

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MERCURY
The Magee Outrage.

The New Duke of Connaught.

Finances in the U. S. Senate.

New York, May 24.—Panama ad-
vices to the 16th inst. say that Gonzalez,
commandant at San Jose de Guatemala,
was not mortally wounded by shots re-
ceived when attempting to escape to the
steam ship Arizona, but was recovering.
His trial for the outrage upon British
Vice Consul Magee was fixed for the 28th
April. He will probably be shot. Pas-
sengers who were on board the steamer
Arizona in the port when the outrage
was going on speak very strongly against
Mr. James, the U. S. Consul, for not in-
terfering to save Mr. Magee from the
cruelty of the Commandant.

Darmstadt, May 24.—The Princess
Alice of England, wife of Prince Louis of
Hesse, Darmstadt, has given birth to a
daughter.

London, May 24.—At the celebration
of the Queen's birthday, which takes
place to-morrow, the title of Duke of
Connaught will be conferred on Prince
Arthur.

New York, Apr 26.—The Times Wash-
ington special says some doubt has
arisen as to whether the civil rights bill
will pass the House this session.

The Herald's Washington despatch
says the vote in the House yesterday,
refusing to suspend rules in order to take
up the Senate financial bill, in the opin-
ion of members decides the fate of all
financial measures in this Congress, and
there is now very small hope of any defi-
nite action on financial matters at this
session.

Chicago, May 26.—The estimated loss
of the Independence fire is half-a-mil-
lion. Three men entering the store to
save goods are supposed to be lost.

Boston, May 26.—A brutal murder has
just been discovered in the State alms-
house. On the 13th March Edward
Dohard, an aged cripple, was maltreated
by Daniel Leary, the steward, as to
cause his death. The fact was only re-
vealed yesterday.

BIRTHS.

HUME—At Marden, on the 17th inst., the
wife of Mr. Peter Hume, of a son.
CAY—In Nichol, on the 20th ult., the wife
of Mr. Wm. Gray, of a daughter.
JACKSON—In Paisley Block, on the 19th inst.
the wife of Mr. Wm. Jackson, of a son.

MARRIED.

CUMMING—WATSON—At the residence of the
bride's father on the 20th inst., by the
Rev. Alex. McKay, M.A., Mr. John Cum-
ming, of Detroit, U.S., to Miss Ellen,
eldest daughter of Robert Watson, Esq.,
Puelinb, Ont.

DIED.

MEREDITH—At Guelph, on the 25th inst., the
wife of Mr. Chas. Meredith.

The remains will be taken to the family
burying place, Kingston, by the 3 a.m.
Grand Trunk train on Wednesday morning.

RECHAN—In Detroit, on the 15th inst., James
Bechan, of Iowa, formerly a resident of
Guelph, aged 28 years.

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TUESDAY EVENG, MAY 26, 1874

The Law of Libel.

Considerable attention has lately
been given to the law of libel in
Canada, from the frequency with
which cases of this nature have been
before the Courts. The celebrated
Montreal case—in which the prop-
rietary of the Witness were defendants
—and on which sat a jury so stupid as
not to know for whom to return a
verdict—has given rise to a demand
for an amendment of the law now in
force in Quebec. In the case above
mentioned the old and tyrannical
law in force in Britain at the begin-
ning of this century was the one un-
der which it was tried, and even it
was strained to its utmost limits in
order to secure a verdict against the
Messrs. Dougall, who showed that
in publishing the statements charged
as libellous, there was no malice. We
are glad to see that the matter has
engaged the attention of Parliament,
and that a bill framed and intro-
duced by Mr. Brooks, for assimilating
the law of libel to that which now
prevails in England and also in Ontario,
will receive the sanction of the House.
The first clause provides that the
jury, on the general plea of not
guilty, shall not be required by the
judge "to find the defendant guilty
merely on the proof of publication
by such defendant of the paper
charged to be a libel, and of the
sense ascribed to the same in such
indictment or information," with
the two provisos of leaving the judge
the usual discretion in the nature of
his charge, and the jury the right to
find a special verdict, and the de-
fendant the right to move in arrest
of judgment. The next three clau-
ses relate to fines and periods of im-
prisonment. The fifth clause allows
the plea of the truth of the libel, and
that it was for the public benefit that
the libel was published, "and to en-
title the defendant to give evidence
of such matters charged as a defence
to such indictment or information, it
shall be necessary for the defendant
to allege the truth of such matters
charged in the manner of pleading
in justification to an action for defa-
mation, and further to allege that it
was for the public benefit that the
said matters charged should be pub-
lished," and that it shall be com-
petent for the Court to consider
whether such plea is an aggravation or
mitigation of the libel. There is also
a proviso that it shall be com-
petent for the defendant to plead
not guilty, and that no defence
shall be taken away or prejudiced
under the plea of not guilty, which
the defendant can now make under
any such plea to any indictment
or information for a defama-
tory libel. Clause six allows the
defendant the plea that the libel was
published in his absence, without his
authority, and that he used all due
caution. Clause seven relates to costs.
The eighth clause provides that in
cases of private prosecution it shall
not be competent for the private
prosecutor to cause any juror to
stand aside until the panel has been
gone through, without the express
authority of the Attorney or Solicitor
General, or the Crown Counsel; but
the prosecution shall be limited to
the right to challenge four jurors
without cause and any number with
cause.

Ice Cream Freezers,
Refrigerators,
Ice Picks,
Ice Tongs,
Butter Coolers,
Baths,
Toilet Sets,
Garden Tools,
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Have fitted it up for Confectionery, with
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A supply of Ice Cream and Soda Water,
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Bride and other Cakes made to
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From the Hampton Normal and Agricul-
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On Thursday Evening, 4th of June,
When will be presented

The Slave and Plantation Songs and Sac-
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No music like that of the Hampton Sing-
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The proceeds of the concert are devoted
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Tickets 50 cents each.

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Guelph, May 4th, 1874. doewtm23

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Full line of new Goods, Wools, Jewel-
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