The Toronto World.

FOURTH YEAR. FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 14, 1883. PRICE ONE CENT.

ANNAMS KING KILLED.

HIS MAJESTY POISONED BY THE WAR PARTY.

A Fresh Defiance to France—More Reinforcements to be Sent—An Agreement Possible with China.

SAIGON, Dec. 13.—It is reported a revolution has occurred at Hue, and that the king of Annam has been killed.

HONG KONG, Dec. 13.—It is stated Hiephema, king of Annam, has been poisoned by the anti-French party. It is also rumored that a fresh declaration of war has been proclaimed by Annam against France. The city of Haipong has been strongly fortified by the French.

PARIS, Dec. 13.—It is stated that the cabinet to-day decided to send reinforcements to Tonquin. Three thousand men will be forwarded soon. Le Temps says the question will not be definitely acted upon till Saturday.

La Liberte asserts that the Marquis Tzeng admitted yesterday that Sontay might be evacuated by Chinese troops, but Bac Ninh never would be given up. He expressed the belief that an amicable understanding upon the Tonquin question was possible.

It is stated that the Marquis Tzeng has accepted an invitation from Prime Minister Ferry to attend a diplomatic banquet on Dec. 22. The senate has voted urgency upon the Tonquin credits bill.

A despatch from Hanoi dated Dec. 5 confirms the report of the breaking out of a revolution at Hue and the poisoning of King Hiephema. The new king of Annam is Tiephoa. The influence of the anti-French mandarins is paramount at Hue and war against France has been proclaimed. The French force in charge of Hue is insufficient to meet the new danger. Reinforcements are urgently necessary.

The war office is daily issuing orders having reference to the shipment of supplies and war material to the British stations in China. The steamer Kankow, which sails for China next Wednesday, is shipping heavy guns and howitzers.

FOUR THOUSAND CORPSES.

El Mahdi's Loss in the Battle With Hicks Pasha.

CAIRO, Dec. 13.—Col. Harrington, who visited the battle field near Suakim, counted 4,000 rebel corpses. Relatives had removed many others. The spy who was sent to El Obeid has returned to Khartoum. He confirms the reports of the destruction of Hicks' army, and says El Mahdi is now almost without followers. Many of his men were killed in an engagement with Hicks' forces and several tribes have returned home. El Mahdi found great difficulty in organizing the force he has sent against the Kakabesh tribes.

ANOTHER MARE'S NEST.

The Dublin Police Seize a Loyal Poulterer's Guns and Accuse Him of Fenianism.

DUBLIN, Dec. 13.—The police have seized a quantity of arms and ammunition in a house on D'Olier street, occupied by one Dunne, who was arrested. Dunne is a prominent member of the National league, and is believed to be connected with the Fenians.

Dunne is a loyalist. He is a poulterer and required guns for the shooting of game, but failed to take out a license.

Marauding in Madagascar.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—A despatch from Tamatave, Nov. 13, says the French continue their marauding expeditions along the coast. They have bombarded Mahambo and some small ports in Antogil bay and Vohemar in British sound. Landing at Vohemar they burned the town and destroyed a quantity of British property, over which the British flag was flying. The Hovas retired from the town.

A Nut for English Statesmen.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The Times says that there was never a more uncompromising defiance flung in the face of the English nation or government than when Parnell on Tuesday evening declared war upon constitutional principles and the connection between England and Ireland. The situation is serious and will tax the ability of English statesmen to the utmost.

Attempt to Blow Up a Police Commissary.

PARIS, Dec. 13.—A bomb thrown into a house on the Rue Crozatier to-day exploded, doing considerable damage. A police commissary resides in the house.

The 'Prentice Boys Prohibited.

DUBLIN, Dec. 13.—Earl Spencer has prohibited a procession of apprentice boys at a nationalist demonstration announced to take place at Londonderry on Dec. 18.

THE OLD WORLD IN BRIEF.

Hurricanes have been doing great damage in Spain.

The mission of Moody and Sankey at Shepney has been a wonderful success.

Abbott, Page & Co., stockbrokers of London, Eng., have failed. Liabilities, £165,000.

The German liberal press does not approve of the proposed visit of the crown prince to Rome.

The report that a French vessel had taken possession of the islands of Annobon and Crisco is denied.

A review of 20,000 Italian troops has been ordered by King Humbert in honor the crown prince Frederick William.

The flood in the river Scheldt has subsided. Considerable damage has been done to the quays and streets of Antwerp adjacent to the river.

Two steamers were wrecked in Holland in the recent gales—one off Texel and the other off Hellevoetslius. A lifeboat found three dead bodies aboard the latter steamer.

The Khedive says that should El Mahdi reach the first or second cataract of the Nile it will be easier to strike a decisive blow at him. Egypt will never withdraw from the Soudan.

There has been a grave conflict near Kruschins between the peasants and official surveyors measuring the land for assessment. The military were called out and forty rioters arrested and taken to Warsaw.

Earl Granville will take no action on the resolutions passed by the Australian convention until the official documents have been received from Sydney by mail. It is thought the final decision will be to establish a protectorate over New Guinea and the other South Pacific islands it is proposed to annex.

OSCAR THE BEAUTIFUL.

A Case Involving the Right to Copyright Photographs.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The case of Sarony against the Burrow Giles lithographic company, which was argued in the United States supreme court this afternoon relates to the photograph of Oscar Wilde and envolves a question whether the copyright acts granting protection to photographs are constitutional. Counsel for Sarony argued that the latter had "invented" the picture in controversy, that is, that he had posed Oscar Wilde before the camera, selected his costume, as well as the draperies and other accessories, arranged said Oscar Wilde in a graceful position, and suggested and evoked the desired expression. This, counsel maintained, made Mr. Sarony an author or inventor, not of the subject of the picture, it was true, but of the picture itself. Counsel for the lithographic company contended that Sarony had not produced or invented Oscar Wilde, but had merely arranged him, that is had newly arranged something already extant. Sarony was not the creator of Oscar Wilde and the photograph was not such an original as could be copyrighted. All that the photographer did was to put Wilde in a particular suit of clothes and have him cross his legs in a particular position. That work was not the work of an author and Sarony was not entitled to copyright protection.

A FERRY BOAT ON FIRE.

Lucky Escape of the Passengers and Crew.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The ferry boat Garden City, of the East river ferry company, caught fire and was burned at noon to-day. Several horses were burned, but all the passengers and employes escaped as far as known. The boat was valued at $100,000 and had just left the slip on her way to Long Island city when the flames burst from the deck above the boiler. The engines were reversed and the boat backed into the slip, but so rapid was the spread of the fire that before it reached the bridge the cabins were wrapped in flames from end to end. In a desperate jump to save himself Pilot Nelson dislocated his shoulder. Engineer Tracey ran through the flames and reached the deck with his clothing all ablaze. Fireman Riel finding escape to the dock cut off dropped through the port hole into the river. He was saved. A dozen passengers and ferry hands jumped to the bulwarks of the ferry slip or dashed through the flames to the bridge. It is said several teams jumped into the river.

MORE THUNDER FOR ENGLAND.

Anti-British Resolutions Adopted by an Irish Convention at Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 13.—At the Irish state convention to-day resolutions were reported condemning the British government, approving of the action of the Philadelphia convention calling for allegiance to Parnell, declaring Ireland's hopes lies in the union and fraternity of her sons regardless of creed or sect, and denouncing as infamous the efforts of the British government to rekindle the fires of religious intolerance as manifested in the late attacks by English-inspired mobs upon the Irish nationalists in Ireland. The resolutions say it is the duty of Irishmen to promote manufactures in Ireland and encourage the importation of Irish goods into America.

An Important Insurance Case.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14—The verdict in the Dwight insurance case, rendered to-day at Norwich in favor of the plaintiffs against the Germania Life Insurance company, affects nineteen companies, who insured Dwight for $200,000. Two other companies who had insured Dwight to the extent of $55,000 did not contest the claims of the heirs, but paid the amounts soon after Dwight's death. It was agreed by the contesting companies to accept the suit against the Germania as a test case and abide by its result.

A Mother's Heroism.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Mrs. Josephine Basset, a young married woman, upset a lamp yesterday which set fire to her clothing. Her two little children ran to her and to avoid setting fire to their dresses she fled out of doors. The flames thus fanned, burned her terribly and she died at the hospital an hour later. She was a fireman's daughter and said she knew that she could have smothered the flames by rolling bed clothes around her. "But I had to run away to save the children," she said.

A Jewish Synagogue Desecrated.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Unknown parties entered the Jewish synagogue on Clinton and Judd streets last night, destroyed the interior ornamentation, wrenched off the gas fixtures, tore the gowns and curtains, and utterly wrecked the furniture. Cause of the vandalism unknown.

A Wrestling Fizzle.

BOSTON, Dec. 13.—The wrestling match this afternoon between Dufur and McMahon for the championship of the world proved a farce. The wrestling proceeded upward of two hours without a fall. McMahon then withdrew, forfeiting the alleged stakes. All bets were declared off.

A Marvellous Escape Indeed.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 13.—At Washington street crossing to-day a Chicago train crushed into the Madison train on the St. Paul road and split in two a passenger coach containing half a dozen people, who had a marvellous escape. Not one was seriously injured. The accident was caused by misunderstanding the signals.

Anti-Chinese Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—A meeting of members from the Pacific coast was held this morning. Anti-Chinese legislation was discussed. Several propositions to amend the present Chinese restriction law, so as to make it less easy of evasion, were referred to a committee, which will draft an appropriate amendment.

Eleven Horses Burned.

NEW YORK, Dec, 13.—Redman's livery stable, Madison street, was burned early this morning. Eleven horses perished. Several families lived over the stable and narrowly escaped.

The Result of Seventeen Years of Law.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—Charles McLaughlin was shot and killed to-day by Jerome B. Cox. The tragedy was the result of seventeen years' litigation.

A HORRIBLE OUTRAGE.

MISS BOND TELLS A TERRIBLE STORY.

She Pleads with the Villains to Take Her Life Rather Than Rob Her of Woman's Dearest Treasure.

HILLSBORO, Ill., Dec. 13.—The court was densely thronged to-day. Miss Bond took the stand and reiterated the circumstances of the outrage. She said "On the afternoon of June 29, after dismissing school and when sweeping out the room I was seized from behind by a man who dropped through the scuttle hole from the attic. He choked me till I was blind. He tied a shawl round my waist. Then pulled me up to the loft. As I went up I saw the face of one of the men in the loft, and there (pointing to Montgomery) is the very man. I swear that is the face I saw." She noticed the other man in the loft had low cut shoes and red stockings. She was taken up and laid on a platform in the loft. She told the men she would rather lose her life than her virtue and begged them to kill her. One man remarked that was easy enough to do, and taking out a knife made nine cuts on her throat and face. She lost consciousness, and on recovering about an hour afterwards, found she had been outraged. She was assaulted repeatedly after that and chloroformed. When she recovered consciousness about one o'clock in the morning she found herself lying on the school house floor. Her back was very much bruised, and her knees, arms, and shoulders bore marks where her assailants had grasped her. She showed the scars to the jury. She had never seen Montgomery but once before the night of the outrage and then didn't know him.

During the examination Miss Bond was taken very sick and compelled to rest many times. She was frequently affected to tears.

UNITED STATES NEWS.

The New York Tribune has now got forty non-union men at work.

Female suffrage clubs or leagues are to be formed throughout Massachusetts.

Small-pox has again broken out at Girardville, Pa. Three young girls are sick.

Robberies at the point of the pistol are common in St. Louis. Five were reported in one night.

Five policemen have been dismissed from the New York force for drunkenness and two have resigned.

Four vessels long over-due at Philadelphia with aggregate crews of about forty men have been given up as lost.

The earnings of sixty-seven railroads for November were $28,048,000, an increase of $2,154,000 compared with the same month last year.

The failure of Billings & Co., cotton merchants of New York, is attributed to recent failures in Canada and that of Morris Ranger of Liverpool.

The board of education of Brooklyn has decided that the colored children shall be received in the public schools on the same terms as white children.

Frank James was released in $3000 bail yesterday afternoon. He was immediately rearrested on a charge of killing Cashier Sheets at Gallatin in 1868.

The railroad commissioners at Boston, replying to the letter of the Old Colony baptists, say they have no authority to stop the running of the trains on Sunday. The power rests with the courts.

The democratic members of both houses of the Virginia legislature have introduced joint resolutions declaring the Riddleberger bill, settling the state debt, is final and that no other settlement is possible.

Emil Voegtlin, son of a prominent scenic artist in New York, has been arrested for stealing $370 worth of jewellery and giving it to his girl, upon whom it was found. He was arrested once before for a similar offence.

J. O'Connor of Waukeska, agent of the Iowa Great Eastern Mutual life insurance company, was arrested yesterday at Milwaukee on the request of the state insurance commissioner, who alleges that the company is devoted to the graveyard business.

The comptroller of New York state has forwarded to the governor a list of fifty or more corporations which failed for more than a year to make reports. Under the law the attorney-general can now take steps to have the delinquents' charters annulled.

The depression in the coal trade, which resulted in a suspension of work on many river mines, is extending to the railroad mines along the Pan Handle road. Several mines are reported closed, and others are reducing their forces on account of a lack of orders.

March, Browback & Co.'s moulders at Limerick, Pa., have struck because they were ordered to match and put together odd pieces of stoves left over. A hundred men are affected.

At a gathering of young people in New Utrecht, N. Y., a mock marriage took place between a gentleman named Vaughan and a Miss Higbie. The former thought nothing of the ceremony, but the latter holds that it was binding and his taking action to prove its legality. At the examination yesterday several witnesses testified that they had hugged and kissed Miss Higbie since the alleged marriage.

Zukertort Beaten by an Amateur.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 13.—Dr. Zukertort, winner of last the world's chess tournament, was defeated in a match game this evening by A. G. Sellman, an amateur. Zukertort resigned on the forty-second move.

Heavy Bail for Lawlor's Release.

HAMILTON, Dec. 13.—A despatch from Simcoe to the Times this afternoon says: The Lawlor case was traversed until the next session of the county court in June of next year. Judge McMahon granted bail at $5000; Lawlor's personal bail being fixed at $2500 and two sureties of $1250 each. This is considered to be tantamount to refusing bail altogether. The prisoner is said to be in poor health, and looked it in the box yesterday. The doctor of the jail is reported to have said that he will not live two months.

Herr Zukertort, the chess player, says he will go to China and play a game or two with the emperor, who is an old friend of his, and a good player, but very irritable under defeat.

Binghampton, N.Y., has a class for the study of the Irish language, and is reported as making good progress.

A COLORED CAR CONDUCTOR.

He takes Liberties with a Lady Passenger and is Arrested.

MONTREAL, Dec. 13.—Detectives here arrested a colored Pullman car porter named Bright at Bonaventure station to-day. It appears that about a week ago a young lady residing in the village of Alma near the city of Guelph boarded the eastern bound train at Port Huron, near which she had been for some time staying. She was met on the platform by the porter who asked her if she wanted a "sleeper," and upon her replying in the affirmative he took her cloak and showed her into the last car on the train, which she noticed was perfectly empty. She asked for a berth in another car, as she did not wish to remain alone and was informed that all the other berths were taken. A berth was made up for her which she occupied, and the train started. After sometime the scoundrel came up to her and began to make himself exceedingly familiar. She resisted him with all her power and succeeded in keeping him at bay until the car reached Guelph.

RETURNED FROM THE NORTH.

The Climate in the Nelson River District.

OTTAWA, Dec. 13.—Mr. McNichols, D.L.S., who has been engaged in a survey of Hudson bay and Nelson river harbor, in connection with the Hudson Bay and Nelson Valley railway has returned. He left Selkirk on Sept. 15, 1882, and arrived at the mouth of the Nelson river on Oct. 22, traveling by dog train to his destination. During winter he made a shore line survey, taking soundings through the ice, then when navigation opened about June 10, 1883, he took deep water soundings, which occupied five weeks' time. A good harbor was secured for ocean vessels about fifteen miles from the mouth. The distance from Winnipeg to the mouth of the Nelson river is about 600 miles, but by road it is 800 miles. Only vegetables can be grown at this point, the thermometer in the winter months dipping as low as 50 below zero, in July running up to 106 degrees in the shade. The summer season lasts about four months, ice beginning to form about the middle of October. Game is very plentiful, cariboo, geese and ducks being encountered at every turn, and comprising the principle item of food.

THE HAPPY DOCTOR.

The Bishop of Ontario Approves of the Dean's Action in Dismissing Him.

OTTAWA, Dec. 13.—In reference to the dismissal of the Rev. Dr. Wilson, assistant minister of St. George's church, Kingston, by the Dean of Ontario, the Bishop of Ontario, who was interviewed by a reporter to-day, says that the dean could have pursued no other course than that which he had done, and which is perhaps approved of by the majority of those connected with the Church of England in Canada. Dr. Wilson was the bishop's chaplain, and he speaks of him very highly, being appointed to that position for his earnestness and zeal in the work of the church. Dr. Wilson was dismissed for the prominent part he took in connection with the salvation army.

An Absconder from Boston.

MONTREAL, Dec. 13.—Two actions were entered here to-day against Edward McMahon, a boot and shoe manufacturer, who absconded from Boston two years ago with $200,000 of his creditors' money, which he invested here, it is alleged. The plaintiffs in the first suit are Lucius Beebec & Sons and the amount claimed is $15,000, and in the second, Withington & Hall, for $12,000.

PROMINENT PERSONS.

F. E. Kilvert, M.P., is at Ottawa.

M. C. Cameron, M.P., has returned home from his trip to the Rockies.

Rev. Dr. A. A. Watson of Wilmington, N.C., has been elected bishop of a new episcopal diocese.

Hon. J. H. Pope is still confined to his room, though his physicians do not think his illness serious.

The divorced wife of ex-Senator Christiancy died at New York from mental and physical prostration.

It is not generally known that a movement is on foot to raise the peerage to Tennyson.—New York Tribune.

John Shields and Hector Cameron, M.P., are at Ottawa. The former says he does not expect a conservative victory in Middlesex.

Mrs. Langtry paid a visit to congress on Monday. She was much stared at and cordially received by several old reprobates.

Lillian Spencer, the actress, has brought a suit for divorce from her husband, Edward Clayburgh. She charges him with barbarous treatment.

Her majesty's ship Canada, with Prince George of Wales on board, will remain until the end of this month at Bermuda, and will reach Barbadoes in about a fortnight.

Tennyson to the Queen—

"You must wake and call me Earl-y,
Most gracious sovereign, dear;
For since that John Brown ballad,
I deserve to be a peer!"

As a youth James Russell Lowell was grave and melancholy-looking, and might have sat as a model for Goethe's Faust.—London World. Did Goethe's Faust part his hair in the middle?

Jefferson Davis to an inquisitive hired man of the Indianapolis News: "If the amount of money which I have received for my 'History of the civil war' is a criterion, I should say that it has not been successful."

Mrs. Edison, wife of the inventor, is said to be one of the most extravagantly-dressed women in New York. He is now hard at work on a new patent, a pantaloons pocket which cannot be opened by a woman while her husband is asleep.

When Herrmann was last in Texas he did his card tricks and then tried in vain to find somebody to play poker with. One man said to him: "If I knew as much about cards as you do I wouldn't waste time in the show business; I would obtain a residence in the state and run for the Texas legislature."

Rev. Nicholas Walsh, rector of the church of St. Charles Borromeo, Philadelphia, has been appointed vicar general of the Roman Catholic diocese of London, Ont. The title conferred is practically an honorary one, as Father Walsh does not sever his connection with his present church or diocese.

Thomas Craig, the defaulting president of the Exchange bank, Montreal, says if a guarantee is given that he will not be prosecuted he will return to Montreal; otherwise he will remain in New York, where he has friends, and seek for something to do. He declares that instead of taking money he borrowed $200 from a friend to get away with.

BUCKSHOT HAS HIS SAY.

HE FAVORS AN EXTENSION OF THE IRISH FRANCHISE.

A Reply to Mr. Parnell's Boast that His Party Will Hold the Balance of Power.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—W. E. Forster, M.P., ex-chief secretary for Ireland, addressed his constituents to-night at Bradford. He said in any franchise bill that the government might introduce he inferred they intended it should include Ireland, and if so he agreed with them. (Cheers.) The more he thought of it the more clearly he was convinced Ireland should be included in the bill. He was not surprised at Mr. Parnell's recent speech. He sometimes thought Parnell wished that the government would refuse Ireland the benefits of the franchise, in order that he might increase the number of his followers. Mr. Forster believed that the inclusion of Ireland might for a time increase Parnell's followers, but the government would have the satisfaction that they would meet them in parliament and not in the country perpetrating outrages. Regarding the boast that the home rulers would be able to turn the balance of the parties, Mr. Forster said he felt that neither party should coalesce with the Parnellites. The government when attacked would only have to appeal to the country to defeat the coalition.

END OF THE OSHAWA STRIKE.

The Malleable Iron Moulders Accept the Reduction.

The strike of the laborers in the Oshawa malleable iron works came to an end on Dec. 11 by the acceptance by the men of the reduction from $1.25 to $1 per day. This was due to the acceptance by the moulders in the same shop, as well as elsewhere, of a little reduction in their trade, and to whom to an extent the laborers were assistants. Although some nine weeks on strike, not one man "scabbed" it in that time. Mr. Cowan, the manager, recognized them as knights of labor in the negotiations leading to a settlement, and expressed a preference for the employment of the old hands, and held that no ill feeling existed against them for the action of the past. At their meeting on the evening of Dec. 10, although acknowledging the inevitable, it was over an hour before a man could be found to move that the reduction be accepted. There was no truth in the report in the Hamilton labor paper of Saturday last that the men were ready to succumb and accept the reduction some five weeks previously.

The master plasterers of this city imported a man on Wednesday, and he was captured yesterday by the strikers. And so it is likely to continue, doubtless, till the end of the chapter.

The Master Plasterers' association held a secret meeting in temperance hall last night and transacted important business in connection with the strike.

Miss Mather as Pauline.

Miss Mather has scored a success in Toronto and at one bound she appears to have sprung into the affection of a large section of our theatre-goers. It can scarcely be said that this is altogether due to artistic excellence. There are many crudities in all Miss Mather's presentations. Evidently well schooled, she yet lacks that dignity and finish which can only come with riper years. Last night to see her as Pauline Deschappelles in Bulwer's well-worn drama, the Lady of Lyons, she had a large audience, an audience moreover that appeared well pleased with what they saw and heard. After each act they summoned the lady twice before them and after the fourth act would fain have had her come again. It might therefore, be said Miss Mather scored a triumph. And yet there were many blemishes in her performance. There was no nobility and a lack of grace and too much artificiality about the character. It was not the haughty, proud, yet loving and winning Pauline Deschappelles of Bulwer. It was simply a pretty, well-trained young lady repeating his lines with good elocution and, to an extent, appropriate action. The feeling was too evidently assumed. There was no abandonment of self. The spectator could not forget that it was Miss Mather who was before him. Still for all its faults, Miss Mather's Pauline, to our thinking, was the best acting she has done yet. There was such a painstaking and promising air about it that one could not withhold his appreciation, however much he may have felt that it was short of what he had a right to expect.

Of Miss Mather's support little need be said, as little is deserved. Mr. Salvini as Claude Melnotte was conscientious. He paid every attention to detail, but he was too loud and too much like a whirlwind. Experience will sober him and perhaps turn something good out of what is at present ill-fashioned. Mr. Dean as Col. Damas was passable, but the Beaussant was poor. Of the remainder, nil.

To-night As You Like It will fill the bill, when Miss Mather will of course be the Rosalind, Mr. Milnes Levick the Jacques, and Mr. Salvini the Orlando.

C. P. R. AND G. T. R.

An Agreement Probable Regarding Eastern Business.

MONTREAL, Dec. 12.—It is reported here that an amicable arrangement is on the tapis between the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific on the eastern sections of both lines.

The general manager of the Canadian Pacific reports that no compromise will be made with the striking engineers, as their services can be dispensed with without inconvenience.

London Roughs at Work.

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 13.—Pat O'Meara and Jack McDonald, two London East roughs, took possession of Ponton's hotel last night. They broke things generally and savagely assaulted Watchman Nicholls, who attempted their arrest, with a revolver butt and a cane. They then made off, but Nicholls followed and succeeded in arresting them. They had a hearing on double charges to-day and were remanded.

Ireland's Gratitude.

DUBLIN, Dec. 13.—The testimonial fund of £38,000 presented to Charles Stewart Parnell was contributed as follows: Leinster £10,859, Munster £10,785, Ulster £2744, Connaught £1432. Total collected in Ireland £25,820. Scotland £376, America £10,110, England £1045, Australia £29, elsewhere £620.

CHARITY AND CALICO.

Annual Ball in Aid of the Orphans Home and Female Aid Society.

Charity and calico make a very happy combination; at least they did at the ball at the Horticultural gardens pavilion last night. The ball was in every respect a success, and its promoters cannot feel otherwise than satisfied with the result. Nearly two hundred ladies and gentlemen were present, representing the best people in Toronto society. Many of the ladies were attired in fancy costume. Two sets attracted universal attention by reason of their novelty. One was composed of ladies and gentlemen dressed as French cooks; the other was made up of military officers and ladies wearing the plain but genteel garb of the Red Cross society. Happily the services of the pretty nurses were not called into requisition. The prevailing dress among the gentlemen was the conventional swallow tails, many of which were trimmed with variously colored calicoes, but there were also a number of the sterner sex arrayed in fanciful attire. Several of the ladies wore rich and expensive costumes, but as a rule the dresses, while pretty and attractive, were not of an elaborate character. The scene from the galleries, which were crowded with spectators, was charming and picturesque. Dancing commenced shortly after 9 o'clock, the first number being a lancers. Waltzes and polkas predominated in the program. All present seemed to find a great deal of enjoyment in the affair. Seager's band furnished the music. Supper was served after 12 o'clock in a section of the pavilion partitioned off for the purpose. The ball did not break up till 3 o'clock this morning. The lieutenant-governor and Mrs. Robinson were present; also the mayor and Mrs. Boswell, and a large number of other prominent people.

The lady patronesses and stewards were as follows: Lady patronesses—Mrs. Alexander Cameron, Mrs. Homer Dixon, Mrs. H. S. Strathy, Mrs. W. J. Baines, Mrs. Cattanach, Mrs. Rutherford, Mrs. W. R. Beatty, Mrs. Cosby, Mrs. Torrance, Mrs. Bickford, Mrs. Ingersell Merritt, Mrs. Yarker, Mrs. Hendrie (Hamilton), Mrs. F. Osler, Mrs. A. A. Macdanald. Stewards—Hume Blake, J. Hy. Ferguson, Chas. L. Ferguson, J. K. Fisken, Huson Harman, A. H. Fraser Lefroy, W. Standish Lowe, J. A. McKellar, W. R. Moffatt, Frank May, Bruce Macdonald, Mervyn Mackenzie, Henry Pellatt.

DOUBLE TRACKS.

York Yard Becoming a Suburb—The New Track to be Used on Monday.

Circulars containing instructions to trainmen and others have been issued by Mr. Wragge, local manager of the Grand Trunk, in regard to the using of the double tracks between Union station and York yard. The new track will be first used on and after 12.05 a.m. on Monday next. Trains will take the right both up and down. There is only one track on the Don bridge, but it will be guarded by a semaphores and watchmen. A village is already springing up at York yard. The company are erecting cottages for their men, and others of them are putting up houses of their own. Very shortly there will be a round house, the offices of the yard masters, operators, car checkers, etc., and before the spring is open it is probable that the suburban train system will extend east to York yard, taking in the Don and Riverside, and running as far west as Mimico The track will be doubled from York to Saarboro junction in the spring, and before the end of 1884 it is likely that quite a number of stretches of the road between Toronto and Kingston will be double tracked. The Great Western branch has double tracks to the exhibition grounds, and will soon have to the Humber.

"ALWAYS WITH YOU."

The Combined City Charities in Session Yesterday Afternoon.

The combined city charities met at No. 7 Louisa street yesterday afternoon, Mayor Boswell presiding. The expenditure of the $500 granted by the Ontario government among the particular distressed Irish immigrants of Conway street was discussed at length. Rev. Father Rooney wanted it all expended on them. The secretary stated that he had received no answer from the government in reply to the letter he sent requesting that the money cover distress of all nationalities. He was instructed to write again. Mr. John Baillie offered a resolution praying the dominion and local governments to grant no assisted passages after Aug. 1 of each year, as experiences show that the distress in the city each winter exists among lately arrived immigrants. Rev. Father Rooney seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously. In reply to a question whether distress was greater or less this season, Mr. Pell spoke for the St. George's society, and said that that body had double the number of applicants for relief this year over last. Vicar-genearl Laurent said it was also his own experience. After some internal business had been disposed of, the meeting adjourned for two weeks.

The Thanksgiving Day Accident.

It is understood that Adjutant Delamere and Staff-Sergt. Heakes have instructed their solicitors to sue the street railway company for $5000 each. An effort has been made to compromise the case of Mr. Heakes, but so far without success. The street railway company claims that its cars have the right of way guaranteed to them by its charter, and that the volunteers and societies must give way to the cars, except in cases where the militia is called out for active service.

Police Court Pointers.

A round dozen of drunks blushed before the beak. John Bailey, indecent exposure, $1 and costs. Daniel McBride was ordered to pay Wm. Stringer the sum of $3 50, wages due him. In the case of George S. Plumb, charged with removing sand from a public street, contrary to a city bylaw, the defendant was fined $10 and costs, or 30 days. The lottery cases against E. King Dodds and P.C. Allan were further adjourned till Wednesday.

A Student Coffee House.

The students who live about Queen's park of University, Knox, Wycliffe and the Baptist colleges are desirous that the coffee house association open a branch, say, on the old cricket ground. Nothing, they say, would keep the college stewards up to the mark so much as the competition of a coffee house.

AGRICULTURE AND ARTS.

THE ASSOCIATION WANTS $10,850 FROM THE LEGISLATURE.

The Provincial Exhibition to be Continued—Guelph Asks for a Grant—Prizes for Farmers' Sons—Other Matters.

The council of the agricultural and arts association met at its rooms in Agricultural hall, Yonge and Queen streets, yesterday afternoon, the members present being President McKinnon, Charles Drury, M. P.P., Ira Morgan, J. Legge, John Carnegie, M. PP., J. B. Aylsworth, L. E. Shipley, H. Parker, S. White, J. C. Snell, J. Hunter.

After routine Prof. Brown urged the council, in a short address, to recommend to the government that the grant to the Agricultural college at Guelph be increased. There were some breeds of cattle not represented at the farm, and to secure these and make other improvements would require a considerable amount of money. The matter was referred to a committee, consisting of Messrs. Carnegie, Drury, Snell and White.

The council appointed John Hobson auditor of the association.

A communication was read from the clerk of Simcoe county, stating that the county council had decided to offer five cash prizes to candidates from that county who secured the highest number of marks at the agricultural examination to be held in July next. Several other letters were read from different parties approving of the association's efforts to encourage the study of agriculture.

Geo. Sleeman, chairman Guelph exhibition committee, applied in writing for a grant from the association towards defraying the expense to which the royal city had been put on account of the provincial exhibition being held there this year.

The question of holding an exhibition next year was discussed. Mr. Legge and Mr. White thought that the country expected it, and Mr. Aylsworth was of the opinion that the association's occupation would be almost gone if the show was abandoned. Mr. Carnegie suggested that in future the operations of the association should be limited to the farm and farm productions, and also that the agricultural act should be amended so that the government grants to the different societies in the county where the exhibition was held should be added to the association's fund for that year. Mr. Parker would oppose limiting the show as suggested by Mr. Carnegie. A motion to ask the government for the usual grant for exhibition purposes was carried.

Secretary Wade read a report of a recent visit to Kansas city to attend a fat stock show and breeders' meeting. A number of cattle, the result of a cross of Galloway bulls with different breeds, were on exhibition. They were of good, hardy frame, even color, ready to take care of themselves and good feeders, but without horns. With the exception of a few highly bred Herefords and Durhams, the cattle had not the fine finished look that over-fat cattle have. The breeders were pleased with the North American Galloway herd book, but as it was a Canadian copyright and in the name of the Agricultural and arts association instead of the Galloway breeders, they could not support it but decided to start one of their own. The real reason, however, for refusing their support was that our book was patronized by the breeders who met at Chicago last year, and not by the Kansas city breeders, there being a great rivalry between the north and the south, and the Kansas city people ignoring what was done at Chicago.

Reports on different plowing matches held under the auspices of the association were submitted. Mr. Snell thought the money used for this purpose should in future be appropriated for prizes for provincial bred stock, but the suggestion did not meet with approval.

At 4 o'clock the council rose until 8. Upon resuming two reports from the finance committee were presented. It was recommended that the following amounts be asked from the legislature for 1884:

Prize farms	$ 250
Council expenses	725
Veterinary college	125
Essays	100
Salaries	1,500
Exhibition	5,000
Ploughing matches	1,300
Postage and printing	600
Education	500
Fat stock show	750
	$10,850

The committee further recommended that the legislature be asked to amend the agricultural and arts act so as to provide that the government grants to agricultural and horticultural societies of the city or town in which the provincial exhibition is held and of the societies in the county in which such city or town is located shall for that year be paid over to the association for exhibition purposes. The reports were adopted.

The name of George Scarlett, of Guelph, was entered upon the roll of the association as a life member.

The remainder of the night session was occupied in the transaction of uninteresting business.

First Choice.

Notwithstanding the very mild temperature the public are fully aware of what they are to expect, that is, cold weather, which we are sure to have sooner or later Acting on this very wise principle large numbers of people, both in and outside the city, visited the well known and popular clothing house of Petley & Petley during the past two days and made large purchases of both men's and boys' clothing—their main object being to get "first choice" of the big lot of clothing bought by that firm during the past week and which they are selling at astonishingly low figures.

Attention, Voters.

Unless voters on income pay their taxes by to-day they will not have the privilege of voting at the municipal elections in January.

GET OUT YOUR WRAPS AND FURS.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, TORONTO, Dec. 14, 1 a.m.—*Lakes: Strong winds and moderate gales from the west and northwest; coudy to fair weather with light local falls of snow; falling temperature and decidedly colder by night; cold weather to-morrow.*

SAFE OVER THE SEA.

Date.	Steamship.	Reported at.	From.
Dec. 13	Servia	Liverpool	New York
Dec. 13	Wyoming	Queenstown	New York
Dec. 13	Belgenland	New York	Antwerp
Dec. 13	State of Georgia	"	Glasgov
Dec. 13	Monarch	"	Liverpool

ANTWERP, Dec. 12.—The report telegraphed from London that the steamer Plantyn had been signalled off Sicily was erroneous. The agents have abandoned all hopes the steamer's safety.