GATION GOING ON.

To the Editor of THE POST : DEAR SIR,-It will be remembered that in January last there was quite a flutter in the piano trade over a fraud said to be perpetrated on a customer by a certain plano house of toms authorities as yet keep dark on this imthis city. The compisint was that a pur-portant point, but the experts called in to exchaser had tought a new Steinway amine the plano delivered to Mr. Heward as plano, for which he paid \$500, and that an a New York Steinway, and for which he paid old and comparatively worthless instrument had been delivered to him; this, after several months delay and many excuses, was taken back, and another which turned out equally bad sent to replace it. The customer, again complained, but, receiving no redress, he called in experts, who, it is said, condemned the piano and gave the opinion that it was not a Steinway at all. Upon this the dealer was served with a protest, which brought one of the firm to Montreal, to prevent legal proceedings. He, as the story goes, expressed very great regret and sympathy with the purchaser, said it was the fault of Mr. Blyth, their agent, and promised, if he would keep the matter quiet, that he would personally select a first-class Steinway piano in New York and This pacified the parhave it sent to them. ties, and for the fulfilment of this promise they waited until some time in December, but the plane not coming, they again applied to the head office in Toronto; having had enough of the Montreal house. An was shortly received that a piano was just received beautiful at the Custom House, from New York, and would be sent shortly. The purchaser, by this time, was growing cautious, and asked for the number of the plane, which was furnished. "A burned child (it is said) dreads pianos, \$131. the fire." The fact of a plano intended for Montreal being sent to Toronto for entry served to increase his suspicions. He told a friend he had his doubts about it, and would write to Steinway in New York, to ascertain if piano No. 46,526 was a genuine article, and really made by they were led to suppose was an expensive him. His friend, however, dissuaded him from this course, intimating that it was quite | cheap German article. His apologists say that likely Steinway was a party to the transac- | for some time past the trade and musical pubtion, and even if he were not, he would try i lic have been neglecting Steinway, and giv-to shield his agent. The better way, said his ing the preference to the planes of Weber. friend, would be to apply to the Custom House | Steinway is compelled either to lower his and find when plane No. 46,526 was entered and where it came from. Through an officer of the Custom House in Montreal, he made the enquiry, and the reply was: "The plane you enquire about was entered on the 19th of July last, and was imported from Hamburg, in Germany." This, be it understood, was the pisno that one of the partners had promised should be personally selected in New York. Of course there was a row, which brought one of the firm to Montreal to stop legal proceedings. Offers of settlement matter by drawing up the following petition were made to the aggrieved party, but not before he had given a full statement of the whole business to the press and to several When it got into the press the firm saw the danger of exposure, and moved vigorously to cover it up, not by denying the transaction, but by inducing the parties who made these very serious charges to modify injure them financially. The following is the or retract them. In this, however, they were only partially successful, for the Montreal of the Minister of Customs :correspondent of Music and Drama having received all the particulars of the matter from the gentleman on whom the fraud was perpetrated, had written a full account of it to that paper, which was copied into some of the Montreal and Toronto papers. Most of the papers had been requested to say nothing about it, and one of them was induced to retract, in Montreal, at least it was kept very quiet. Not so, however, in New York, where, for some time, a suspicion had been entertained that the house of Steinway had been supplying the American trade with German planes. Not knowing all the facts regarding their Canadian agent's transactions, and being pressed for explanations, the Steinways published a statement admitting the fact that they were supplying Nordheimer with planes partially made in Hamburg, but stating that these planes were just as good and cost them as much to make as those manufactured in New York. The question of course, very, naturally came up, " if they are as good and cost you as much money, why ship them to Canada by Ham-burg?" As this question is unanswered, the inference is that Steinway planos, like wine, are improved by a voyage around the world. To the question, "How many of these Hamburg pianos bearing your name have you imported into the United States?" Steinway reply, "none, the Customs duty is so high they cannot be imported into the United Nordhelmer to import a high priced piano at States, besides being intended for a humid a reduced value; climate they are not fitted for the United States." How then, eays the New York paper, can they be fit for Canada, whose climate is much dryer than that of the United States? of A. & S. Nordheimer, or their agents, trad-"On but the duties," say they, "being thirty ing in Quebec under the name of Sichel and per cent into the United States excludes Company, were protested, and their stock Now let us see if they were not about the same, or even higher into Canada. Suppose this Hamburg piano value of pianos imported by them to be lower imported on the 19th of July last, which | than the price actually paid for them; has caused this expose, was entered at \$200 (and this is far above the average cost of German planes) the Canadian duty would be, specific \$30, ad valorem 15 p c., \$30, Cost of importing the same instrument into the United States, 30 p.c., \$60. Not much difference, is there? We will take the other statement by Mr. Steinway, that these planes are partially made in New York, shipped thence to Hamburg, finished there, and again transhipped to Toronto, and are of the same material, of as good workmanship, and cost as much money as those made in New York." Let us examine this statement; the freight from New York to Hamburg would be, say, £2 (\$10, Boxing plane, \$3 Freight from Hamburg to Montreal, £3 (\$15), zinc lined case £2 (\$10). Freight from Montreal to Toronto, \$5. Shipping charges, say, \$2-total, \$45. The freight on the same plane, shipped direct from New to import Hamburg planes at \$200, and sell York to Toronto, would cost \$4. Difference in favor of direct shipment, \$41, so that if as their New York instruments, at \$500, but they were of equal value the Hamburg Plano for a foolish attempt to bring the wrath of the in favor of direct shipment, \$41, so that it below they were of equal value the Hamburg Plano should cost \$41 more than the New York instrument. Now every che knows that the Candian seems of the Steinway planos are men who will save every one they can both is 'reight and duties, and yet Mr. Steinway has the audacity to declare that the value of their planos sent from Hamburg of Toronto list the same as those sent by them direct from New York Taking the well known obtancter of the manufacturers and their agents for intrudiced in the radies in the value of account for their sanding these planos on a pleasure trip to Europe for an expense of \$45 and a loss of six or eight weeks time, when they could be sent direct from a week! 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THOSE HAMBURG STEINWAY PIANOS burg, when he could get it from New HOW THE MATTER GOT BEFORE York direct in an few days for \$4: Let us see if we can get, at it, some other way. THE GOVERNMENT AN INVESTIGATION GOING ON. plane from Hamburg, nor Messrs. Nordheimer, who entered it for duty at the Toronto Custom, House on the 19th of July last, has condescended to inform us of the value at which, it was entered, and the Ous-\$500, declared it was not worth \$200. Now, granting that the plane entered in Toronto on the 19th of July, which was intended to replace this one, was valued at \$225, we get the following result of the Hamburg plane:

Cost of p'ano \$225 Duty specific, \$30, ad valorem 15 p.c. \$34.... Freight and charges from New York to Hamburg and back to Toronto

> Total cost..... \$334 Sold for \$500.

Bealized over cost, \$166. Now the cost of a New York Steinway, such as Mr. Nordhelmer was finally compelled to deliver to Mr. Heward, is from \$350 to \$400, and if entered in the port of Montreal would have to pay duty on that valuation, let us take the average figures, say it cost \$375 We have duty specific, \$30, ad valorem

\$56..... Freight (no charge is made for casing in New York).....

Sold for \$500. Realized over cost, only \$35. Difference in favor of seiling Hamburg

Now, if these figures are correct, or even approximately so, it leads to the inetitable conclusion that if Mr. Steinway tells the truth, there has been a fraud practised on the Government, and if he does not tell the truth there has been a fraud on the public, because they have been paying full prices for what New York piano, and were only getting a prices or lose his trade. The Hamburg importations, if they had not been exposed, would give him a great advantage over a formidable rival; by this time, however, Steinway has found that however he might impose on the Americans who call trickery of of this kind smartness, he cannot so easily dupe the Canadian people.

When this transaction became known some of the trade, who had suffered from this kind of competition before, made a move in the to the Minister of Custome. It was signed by the leading piano firms of Montreal, and was sent to Toronto for signature by the plano men there, but the party who undertook to get it signed reported the Toronto piano dealers were afraid of Nordheimer, as he was connected with the banks and might petition which, however, is now in the hands

To the Honorable the Minister of Customs:

"The petition of the undersigned, persons engaged in the manufacture, importation and sale of planes and musical merchandize in the Dominion of Canada, sheweth:---

"That whereas it has transpired from a recent discussion in the newspapers that a number of the Steinway Planos imported by the firm of A. & S. Nordheimer, of Toronto, are entered at the Toronto Custom House

from the Port of Hamburg, in Germany; "And whereas the firm of Steinway & Sons have declared these planes to be of equal value with, and similar in every respect to those finished in and imported direct from New York, and the said firm of A. & S. Nordhelmer have declared that the said planos are involced to them and actually cost the same and are sold at the same prices as those made and finished in the New York factory ;

"And whereas your petitioners have reason to believe, and are informed, that the said planes are passed through the Toronto Cusfom House at a considerably lower price than those invoiced direct from New York, whereby not only is a loss sustained by Her Majesty's Customs, but a great and real injury is done to competing plane dealers in this country, by enabling the firm of A. & S.

"And whereas further, it can be shown by the records of Her Majesty's Oustoms, that in the year 1872, or thereabouts, the same firm seized, by reason of attempted frauds upon Her Mejesty's Customs, in representing the

"Now your petitioners do humbly request that you will be pleased to inform yourself of the truth or otherwise of the said report, and to ascertain whether in fact the said pianos bearing the name of Steinway & Sons, and entered at the Toronto Custom House from the port of Hamburgh (and particularly an upright plane entered on the 19th of July last and numbered 46,526, and another upright plane, numbered 46,185) have passed through your department at a lower invoice price than those entered from New York, and to take such steps as may further seem right to you for the protection of your pelitioners' interests

"And your petitioners will ever pray, &c."
This petition, not being yet presented for the causes stated, was allowed to stand, and there the matter would probably have stood, and the Nordheimers could have continued them with the convenience of the Steinways

MANUFACTURING: TESTIMONY. THE CLARE CONSPIRACY.

Sharp Crown practice—The personal henor of a witness triumphs—The jails of Counties in Ireland regarded as "model hells."

DUBLIN, May 11.—The Clare conspiracy to Miltown Malbay districts, and instead of leave policemen-of the city force detailed ing the conduct of the prosecution to local for that duty, besides the regular the informer, after many adjournments of the

dependent witnesses. Mr. Clifford Lloyd, Mr. Olifford Lloyd has improved the occasion. A respectable witness, Mr. P. K. Sullivan, Daputy Postmaster of Ennis, was forced into the case. His official position caused him to be looked upon as one who might be used without protest, and accordingly evidence of a harmless character in reference to Mr. Patrick MoInerny, one of the prisoners and his private friend, was so manipulated in the the Governor General or to the British Govwritten dispositions as to make it tell severely ernment that the day of Brady's execuagainst the accused. At the last hearing of thon (next Monday) the case Mr. Sullivan, disregarding the signal for a combined attempt to reverge Post Office situation and only mindful of whenever and wherever the opportunity personal honor and justice, exposed the whole might offer. In an interview with a reporter matter, to the sad discomfiture of the Crown to-night General Sir Patrick Macdougall, and Mr. Purcell in particular. There is con- contents of a letter received by Lieutenantsternation at the revelations, with an accom-

general system of manufacturing testimony.

prejudice against the prisoner. Yesterday I cabled to you the prudent retirement of Judge Lawson to the corporation protection of the Court of Appeals Provincial Assizes. announce another official obstacle taken from the pathway of the prisoners' peace. The visiting Justices and existence becomes almost intolerable. The prisons most remarkable for vigor were those selected for the ernor has now resigned his position in conseprospects of an official inquiry into his system of prison discipline.

THE CONVENT SCHOOLS OF CANADA. [JOAQUIN MILLER in the N. Y. Star]

I want to call the attention of parents to Order. 1 do not know that they are better than those of the Sacred Heart, to be found all through the United States, but they seem to be so much chesper and simpler, more severe and old-fashioned, perhaps, I should say, that I like them better. And I think many a ing about the harbor entrance was dis poor man, like myself, who cannot well afford | cussed with some degree of excitement by high priced schools, will thank me for the thr public. It was accertained that there bit of information I can crowd in this para- really was a foundation for the rumors, it be-

from Oregon and put her in the Loretto Con- | the bay, acting in an unusual manner, and de vent School at Guelph, Ontario. She was a parting without entering the harbor. About way ward little thing, quite without culture, three o'clock this morning a signal was holstdiscipline or any idea of obedience; then she ed on the citadel staff for a steamer reported was all shaken up with the ague; and the to the eastward. She was made out by the long journey made her quite itl, too. But signal officers at Sambro to be brigantinethe place is so high and dry and entirely rigged, but her name could not be dishealthy that the child soon became strong covered, as she did not approach sufficientand healthy and hardy. In the whole four ly near to the signal station. She came years I have not paid over \$10 of doctor's towards port from a southeasterly direction, bills. And this girl, who so liked the free- passed on to the westward and an hour or so dom of the hills and was so lawless, soon became one of the most patient, industrious | mouth for a short time, apparently undecided and well disciplined children in the world. whether to come in or not. She then turned All by kindness, too; not one hard word about and put to sea again, without having was ever apoken to her, so far as I made any signals. This curious action of a know. And she from the first was in steamer is very unusual, though there have fove with these gentle teachers all, from the previously, but not recently, been one or two Mother Superior down. As to the cread some Protestants have of their children becoming Catholics, I can only give my ex-perience here for the information and guidance of others. I am not myseli a Catholic, nor do I profess any particular creed; although I think I see some good in all. But holding with that eminent Englishmen-that man is a religious snimal"—and knowing in my own heart that religion is as strong an element for good and is as necessary to the perfection of a soul as is the sontiment of love. I desired that my daughter should be religious. And I desired, too, that, after some ste a hearty breakfast, and soon afterwards years of reflection, she should choose her own religion. After a year or so, of observation and reflection she chose to be a Catholic. But so far from her being persuaded or influenced to this, she was put on a long probatien. And even then I had to give my written permission before she could be accepted. Pardon this detail; but it is important for all to know these facts. And now I come to the practical part and

the purpose of this item—the cost. Briefly, promptly pulled down over his face and the then, in round numbers, it is \$100 a year for board and tuition! This nominal sum seems murderer was swinging in the air. He died startling. And it is because it is so cheap, peacefully. Death was caused by strangustartling. And it is because it is so cheap, so good and perfect in all respects that 1 pub. | lation at the end of eight minutes, and lish it to the world. You see these gentle a minute later the body was cut down. After sisters seek no commercial advantage or profit at all. They only want to make expenses. And as they pay out nothing to speak of for rent or for teachers, and dress and live plain and simple, their expenses are very light, indeed; and so it is that they can afford to take a girl and keep her at echool for \$50 the

half year. Of course there are other incidental expenses, such as washing and so on. And then a young lady, as she advances in yours and culture, will require a bigher order of instruc-

THAT "FENTAN" SOARE. BY THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

HALIFAX May 8 .- Owing to the receipt by the Lieut.-Governor! of a startling letter of warning from Sir John Macdonald a number of special policemen were sworn in this afternoon for service about Government . House, the provincial buildings and other points. Last night the provincial and post murder, case grows in importance; new are Last inighted the provincial and post rests have been made in the Orusheen and office buildings owere watched by two

attorneys, the Castle has assigned Queen's night watchmen kept in those places. Besides counsel and the chief Crown Solicitor for this policemen on duty at night throughout Munster to watch the proceedings Tubridy, the city have been cordered to take no "relief" early in the morning between the inquiry, remains still uncorroborated by in- hours of one and two or two and three, as customary for them to do, and those who. Special Government: Megistrate, and Mr. W. F. Purcell, B.M., are the instructions, to remain on their bests until presiding Judges. Now, Clare is a six c'olock. The cause of the selection of traditional field for sharp Orown practice, and Halifax as the spot for Fenian action is eviwent off duty at three a.m. are, until further dently owing to its prominence as a military station. From what can be learned as to the source of the information which has alarmed the authorities, it jappears that there was a detective at the recent Land League Convention at Philadelphia who had instructions to report anything of importance, and it is affirmed that this detective communicated to prosecutors in general, and Mr. Clifford Lloyd Commander of the Forces, stated that the Governor Archibald were almost the same as panying satisfaction at the exposure of a telegraphed last night, but the statement said to be contained in the communication that There are many Clifford Lloyds in Ireland | two suspicious vessels had sailed from Bosust now, and Mr. Purcell does not stand ton for Halifax, he denied having been made alone in his blind obedience to power and aware of it. He stated that circumstances that occurred a short time ago had led him to order an extra sentry on guard at the large powder magazine in Point Pleasant Park but further than this there had not yet been -away from the ever-recurring risks any strengthening of guards there or at other presiding in Criminal Courts at places in the city. The reporter mentioned I have now to the fact of torpedoes being believed to be carried by vessels referred to, when Sir Patrick replied that lining of the harbor jails of counties in Ireland are regarded as with these dangerous explosives might be model hells; in metropolitan prisons there undertaken almost at any time without deis some show of humanity, but once get tection. Even now, he said, the harbor may within the grasp of county Governors and be full of torpedoes, and we not know it, as parties might already have placed them in position without being observed. On being asked whether suspicious vessels had been suspects of the Coercion and Orimes Acts; observed hovering around the harbor lately, and one of the establishments enjoying a bad he answered that none had been reported to eminence, where all had the reputation of him. He stated that no special instructions cruelty, was the jail of Limerick. The Goving the taking of precautions for the protecquence of complaints of that cruelty and the | tion of property or life, and it was not anticle pated that any events would occur to alarm the public. Lieutenant Adamson, at present in command of H.M.S. "Tenedos." in absence from the city of Commander Pane, was also visited to-night, and he, too, denied the report that orders had been issued on his ship for these plain but perfect schools of the Loretto extra look-outs or other precautionary

Halifax, N.S., May 10 .- The interest attaching to the Fenian scare has been abating somewhat, but to-day a report that suspicious vessels had been hoveri ing an actual fact that at least one mysterious Four years ago I took a little girl of mine | craft, a steamer, had appeared at the mouth of later returned and seemed to hover at the similar cases.

THE GALLOWS.

EXECUTION OF A WIFE MURDERES Sr. John, N.B., May 9 - William Hughes, the colored man found guilty on his own confession of murdering his wife on the 13th of February, was burg in the jail yard at 8 o'clock this a m. He died without a struggle Hughes slept soundly last night and rose at six o'clock retreabed after his slumbers. He Rev. A S. Newnham and Rev. W. A. Holbrook, Church of England clergymon, agrived and engaged with the doomed man in prayer. Hughes lisened to the reading of the death sentence without emotion and announced himself Reedy. He walked calculy to the scaffold erected in the juil yard, displaying not a sign of fear or nervousness. At eight o'olock he was placed under the beam, the cap was signal was given, and in a few seconds the the formal inquest the body was removed for builat in the almahouse cometery. Hughes made no statement today, having on previous occasions fully acknowledged that he was guilty and that he Jeserved punishment. The execution was witnessed only by the coroner's jury, the jail officials and representatives of the press and passed off without a hitch. A crowd collected in front of the jull, but they could see no part of the proceedings.

THE BATTLE CREEK ACCIDENT.

PARITAMENTARY NEWS. IS IT A HOAX?—NO EXTRA PREGAUTIONS TAKES | VES CANADA LOAN TO BE REFUSED—THE REOR-ALGAMEATION OF THE INICH PARTY OF A HEW

LONDON, May 8 .- M. Trevelyan, the Irish Secretary, has recommended that the Govern ment reject the proposal of the Northwest Land Company of Canada asking for a loan of £10,000,000 in exchange for the settlement of Irish families, unless the company greatly

modifies its terms
Arthur O'Connor has submitted to the Irish Parliamentary party a proposal that the party tions, each charged with the especial care of some one particular Governmental question, with a view to making the party influence better felt on every question bi general interest coming before Parliament. Mr. Parnell favors a reorganization on this basis.

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From the New York Correspondence of the Dublin Freeman's Journal, February 16, 1881.

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