

over his ears, coat collar turned up, and a pair of very heavy mitts covering his hands.

There are some pretty good fellows employed in the City Hall and some who are mere barnacles. Civility does no one any harm, and if H. Walter, of Commissioner Coatsworth's office does not take a tumble to himself he may find that W. H. Howland's broom will relegate him, with other rubbish, to where he properly belongs.

Messrs. Morgan, Corcoran, Murphy and Robinson have joined the famed Jag Association. They all met for practice at the Princess rink last week, with the exception of Corcoran, who was suffering from a severe cold, caused by the shaving off of his moustache, which hirsute appendage, by the way, had been the admiration of his lady friends.

Superintendent Hamilton has received a communication from Frank Smith & Co., stating that during the severe weather the water pipes in their warehouse cannot be kept from freezing, and they consequently request leave to allow the taps to run, the Superintendent to fix the cost of this privilege. Mr. Hamilton is pondering on this novel proposition, and is lost in admiration of the candour displayed.

Col. C. S. Gzowski, chairman of the Canadian Niagara Falls Park Commissioners, accompanied by Mr. E. Irving, was at Niagara Falls last Tuesday. After examining all available papers in reference to the lands to be taken for the Park, they adjourned till February 3^d, when it is expected everything will be in readiness to go on in detail with the arbitration. As far as an opinion can be formed now, by the 1st of April next the free park question will be definitely settled.

An exceedingly pleasant and enjoyable party was held on Wednesday last at the family residence of Mr. and Mrs. Murchison, Bathurst street, when a pleasant time was spent by a numerous circle of friends. It was in all respects up to the standard of excellence which characterizes all entertainments got up by the Murchison family. Miss Luthill shone as the belle, and was the admired of all the sterner sex from her grace and vivacity.

The Winnipeg *Free Press* says General Middleton is a dude, and that should there ever be trouble in the West "a man who knows something about such warfare" and not Sir Frederick should be selected to head the troops. Brigadier Burden, of Rat Portage celebrity, probably should receive the appointment. Is it not significant that while the Reform papers are loud in their praises of Riel they should have not a kind word for any man who fought on the loyal side?—*Mail*.

A group of three friends of St. Stephen's Ward, including among

them a distinguished west end real estate agent and a leading member in the painting fraternity, recently came to an agreement that the first one of them who sought the bonds of Hymen would be the recipient of the best plug hat that could be bought in the city. The real estate man, from recent indications, seems to be the one who is going to take the hat. Good luck to you, Tom, and take our best wishes with it.

On Monday last Lady Macdonald in a special car passed through to Canmore. With her were Judge Brooks and Mrs. Brooks, both at one time among the most prominent figures in Ottawa drawing-rooms. Mrs. Brooks was indeed a social queen. The party was joined here by Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Dewdney. Lady Macdonald has always had a great desire to see the Rockies and she will now see them in winter glory. She is a woman of boundless energy, a sense of duty which never flags, writes and talks well, and is indeed in every way eminently fitted for the high position she adorns.—*Regina Leader*.

OVER THE POND.

A society has been formed in Paris to poison unmuzzled dogs.

Paul Baudry, the French painter, had a stroke of paralysis, and is dying.

King Milan has granted an amnesty to all political prisoners concerned in the rising of 1883.

Louis Kossuth is in failing health. He has arrived at Sorrento, where he will pass the winter.

Mr. Stanley is to proceed to Congo to direct preliminary arrangements for the building of railways.

Sir Herbert E. Maxwell intends introducing a bill in the Imperial Parliament providing for the flogging of dynamitards.

Farmers in Wales are demanding a permanent reduction of 25 per cent. in their rents, fixity of tenure and compensation for making improvements on their holding.

A cyclone, lasting twenty minutes, passed over the middle counties of England, on Wednesday, doing a great deal of damage to property. Two persons were killed.

The five New York favorites at the present time are Miss Annie Robe, Miss Geraldine Ulmar, Miss Marie Burroughs, Miss Edith Kingdom, and Miss Stella Boniface.

President Grevy has signed a decree granting amnesty to all persons convicted of political offences since 1870, and reducing the sentences of many offenders against the common law.

"J. S. Winter," the author of "Bootle's Baby," "Houp-la," etc., now turns out to be a woman. Cer-

tainly the sex of the author could not be suspected from any of her books.

Prince Edward, of Saxe Weimar, Commander of the Forces, and Judges Chatterton and Ball, have been sworn in as Lords Justices to govern Ireland during the absence of the Lord-Lieutenant.

Mr. James Anthony Froude will soon publish his new book "Oceana." It contains the record of his recent journey around the world, and many interesting historical studies of the British colonies which he visited.

Mr. Randolph Cadecott, the English illustrator, has lately been in America. He has filled his note book with sketches of American life and scenery, which will find their way into the London *Graphic*, and later into a book.

The Queen has commanded the production of Gounod's oratorio "Mors et Vita" at the Royal Albert hall. Her Majesty will come from Windsor to attend the performance. This will be the Queen's first appearance in public for many years.

The Queen has given Musurus Pasha the privilege of "the entree" for the remainder of his life, and his name is to be placed on the Palace invitation list for the State balls and concerts. Musurus intends to pass a good deal of his future time in England.

A new paper has appeared in London, the *Imperial Federation*. It is the official journal of the Imperial Federation League, and its prospectus says: "The subject will be treated of from time to time by eminent authorities in Great Britain and the colonies. The journal, in addition to its signed articles, will contain regular abstracts of public opinion in regard to the federation of the Empire, and will record the progress of the league from month to month."

Mr. Gladstone has declared that exports are the test of a nation's prosperity. A correspondent of the London *Times* points out that Great Britain's exports were at least £10,000,000 less last year than in 1875. Those of Germany have increased during the same period by nearly £40,000,000; those of Italy by about £7,000,000, and those of the United States more largely still. In manufactured articles alone the exports of the latter have risen from \$65,000,000 in 1875 to \$111,000,000 last year.

The announcement of the engagement of Miss Sibyl Sanderson to Sir Arthur Sullivan, according to the *Ingleside*, San Francisco, is being discussed with considerable interest. The match would not be an undesirable one. Sir Arthur is a composer of distinction, honorable character and honorable antecedents. California girls have a knack of marrying well, and certainly, if the news is true, it should be a

matter for congratulation. Miss Sanderson did not meet Sir Arthur Sullivan in San Francisco. They were thrown together on the steamer going over to England. On shipboard there seemed to be no doubt in the minds of the passengers.

Mr. Bradlaugh, M.P. for Northampton, took the oath, kissing the Bible in prescribed form. Mr. Speaker Peel said he had no option in the matter, as he was unable to take cognizance of what was done in a previous Parliament. He said he could not prevent Mr. Bradlaugh taking the oath, but in doing so he must take the legal risks if any were involved. The Government leaders have decided to take no official notice of Mr. Bradlaugh's act. The letter of protest written by Sir Michael Hicks-Beach to Speaker Peel, was meant to be placed on record, and not for immediate effect. There are more pressing matters to be attended to between now and the 21st inst., and the Tory leaders are anxious to let the Bradlaugh incident drop. They will be wise, we think, if they let Mr. Bradlaugh drop altogether.

ACROSS THE LINE.

Lawrence Barret the actor has become a vegetarian, and expresses the belief that the change of diet has improved his voice.

The Senate Committee on Patents has fixed Thursday, January 28th, for the hearing of gentlemen interested in the passage of the bill for international copyright.

Mr. W. W. Corcoran, the Washington philanthropist, celebrated his eighty-seventh birthday anniversary last week. He is in excellent health, and attends to business regularly.

A commission of two gentlemen appointed by the American Fishery Union of New England to make a tour of enquiry and engineer and agitation the renewal of a reciprocity treaty with Canada have arrived in Buffalo.

Grand Trunk railway passenger officials in Toronto have been notified that the quarantine restrictions at Port Huron and Detroit against passengers and baggage from Montreal have been entirely removed.

It is stated that the losses of cattlemen through the cold snap in Texas will mount up into the millions. The water pools on the ranges are frozen solid and the grass is buried in snow, and the cattle are perishing by hundreds from cold and famine.

Mary Anderson's engagement at the Globe theatre, Boston, is claimed to be the greatest financial success ever known to the theatrical world for any three consecutive weeks. The money taken during the three weeks amounts to \$1,200 more than that taken by Henry Irving during his engagement, and more money was taken in Boston in three weeks than in New York in six,