBEC, Feb. 15. - In his Budget speech Treasurer Shehyn to-day claimed a surplus of \$373,000 in receipts over expenditure. The floating debt consisted of \$1,000,000 of undisputed claims a'ready due or maturing early. The Treasurers statement showed nearly \$750,000 realized over the estimates. After deducting the increass in interest the ordinary expenditure of the last fiscal year had remained about the same in all its items as in 1883, 1884 and 1887. For the intermediate years he claimed the then Government had cut down expenses in view of impending general elections. The excess of expenditure over receipts Dec. 31 was \$1,893,000.

He estimated for next year's revenue \$3,463,000, of which \$58,000 was capital account and \$3,400,000 ordinary revenue. He expected \$1,250,000 from the Federal subsidy and interest on trust funds from the Federal Government.

Regarding the \$20,000 from Ontario a interest on coffections from the school fund he said, pursuant to the recent agreement, Ontario intended to pay into the hands of the Federal Government the capital of the amounts collected since Confederation from the sale of school lands. Quebec's share of this would be about \$400,000 and five per cent, interest was to be paid on the deposit.

The total payments of the year he estimated at \$4,389,000, of which \$3,353,000 was for ordinary expenditure and \$1,000,000 on capital account. Of the former \$1,186,-000 wo ld be required for public service, and \$2,167,060 for administrative service. Of the latter \$270,800 was needed for railway construction and \$765,000 for railway

Mr. Desjardins, M. P. P. for Montmorency, repaied at great length.

TORONTO TOPICS.

A Rad Man Deceives a Flogging at the Cen trat Prison.

Tokonto, Feb. 16. Henry Wilton received the first dose of his flogging at the Central Prison yesterday morning. Wilton was convicted at the last term of the Criminal Assize Court of the crime of assum: and attempted outrage upon 5 year-old Rhoda Todd, on the Kingston road some three months ago. He was sentenced to twenty-two months' imprisonment, with the additional penalty of fifty lashes twenty-five to be administered in the first month of his im prisonment and the final flogging before his release. He exhibited extreme nervousness when he was led up to the flogging rack and tied in the position for the punishment. He was in an almost helpless condition when his back was being bared by the prison officials and appeared scarcely able to stand alone. He is a small man, weighing about 125 pounds and stripped to the waist revealed a narrow, bony back and shoulders that seemed but poorly calculated to stand the punishment. At the sixth lash he uttered one agonizing groan, after which he bore his punishment in dogged silence. The prisoner is an American, 25 years of age, and is lame from the effects of a hip disease. He asserts that this is the first time he has ever been in prison.

John Martin, the expressman in whose possession the detectives recovered a big sleigh load of plunder on Monday last, was arraigned on three charges of larceny and committed for trial yesterday.

So far as ice for drinking purposes is concerned there is still grave danger of a famine in Toronto. The bay was clear three days ago, but is frozen over again to such an extent that ice-boating is at its best, but dealers say they must go to Lake Simcoe for next year's supply.

Mr. Justice Falconbridge gave his decision yesterday in the seed wheat swindle case, Dennis v. Currie, tried before him at Woodstock, and previously reported. The gist of the judgment was that the plaintiff was a bona fide holder of the note obtained by the Ontario Grain and Seed Co., and had no notice of the fraudulent manner by which it was obtained. The cupidity of the defendant Currie caused him to sigs the note, paying the fabulous price of \$15 a bushel for the oats, which he intended to dispose of to his neighbors; that the whole thing was a swindle, and as the note in question had passed through several hands before it came into the possession of the plaintiff, and taking all the circumstances into account, defend ant was entitled to no relief. Judgment was accordingly given for the plaintiff with costs. The defendants' remedy over agains: the Ontario Grain and Seed Company was not decided in the judgment.

In Farlinger v. Village of Morrisburg Judge Street decided ye erday that the application to set aside a bylaw granting a bonus to a paper factory in that thriving burg must be dismissed with costs.

He Has Got Into Trouble.

MONTREAL, Feb. 16. - For a year or two past William Greterle, living at Cote St Antoine, has been carrying on what was known as a black goods store on Notre Dame-street. He, however, departed the other day and Mr. Feedor Boas, of McGill street, was named curator to the concern Yesterday a good deal of surprise was mani fested amongst the members of the trade on learning of Greterle's arrest on s capias at Mr. Boas' instance, charging the former with the secretion of property to the value of \$27,178.06. It may also be stated that while the interested parties were in the high sheriff's office subsequent to the arrest, Mr. J. N. Greenshields, advocate, acting for Boas, had a warrant issued from the Police Court bringing a second charge against the accused of receiving the amount

above mentioned under false pretences. The curator alleged that the accused told him that his father was owing him the sum of \$5000, and on this report got cash and goods. Mr. Boas states that on the contrary, Greterie, sr., did not owe his son a cent, and in fact the debt was the other way to the extent of \$10,000. The prisoner, being seen, would make no communication until he had seen his lawyers, Messra. Archibald, Lynch & Foster, and was consequently sent to jail.

Startling Revelations Expected. London, Feb. 15 .- Lord Ailesbury has begun suit for divorce from his wife, who before her marriage was known as Dolly Tester. The Marquis, it is stated, names as co-respondents a bookmaker named Riley and Mr. Abington, who owns a racing stable. Startling financial revelations are expected when the case comes up.

Murder at Pittston. PITTSTON, Pa., Feb. 15. - John Gray was robbed and murdered by Italians early this morning. The murderers escaped.

Wissmann Off for Africa. Berlin, Feb. 15. - Captain Wissmann left Berlin to-day for East Africa.

LIQUOR AND CROWN LANDS.

The Financial Returns from Both to the Province Last Year.

TORONTO, Feb. 16. - Among the public bills . introduced by the Attorney-General in the Legislature yesterday were measures respecting limited liabilities of incorporated companies, the Land Titles Act and the Manhood Suffrage Act.

Mr. Gibson's (Huron) motion for a return of copies of all correspondence relating to the Land Improvement Fund between the Governments of Ontario and Quebec led to a good deal of discussion, which was participated in by the Premier, the leader of Opposition, Mr. O'Connor (Bruce), Hon. Mr. Ross, Mr. Creighton and Mr. Blyth (Grey). Finally the motion was carried.

Two reports were presented to the House yesterday, one on the working of Tavern and Shop Licenses. The other was the report of the Crown Lands Department. The Provincial Treasurer presented the first named report which stated there had been a decrease in the number of licenses issued comparing 1887-8 with the preceding year, of 73 taverns and 42 shops. In 1887-8 there were 123 extensions, 250 transfers, 31 removals, making a total of 404.

The revenue derived from licenses and fines was for 1885-6, \$165,285; for 1886-7, \$216,454; for 1887-8, 201,542. The decrease in provincial revenue is accounted for principally by the reduction in the number of tavern and shop licenses issued in Toronto, the revenue payable to the province fr m the city being reduced by \$12,-797 as compared with 1886-7.

Fines collected during the past year were \$15,999, compared with \$12,0333 in 1886 7. This does not include the fines collected in districts in which the Canada Temperance Act is in force.

The number committed for drunkenness during 1888 exceeds the number committed in 1887 by 321.

These counties in which the Canada Temperance Act is in force show a decrease in the number of committals as follows: Dufferin 3, Frontenac (including Kingston) 1, Lanark 5, Muskoka and Parry Sound 2, Norfolk 2, Lennox and Addington 1, Renfrew 2, Wellington 1; total 15.

These counties in which the License Act is in force show an increase in commitments: Algoma 43, Essex 1, Grey 8, Haldi mand 7, Hastings (including Belleville) 16. Nipissing 19, Peel 16, Prince Edward 25, Waterloo 4, Wentworth and Hamilton 56.

These counties in which the License Act is in force show a decrease in convictions: Perth 3, Welland 20, York and Toronto 68. The report of the Commissioner of Crown Lands for 1888 was presented to the House 1. Hon, J. M. Gibson. The area of Crown ands sold during the year was 52,962 acres aggregating in value \$76,453. The total collections of the department on account of all sources of revenue was \$1,450,-089.

The total disbursements of the department on account of all service and expenditure was \$248,029.

The collections from woods and forests was \$1,316,139, including \$748,865 paid on account of bonuses, leaving the net collections on account of timber dues, ground rent, etc., \$ 67,273.

In the matter of free grants, there are now 113 townships open for settlement. During the year 842 locations were made on 109,002 acres of land, 704 locaters purchased 2799 acres: 523 patents were issued to locaters.

THE TILBURY MURDER.

Benjamin McMahon Arraigned at Chatham Yesterday.

CHATHAM, Feb. 15. - After several postponements the trial of Benjamin McMahon, of Wheatley, before the police magistrate began to-day. The prisoner was attended by Mr. Pegley; W. Douglas, Q.C., conducted the prosecution.

Edwin R. Shaw, of Tilbury East, said that on the 2nd of July last in Wheatley, prisoner endeavored to get him to join him and one McDuff in robbing old man Holton. The prisoner said Holton had \$1000 on him, and "by God I am going to have it." Witness said Holton might shoot them. Prisoner said no danger, and if it was necessary he could shoot too. Witness told a magistrate's clerk in Tilbury Centre the next day, but he did not think there was any need to take proceedings. When he heard of the murder he related the conversation to the detective. His evidence was full and remained unshaken by a long cross-examination,

Geo. Mustard, of Colchester North, deposed to prisoner coming to his place or May 22, in company with one Alex. Matteson, also known as McDuff. They trie. to get him to join in the plot, but he refused, and said that they would kill the old mar and get caught. Saw prisoner afterwards looking for McDuff, who he believed was going back on him. In September prisoner came where witness was threshing, called him aside, and asked him if there were any suspicions on him and McDuff. Witness said they had lots of gall to stay around Prisoner said if it was to be done again he would not do what he had done.

This was the first of the evidence, and the magistrate would have committed the I 's oner at once, but his counsel took the objec tion that the murder had not been prover at this trial, though the evidence was put in at Quick's trial

The court adjourned till Monday, when the medical and other evidence touching the murder itself will be given.

B., W. AND L. E. RAILWAY.

The First Work Towards Construction Done Yesterday at Waterford.

WATERFORD, Feb. 15. - President Geo. H. Wilkes, Treasurer Robert Henry, Secretary J. J. Hawkins, H. McKay Wilson, Q. C. solicitor; Sheriff Scarfe, of the county of Brant, all of the board of directors of the B., W. and L. E. Railway; also Mr. A. J. C. Gettelby, manager Bank of Montreal, Brantford; - Chief Engineer Wickstead, Contractors Niham and Elliott, Messrs. Fair and Devlin, and Dr. Malcolm of Oak. land; Warden Sovereign and Dr. Duncomb of Waterford; A. J. Wilkes, solicitor Bank of Montreal, Brantford, and many others met here to-day and duly began actual operations on the R., W. and L. E. railway by cutting down the first tree on the route. After the monarch of the forest had been laid low the company adjourned to the Commercial Hotel for dinner, President Wilkes in the chair and Treasurer Henry in

the vice chair. Speeches were made by the President, Vice Chairman Henry, Warden Sovereign, Dr. Duncomb, Manager Gettelby, of the Bank of Montreal; A. J. Wilkes, Scarfe, Hawkins, Dr. Malcolm, H. McK. Wilson, Nihan, Devlin and Fair. The compjourned after present g Warde Sovereign with the axe used the cere ony. The railway is to be com leted by Se tember 1st next. Great enthu..... | rev als over the

commencement of the project.

U.S. Cotton Receipts. NEW YORK, Feb. 15. - The total receipts of cotton at all ports of the United States since Sept. I last are reported at 4,723,456 bales.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

THE HOUSE HAS A LONG SESSION IN SUPPLY.

The Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture-Caucus of the Imperial Federationists-Chat from the Capital.

OTTAWA, Feb. 16.—The House was in Committee of Supply for nearly seven hours yesterday and it was 11.30 before adjournment took place. Under the head of departmental contingencies the Opposition made a vigorous criticism of the various items. The House was comparatively empty at the evening session. Speaker Allan and the Minister of the Interior were giving dinner parties and consequently there were only a few to take part in the criticisms. The attack was led by Mr. Patterson of Brant, Mr. Somerville of Brant, Mr. Lister of Lambton, Mr. McMullen of Wellington, Mr. Davies of Prince Edward Island, Sir Richard Cartwright and Dr. Wilson of Elgin.

Hon. C. H. Pupper, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, was kept busy at the afternoon session in proving that he ran his department as well and as cheaply as did Peter Mitchell when that gentleman was at the head of the navy and the fish ponds of the country. Mr. Mitchell would not have it that way. and he gave the young gentleman who now fills his shoes a great deal of crossquestioning.

Mr. Waldie of Halton took a hand in the talk and said that the fishery inspector along the water front of his county paid more attention to trying to defeat him (Mr. Waldie) then attending to his duties.

The skirmish in the evening was quite lively. The traveling expenses of ministers and Government officials together with cab fares at the Capita was discussed for nearly three hours. Mr. Lister and Mr. Casey said it was generally understood that every member of the Cabinet had passes on all the railroads in Canada, and there was an insinuation thrown out that some of the ministers traveled on passes and charged the amount of fares to their department

Sir John Macdonald was to this time, listening quietly to the criticisms that were hurled across the floor. But when this remark fell on his ear he said that the whole thing was false and unworthy of a member of Parliament.

Mr. Lister said a good deal about the free pass business and he added that there was much money that was charged to ministerial expenses that he really believed was ex-

pended in other ways. Dr. Wilson wanted to know how the Minister of Militia disposed of the \$1500 charged to that gentleman for personal expenses during the past year.

Sir Adolphe said it was every cent of it used for expenses in connection with his department. He refused further explanation but said the items had been furnished the Auditor-General.

The Minister of Customs was complimented as being the most economical member as to personal expenses of the Cabinet. Speaking of sums paid for cab his by the Premier, Sir John said he was too poor to own horses and a carriage, he was too old to walk to Earnscliffe, and as long as he was in the office he supposed the items would be charged. The Premier maintained that these contigencies were voted by Parliament, and his government were in the habit of expending them. He did not think they were improperly expended.

Notwithstanding the vigorous criticism offered by the Opposition the House is making good progress with the estimates and the various items for civil Government have all been passed.

MR. CARLING'S REPORT.

Facts and Figures From the Minister o Agriculture.

OTTAWA, Feb. 15.-Hon. John Carling, Minister of Agriculture, presented his annual report to the House to-day. The total importation of live stock into Canada during 1888 was as follows;

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Arrivals in Canada

The number of immigrants arriving in Can ada from 1884 to 1888 were: Via St. Lawrence: 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888,

At Quebec 23,500 At Montr'l 9.191 81,529 17,035 22,782 85,749 37,721 Via Susp Bridge 68,119 27,511 31,473 53,477 68,829 Via inland ports 15,627 10,535 6,100 10,297 8,405 Mari Province ports: Hallfax ... 19,589 N. Brunsw'k. 1,470

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tlers' goods...... 85,194 32,301 25.277 29,822 31,683 The number of persons who went to Manitoba and the Northwest in 1888 was 40,937,

and the total number of settlers was 29,604. The chief feature in the immigration arrangements during the year 1888 was the discontinuance of the assisted passage system on April 27 last, the date of the termination of the agreements with the steamship companies by their terms. The agreements with the steamship compames for granting assisted passages commenced in 1872 and were continued with trifling interruption until April last. The discontinuance of the system was determined on after a careful consideration of the changed conditions of immigration, and

particularly in respect to the competition to promote it as bet ween the years 1872 and 1888. The demand to obtain immigrants from the United Kingdom and from the German and Scandinavian people of Europe by the United States was very much more decided sixteen years ago than at present and it was then ound necessary, in view of the kind of repre-

sentation made in relation to the advantages of the United States and Canada respectively as fields for immigration, and also as respects climate and routes, to make a cheap differential fate in favor of the St. Lawrence and the ports of the Maritime Provinces. It is found that in consequence of changed conditions during the period mentioned nothing of this kind is any onger necessary.

The value of the personal effects of immigrants entered at the custom house as settlers' goods amounted in 1882 to \$925,612, to \$1,153, 632 in 1883, to \$1,089,564 in 1884, to \$1,085,274 m 1885, to \$997,335 in 1886, to \$1,148,903 in 1887 and to \$1,180,343 in 1888.

FRAUDS ON FARMERS.

The Grapevine Scheme in the Magara District-House Committees Organized.

OTTAWA, Feb. 15.-Mr. Brown's frauds on farmers committee held its first session this morning in the tower room. Some light was thrown on the grape vin- frauds in the Niagara district. Four witnesses from the vicinity of Hamilton were examined. They were: G. W. Cline, Wan, Orr, C. J. Carpenter, T. H. B. Carpenter.

The evidence went to show that five years ago a new grape was introduced by the Niagara Company. The vines were sold at 71 cents apiece on planting, the purchaser to pay \$2 more each when they began to bear. The purchasers were promised by the company that they would not sell any more of that brand till 1888. This promise was as alleged shortly afterwards broken. The vines were also guaranteed to stand the winter. This they were stated not to have done satisfactorily. In certain cases crops were not obtained till last year. It was also shown that the agreements signed by the purchasers amounted in fact to mortgages on their facms, Subsequenely the name of the firm was changed to the 'Niagara White Grape Company. When the purchasers complained of the agreement not being kept the company would not recognize the agreement. They are now sueing the witnesses.

The House committees organized this morning and selected chairmen as follows:

Banking and Commerce-Mr. Hall, Agriculture and Colonization-Peter White, Privileges and elections-Mr. Gironard. Railways and Canals-Sir Hector Langavin. Private Bills-Mr. Ives. Expiring laws -Mr. Hesson, AN OPENING FOR RAILWAY MEN.

Queenslard Wants Two Commissioners-Notices From The Gazette.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.-A. R. Creelman of Toronto applies for the incorporation of the Stock Stable Car Company of Canada (Linuted), with headquarters at Toronto. The capital stock is \$500,000 in \$500 shares. The applicants are Adolphe Nathan () W. Meesinburg, S. M. Fisher, Cincago; Rieshardt B. Angus, Montreal; E. B. Osler, Toronto. The objects of the company are the manufacture. use, sale and leasing of improved stock cars and apparatus for feeding, watering and load ing cattle on cars, etc. The Port Haron Button Company, \$10,000 stock, applies for

Here's a dandy "sit" for railway men to be advertised in The Canada Gazette to-morrow. The Government of Queensland want a chief commissioner absolute and a commissioner for the management of Government roads of the colony. Their duties will consist of the construction of authorized lines, maintenance, inspection, attention to repairs, etc. The ability required is of a very high order. The salary of the chief commissioner shall be £3000 and the other commissioner £1500. The Minister of Railways of Canada will receive applications up till March 9. These applications will be sent to the Agent-General of Queensland

The Lakeside Navigation Company, head quarters at Walkerville, Ont., ask for moorporation, capital stock \$30,000. The return of C. W. Colter, M. P. for

Haldimand, will be gazetted to-morrow. An order-in-Counci! has been passed providing that licenses to foreign applicants for salmon fishing in British Columbia shall continue to be issued to those approved of by the inspector and the department.

The Columbia River Lumber Company (limited), with a capital stock of \$30,000 in \$100 shares, applies for incorporation. The chief place of business is Toronto and the applicants are ; J. Ross, Sherbrook, Que.; Wm. McKenzie, Kirkfield Robinson, Beaver, B.C.; Nicol Kingsmill, A. J. Cattanach, Toronto.

Copital Chat.

OTTAWA, Feb. 15.-The debate on Sir Richard C rtwright's treaty resolution will begin on Monday, and it is expected will last for several days. It is believed in well-informed circles that the petition for the pardon of Wm. Kyle w:11

prove successful,

The condition of Hon. J. H. Pope still remains very critical, and his recovery is

The Imperial Federationists in Parliament held a meeting to-day to consider the line of action to be pursued in the House this session. Sir Adams Archibald was in the chair. Those present were Messrs, McCarthy, Bryson, Demson, Chisholm, Carpenter, Hudspet 1, Laurier, McDougall, McKeen, Masson, Mills of Nova Scotia, Brien, Shahly, Steven Tyrwhitt, Tisdale, Ward, Wood of Westmoreland. There was considerable discussion, but no definite decision was arrives at. A commutee was appointed to make reports,

Ambitions City Notes.

Hamilton, Feb. 15. - Word was received here this morning that William Dundas, who formerly worked in M. Brennen & Son's planing mills, was instantly killed in a logging camp near Washburn, Wis., last week by a tree falling on him. Dundas mother, Mrs. Fulton, lives in this city.

E. T. Wright, while coasting in Concession street last night, was upset and struck by one of the runners of another bob which was following close behind. His face wat cut from the temple to the chin. Thirtytwo stitches were put into it.

F. H. Beatty was charged at the Police Court this morning with neglecting to support his wife and children. The wife told a sad story of neglect and the case was adjourned until Monday.

A ROMANTIC HISTORY. How a Poor Girl, Who Was Descried When

a Child, Became Rich. KALAMAZOO, Mich., Feb. 15.-A poot

family of this vicinity has just fallen heir to \$40,000. The story reads like a romance. In 1870 a girl baby was left at the home of Peter Gahide, a shoemaker, for adoption by a beautiful girl of sixteen and an old man, They refused to give any reasons for deserting the child, and have not been heard from since. The baby grew up here and worked in the city with several respectable families as nurse. In 1887 she married Fred Moore, a farm hand, and they now live in Texas township ou \$15 a month. On Wednesday a Pinkerton detective arrived in this city in search of the girl, and on Thursday found her. His story is that her erring father died recently in Kansas, leaving \$40,000 to her, which she will soon receive. The will set forth the clews to be followed in finding the girl. Her mother is also still living and is reported to be worth \$100,000.

Quebec R. R. Bonds Offered,

LONDON, Feb. 16.-The Railway Share Trust Agency Company invite subscriptions for \$780,000 of 5 per cent. first mortgage bonds of the Quebec and Lake St. John railway. The issue price is 96, with interest guaranteed for ten years by the Province of Quebec, while the whole net sarnings will be devoted to a fund to meet the interest for a further five years, and bonds which amount to £4100 per mile will be secured by first mortgage on the main line, 190 miles long, no further charge to be created except in subordination to the present issue.

TUPPER ON ANNEXATION.

A SPEECH 'BY CANADA'S HIGH COM-MISSIONER.

He Believes the Dominion Will Always Remain a British Colony The Parnell

Commission. Lendon, Feb. 15. -Sir Charles Tupper, at a banquet to night, said that while desiring friendly communication with the United States he thought Canada would never seriously consider the question of annexation and that she would ever remain a British colony.

The Parnell Letters,

London, Feb. 15. - Mr. Parnell was present at to-day's session of the Parnell Commission. Mr. Soames offered in evidence a sch date of all the signatures of Mr. Par ell that he possessed. He said Parnell's writing varied considerably, and produced a letter in which Parnell's name was written in six ways. Justice Hannen ordered that the letter be photographed. Witness denied that he had heard that Pigott and the League clerk he interviewed in Ireland had a grievance against Pernell. Pigott, he said, had made a statutery declaration that Solicitor Lewis had offered him £1000 if he would swear that he had forged the letter said to have been written by Parnell. The Times paid Pigott £40 or £50. Witness had Pigott watched and traced him into the company of Mr. Labouchere. He paid Houston, secretary of the Irish Loyal and Patriotic Union, altogether

Soames said Pigott told of interviews he had with Solicitor Lewis and Labouchere. The latter sent Pigot; several £10 notes. One of these was forwarded to Ireland and there re-directed to London. Witness produced a copy of the letter which accompanied it. It had never occurred to witness to ask Pigott how he acquired the letter, neither had he asked Houston.

Pigott showed witness a letter from Lewis accusing Pigott of having admitted he forged the letters and his reply, whereupon witness required that the statutory declaration be made in which Pigott detailed all the communications between himself and Lewis, including the offer of £1000 by Lewis on behalf of Labouchere if he would swear he forged the letters. This statement caused

Soames said Pigott did not tell of the correspondence he had with Archbishop Walsh of Dublin regarding the letters. He never heard of the correspondence until he heard it mentioned in court last evening. Besides Inglis, Soames said The Times engaged Birch and Ellis as experts. He never promised Pigott sixpence but knew Pigott asked Houston for £5000 on the ground that it would be impossible for him to live in Dublin after giving evidence for The Times and that he wanted to make some provision for himself. Witness told him he could not listen to such a suggestion, but Pigott might rest satisfied that The Times would never see him ruined through his honestly testifying to all he

Soames said a man calling himself Wilson wrote to him offering to give information. He recognized the writing as that of O'Brien, an emissary from Egan to Labouchere. The offer to furnish information was simply a "plant." He had O'Brien watched. At Labouchere's instance O'Brien was sent to Dublin to see Pigott. In Dublin O'Brien assumed the name of Sinclair. The men following O'Brien traced him to Labouchere's and Pigott's houses and then traced Pigott, Lewis and Parnell to Labouchere's residence. The witness knew O'Brien as a man known in America as Robertson. It was "Robertson" who deluded Detective Moser with letters which had since been admitted to be forgeries.

Kirby was paid £250 to go to America and procure from Sheridan the original Parnell letter a facsimile of which was published in The Times. Mr. Hurlburt saw this

Soames was re-examined by Sir R. D. Webster. He said there was no bargainwith The Times to purchase letters. If the l'arnell letters were forgeries then the writing of the others signed with the names of Egan, Campbell, Davitt and O'Kelly of Tyrone must have been forged. The bodies of six disputed Parnell letters were in the writing of Campbell.

Willacott, an employe of The Central News, deposed that in an interview with Parnell on the appearance of the facsimile letter in 1887 Parnell called the letter an impudent forgery.

MacDonald, manager of The Times, deposed that in October, 1855, he got five Parnell and six Egan letters. He stipulated that their authenticity must be tested before payment of the price which Houston said he gave for them. When the other letters, those of O'Kel y and Davitt, were tested he paid Houston £1780, the sum represented as expended in gaining posses sion of the letters, Houston declining person-

al remuneration.

Upon cross-examination witness said benever asked how Houston got the letters. He had asked about the difference in the writing in the body of the letter and in the signature, and Houston said it was a practice of the leaders of the movement that one wrote the letter, another signed it and a third person addressed the envelope. Witness ascertained from other sources that this was an actual practice and that some letters were purposely left undated. Egan wrote whole letters himself. The bodies of the Parneil letters were all more or less written in a disguised hand except in one letter dated Kilmainham. The writing in the body of the facsimile letter is disguised but the signature of Parnell is not. Witness never heard that the letters were offered to other papers but had heard that the documents had been offered to Lord Hartington before they were offered to The Times. Houston produced no voucher for sums paid Six months were occupied inquiring if the documents were bona tide. Witness was convinced that the lette s were genuine and he thought that before the second reading of the Crimes Bill would be a fitting time to show the country the character of the men making themselves prominent in Irish affairs. The commission here adjourned.

Suspended for Hazing.

Easton, Pa., Feb. 14.-All the Sophomores of Lafayette Coilege were suspended last night for hazing, and went home to-

Dynamite in a Letter Box. Paris, Feb. 15.—Three officials in the postoffice at Chartres were seriously injured by an explosion of dynamite in a letter box to-day.

Montreal's New Mayor MONTREAL, Feb. 15 .- The municipal nominations took place to-day. Ald. J. Grenier was returned by acclamation as mayor.

The Ladies on Wheels. New York, Feb. 15.-The score in the ladies' bicycle race at Madison Square Garden at 6 o'clock, this evening was as follows: Stanley, 454 miles; Von Blumen, 433; Snallor, 385; Oakes, 379; Lewis, 372; Baldwin, 368; Hart, 337; Woods, 303; McShane, 272; Armaindo, 196; Brown, 193.