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CAPITAL NOTES.

Premier Bowell's Health Improved-Prizes and Diplomas at Chicago Exhibition.

British Columbia Artillery Changes-Revenue and Expenditure of the Dominion.

(From Oar Own Correspondent.) OTTAWA, Jan. 11.-A proclamation will appear in the Canada Gazette to-morrow placing shingles and pulp wood on the free list under the tariff act of last session, the United States having reciprocated in this re-

A proclamation puts in force from the 1st instant the amendment to the criminal code of last session, enacting that seven grand jurors, instead of twelve, may find a true bill in any province where the panel of grand jurors does not exceed thirteen.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell will be out next Wednesday. The doctor says the Premier's throat has greatly improved.

expectant recipients of these honors are very once more in the balance." clamoreus for them. This has resulted in a good deal of correspondence and departmental applications Washington. Information now comes from the executive committee on awards of the Columbian exposition that the diplomas are printed and the medals are being struck off under the supervision of the director of the mint. The Department of Agricultural learns that the medals may not be completed before May or June.

crease of \$80,000 over the corresponding period of 1893. For the six months, how ever. there is a falling off of \$2,000,000, the total revenue being \$16.399.486. The expenditure for the same period amounts to \$14,129,418.

CABLE NEWS.

CALCUTTA, Jan. 11. - Nizum Ulmulk, Mahtar of Chitral, has been murdered by his young brother, Amir Ulmulk, who has declared himself Mahtar of Chitral. Chitral, or Little Kashgar, is a country of Asia, consisting of Lioner valley on the south slope of the Hindoo-Koosh.

the debate on the anti-revolutionary bill was taken up. Count von Limberg-Stirrum, Conservative, declared that his party hailed the bill with satisfaction. The Socialists, he added, were not justified in were to inherit. elaiming to be the sole labor party.

the Pope is likely to raise two Oriental try Society have already secured \$400 in cash patriarchs to the dignity of cardinals. Th dignitaries believed to have been selected for the honor are Monsignor Azarian, the Armenian patriarch, and Monaignor Yuzeff, patriarch of Antioch. His Holiness ataches the utmost importance to these nominations. He leoks forward to their making a deep impression throughout the East, and helping on the longed-for understanding between the schismatics and the pap wy.

NAPLES, Jan. 11.-A violent wind and snow storm swept over Foggia, on the Great Plain of Apulia, to-day. Six houses colothers injured.

Paris, Jan. 11.—Charles Denby jr., secretary of the American legation in Peking, landed at Marseilles to-day.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—The Rome correspond LONDON, Jan. 11.—The Rome correspond-ent of the Central News says the city has lows, was found dead in the snow. been greatly excited by an official dispatch Massowah that General Baratieri with the Italian force is near Ras Hangascia with the Mahdista but a short distance off. A river separates the hostile armies. The lespatch save that a battle is imminent.

PACIFIC CABLE.

Washington. Jan. 12.—Representative H. R. Hitt, of Illinois, ex-chairman and at present the principal Republican member of yesterday that while he agreed with Presithe benefit of telegraphic communication with the outside world, he was strongly op-posed to the suggestion in the President's message of Wednesday that a British comoperate a proposed cable line from Australia to British Columbia, touching at one of the Hawaiian islands. Mr. Hitt maintained that the United States should control any cable line from Hawaii, and pointed out that if a foreign company had such a concession this country would be placed at a great disadvantage in the event of war. If there had been cable communication with Hawaii since the change of government there Mr. Hits maintained that much of the embarrasement of the past two years over Hawaiian affairs would have been bviated. While chairman of the foreign affairs committee in the fifty-first congress Mr. Hits offered an amendment to the diplo matic and consular appropriations bill providing for a survey for a cable between Sa Francisco and Honolulu, but it was defeated.

JAPAN'S CONDITIONS.

LONDON, Jan. 11.-The Standard's Berlin correspondent telegraphs: "I learn from a good quarter that Japan's conditions of peace, besides demanding a war indemnity, will provide that Korea be independent of China and under Japanese suzerainty, that China cede certain islands, raze the fort at Wei and demolish all fortifications on the route from Korea into China, and that Japan fix the future number and type of relations looking to a China-Japanese alliance will also be required."

New York, Jan. 11 .- The Herald's Washington correspondent telegraphs: .I have the highest authority for the statement that President Cleveland will call an extra session of congress immediately after the expiration of the present session, if this congress adjourns without enacting any legislation for the relief of the treasury. The President has authorized a member of the house committee on rules and a prominent Democratic leader to make this statement

ARMENIAN HORRORS.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—The Speaker publishes Constantinople who claims to have equal knowledge with the British ambassador concerning the Armenian atrocities. He professes to have seen the reports from the consuls in Van, Erzeroun, Sivas and Diarkebir, and says that they confirm the most horrible accounts already received. Concurrent reports, he says, come from Catholic and Protestant missionaries in the Sassoun district. The troops called out against the Armenians have returned from come of conflict to permanent quarters.

"They boast of their deeds publicly, writes the correspondent. "Their state ments have been forwarded to Constantiown hands he ripped up twenty pregnant women. Another boasts that he took part in a massacre in a church, and that the

evidence not given before the commission of inquiry, which does not seem to be in a hurry to begin its labors. Moreover, the labors. Moreover, the labors where the labors is a labor of the labor of th Major N. P. Snowdon resigns his commission in the British Columbia artillery to begin its labors. Moreover, the sion in the British Columbia artillery to hold the rank of captain on his retirement. Paymaster Walter Shears also resigns his commission, to hold the honorary rank of captain on his retirement.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 12. - Through the prompt action of the firemen another large The revenue for December shows an in- Chinese and Japanese are living in a row of will aggregate about half a million. cabins on Dupont street near the water front. The war in the Orient has caused an enmity to spring up between the members of the two nationalities, and it is thought that in some way this belligerent feeling was the cause of the fire.

Through the efforts of M. G. Blanchford the Union Steamship Company have arranged to have their steamer Comox call at Bute Inlet once every six weeks. The pro-vincial government have been asked to subsilize this service to the amount of \$250.

WESTMINSTER. NEW WESTMINSTER, Jan. 12.—The Westminster police have been notified by the Seattle authorities that the police of Seattle BERLIN, Jan. 11.-In the reichstag to-day are hard at work on the Zechow murder

NANAIMO. ROME, Jan. 11.—At the next consistory Nanaimo, Jan. 12.—The Nanaimo Poulpremiums and trophies to be awarded at The Conditions a Blot on Civilization their second annual show on February 12, 13 and 14 next. No building in town being provided with sufficient acc he housing of a thousand birds the New Vancouver Coal Company has generously come forward wish an offer to

annex to last year's exhibition building. BITTERLY COLD.

LONDON, Jan. 12.-The cold weather at present prevailing in Scotland is the most lapsed, eight persons were killed and many severe experienced for many years. Loch Lomond is frozen over. Some of the snow drifts are twenty feet high.

> The weather in England is intensely cold. There is skating in Regent's park. Rev.

On the continent lakes and rivers are frezen, and many deaths are reported in consequence of the snow storms which seem to have prevailed in many parts. A terrific snow storm has swept over

Vienna, leaving the city almost isolated. Railroad and vehicle traffic is reduced to a minimum. Over 3,500 men are at work clearing the streets. The supplies of vegetables, milk and meat have almost failed. There are seven feet of snow in the suburbs. A snowstorm, accompanied by a heavy wind, destroyed four houses at Celeusa, in the house committee on foreign affairs, said the province of Reggia, Italy. Sixteen persons were buried in the rains of the yesterday that while he agreed with President Cleveland that Hawaii should have extricated. Snow storms at Stress, on Lake

caused great damage.

A Madrid dispatch to the Standard says the telegraph to France has not been workpany should be permitted to construct and ing for nine days owing to gales and snow storms. The severity of the weather is un

CABINET DISSENSIONS.

London, Jan. 11.—The rumored dissen greatest interest at yesterday's council, which met at noon. Sir William Harcourt, chancellor of the exchequer, and Rt. Hon. John Morley, chief secretary for Ireland, are understood to have been of the opinion that the Irleh much be satisfied at all costs during the coming session of parliament. With this view, it is added, Premier Rosebery, Home Secretary Asquith and other nembers of the cabinet do not agree. It is said the misunderstanding as to the disposition of the surplus for 1895 is much nore serious than was at first believed, the main point at issue being the claim raised by cabinet ministers and others that the surplus should be devoted to the use of the

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—Chairman Caldwell to-day telegraphed the general railroad meeting from Montreal that the consent of first Taku, dismantle Port Arthur and Wei Hai both the Canadian Pacific and the Grand Trunk has been gained to the formation of a new passenger association, if not on a basis entirely satisfactory to all concerned, at least of such a nature as will render the Morrison, ex-Attorney-General, counsel for Chinese warships. The establishment of least of such a nature as will render the proposed association very useful, and MacKay, was ejected by the police, and has will probably be ratified by all the roads concerned. The only difficulty that would remain in that case would be the adjustment of differences between the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific and the question of California rates with the Union Pacific. The first seems to be in a fair way to setblement. All of to-day was spent by the five lines mainly concerned in discussing these questions, the general meeting having adourned early in the day to afford a chance

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TORONTO'S BLAZE.

Than by the Fire of Sunday.

of the Great Conflag-

TORONTO, Jan. 11.—(Special)—Lastnight's nople. One soldier declared that with his in the Osgoodby building at 7 p.m., and an Purser Young kindly furnishes the followwould be pedantry and folly to reject all water, but notwithstanding worked hard weather on the passage. We left Suva O'Brien, James Rigney. On Wellington street, north side: S. F. McKinnon, James

A. Conklin, T. D. Dunnett & Co., furs; W. P. White, manufacturers' agent; Corticelli Silk Co., S. H. Gray & Co., Brereton & Manning, furs; E Boisseau & Co., Robt. Darling & Co. Wellington street, south side—Hart & Riddell, wholesale stationers; Hunter, Rose & Co., publishers; Buntin, Reid & Co., paper manufacturers; Kilgour Bros., paper box manufacturers. The three last named houses were damaged mostly by water. The loss will be much larger than fire was prevented last night. A number of at Sunday's fire, and the estimated insurance The firemen will for days be busy cooling the ruins and preventing the spread of the conflagration. The cause of the fire is ascribed to a leakage of gas in the buildings adjoining Sunday's blaze, occasioned by the disturbance of the gas mains and pipes at that time. It is thought that the Osgoodby building was filled with this and caught by an electric current. At a meeting of underwriters it was moved that insurance on buildings over four stories high be increased 50 per cent. This would have been passed only the members of the city council who were present, assured the insurance people that they would purchase four steam angines, ladders and other appliances. The city is practically without telephone communication

THE SAMOAN QUESTION.

Premier Sedden, of New Zealand, on the Anomalies of the Situation.

-Not a Dumping Ground for European Criminals.

AUCKLAND, N.Z., Jan. 11.—Premier R. J. Sedden spoke at length in Kekitita today concerning Samoa and New Zealand and the three interested powers. He said : 'New Zealand's offer to administer Samoa is unanimously approved by all the Australian colonies. It was made in a friendly spirit to the powers concerned, the United States, who were indifferent in the matter, being cognizant of it. The Germans have made no progress in the colonization of Samoa. Their interests are waning yearly and the Germans in Australasia do not object to our proposal. The sight of the great European powers using warships to settle the trumpery disputes of the Samoan na-tion is a blot on civilization. All the fighting could be stopped by a few police." Premier Sedden complained of Lord Rosebery's attitude to New Zealand and his attack on the press, which simply reported an official regular offer. "If we must be subjected to ridicule," he continued, "with a view to conciliating Germany, it will not strengthen the bonds between the colonies and the mother country. New Zealand and the other colonies do not wish to interfere with Imperial interests, but it is of great importance to the colonies that the Pacific Islands be peopled with British colonists, and not made the Maggiore, Ravenna and elsewhere have dumping ground of European criminals as is caused great damage.

THE DISTRESSFUL ISLAND.

ST. JOHNS, Nfld., Jan. 11.-Important correspondence between the Imperial and Colonial governments was presented to the legislature last night. The local executive in a dispatch to Lord Ripon, the Imperial sions in the British cabinet attracted the colonial secretary, admitted that Newfoundland was in a deplorable condition and asked what assistance England was willing to give if the colony accepted a royal com-mission to investigate colonial affairs.

Lord Ripon replied that the English gov-ernment was willing to appoint a commis-sion, but could not piedge itself beforehand as to the course it would take upon receiv-

ing the commission's report. The local government will not accept a commission on these terms. The government has started a war upon

the correspondents of foreign newspapers, alleging that their messages concerning the financial situation are damaging the colony's credit. A star chamber inquiry into matter was begun yesterday before the police magistrate. None of the correspondents or their counsel were allowed to be

The inquiry is largely partisan, as the first victim is Mr. McGrath, editor of the Herald, an Opposition organ.

Mr. Alexander MacKay, superintendent brought suit against the magistrate.

The prevailing impression is that the proceedings will end in a fizzle.

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FROM SOUTHERN SEAS.

letter from an unnamed correspondent in The Loss Likely to Be Much Greater After Three Days' Delay at the Cape, the "Miowera" Completes a Tedious Passage.

> Leakage of Gas Said to be the Cause The Serious Situation of New South Wales-Political Gossip-The "Wairarapa" Horror.

> After three days' delay in the Straits the fire started where the Globe fire on Sunday R.M.S. Miowera, Captain Stott, which left left off. After burning furiously for four Sydney on December 18 at 4:30 p.m., comhours a downpour of rain fortunately pre- pleted her slowest trip on the new route vented further damage. The fire broke out by arriving here yesterday afternoon. hour later every floor had fallen through to ing memoranda of the trip, which was rethe cellar. From the Orgoodby building the | markable only for its length and the severity

sel was detained by a south-east gale and thick weather from 9 p.m. on Wednesday the 9th instant until 9 a.m. of Saturday. At 3 p.m. on the 9th instant two wooden barks were sighted, reaching, to the south west under low canvas, one of them in bal-

* The following were the passengers on this trip to Victoria: Mr. and Mrs. Jewett, Mrs. Darby, Miss Thorpe, Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, Miss Bertram, Mr. and Mrs. Gomez and family, Messrs. W. H. Grove, H H. Newman, W. Bell, A. Paterson, C. A. Hillebrandt, T. McEntee, J. Semley, A. Hart, . Sharp, J. Gavin, R. H. Dyas and G. Cohen. The cargo is composed of about 2 300 bales of wool, 300 casks of butter, 232 cases ngots of tin, 27 bales of skins, 4 bags of resh rabbits, 150 carcases of mutton, 74 oon Hill park, Victoria."

THE SPIRIT OF UNREST

was everywhere felt in New South Wales when the Miowers left that port, and the eferred to by the Mail—the weekly edition of the Sydney Morning Herald:

"The colony is passing through critical times, and there are indications that the prospects before it are doubtful. No good end could be served by prematurely raising a cry of alarm; but, on the other hand, the circumstances tell us that it is better to be unemployed in Sydney is steadily increasing. A few months ago there was room for congravulation upon the large reduction that had been made. Reports from the labor bureau showed that the new registrations of the names of men in want of work were fewer than the departures either to fulfil actual engagements or to fossick on the goldfields, but, whether it be that men are Zealand has exceeded the reflux to that happy land, the fact of the increase in the numers of the unemployed here is now beyond challenge. Besides that, the increase has

A RENEWAL OF AGITATION

in the form of meetings at the Statue, marches down Macquarie street to the houses of parliament, and deputations to ministers; and the agitation has already begun to assume an imperative tone. The revenue for November showed a decrease in the customs receipts as compared with those of November last year, and this is one of the indications of stagnation in trade and depression in the community. In his interim Budget the other day the Treasurer. whilst giving estimates of revenue and expenditure for the first six months of 1895, calmly looked forward to a heavy excess of expenditure over revenue. Whether the house will cut down the estimates of expenditure or not, no one can foretell. We seem to have before us the passing of estimates which will cause an addition to the accumulated deficit at the end of June, and, with this in view, parliament is to undertake the recasting of our fiscal system. How far that undertaking will succeed is a matter of speculation. The one thing that appears to be certain is that these are not the conditions which are likely to promote a restoration of confidence, a revival of enterprise, and an increase of employment for labor. But what does the government propose to do under the circumstances? Its the local market, and to push on the erection of post offices, lockups, and similar structures in different parts of the country for the purpose of providing employment. There is no reason to doubt that the lavish expenditure on public buildings and public works by the government in the rosy times of the past was one of the causes of the present depression, and to fall back upon the same line of action even partially is to dis-

regard THE TRACHINGS OF EXPERIENCE One reason why the extravagant expenditure on public works in the past has helped to bring about the present depression is that it caused an unhealthy disturbance in the labor market. Artificial conditions were established. The government, wielding the vate enterprise has suffered and shrunk Can anyone expect that it will recover and expand by reverting to the old system of borrowing and expenditure? If any amount of money can be had in Sydney now by the government, and the Treasurer is being estered by having it thrust upon him, what does that fact tell us? It is one of the strongest pieces of evidence that could be produced to show that private enterprise is in a sickly condition, that it supplies no hopeful outlet for the employment of capi-tal, and that even such low interest as the government will pay is acceptable, because otherwise the money would lie idle. Thus it will be seen that the government is enterin the market for capital as well as in that

"The finding of the court of inquiry into LOSS OF THE WATRARAPA,"

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leader emphasizing the importance of "The soon ablaze. The firemen were much handi-Speaker's" news from Constantinople: "It capped by the poor appliances and lack of meather on the seas and wet could hardly be could hardl severe; and as a calm, impartial deliverance. after an exhaustive survey of the whole circumstances, it affords sorry consolation to wreck of the Wairarapa presents human nature, in the persons of those entrusted with the lives of the passengers, in the meanest of aspects. It is small satisfaction to know that, if the captain of the steamer had not been st, he would have lost his certificate. Whatever may have been the neglect of driving the steamer at full speed in a thick lie service. fog and in the darkness of midnight along a rockbound coast, and through waters interspersed with islands, while apparently conscious of not knowing where he was, is to be regarded as the ultimate cause of the disaster. It may be attributed to his mind being from some cause off its balance, but that of preserved meats, 20 cases of treacle, 1,583 does not dry the tears nor heal the broken hearts that his deed has caused. 'The socalled boat drill is a mere farce ' is a solemn cases of fruit, 1 barrel of molasses, and two werdiot on the practice that is often referred swans—a present from the New South Wales to in assurance of the protection given to zoological gardens to the collection of Beat voyagers, and it shows that such an assurance only leads them to live in a fool's paraand the disgraceful conduct of the officers in not promptly and properly using the boats on the occurrence of disaster is apparently situation only a few days previous was thus to be attributed as much to their ignorance

as their inhumanity. It is a bad business altogether, and the most disgraceful in its incidents, perhaps, of all that has ever been read of in connection with Australian sea manship. Valuable lives were lost merely because no effort was made to save them. Women and children were left to the fury of the waves while officers and crew looked watchful than sanguine. The hope that the out for themselves, and indifference was prevailing depression would speedily pass shown, even after the wreck was reported, past; but as the end of the year approaches in not having prompt search made for survivors. In the light of this calm deliverance of the magisterial court of inquiry, the shickening. And it is not at all clear that story of the wreck of the Wairarapa is, from the action contemplated by the government first to last, one of the most painful on in view of actual and prospective trouble record, and the heartfelt sympathy of the will not be of a kind to aggravate the diffi community should be given to the bereaved relatives who have to read anew the story of how their dear ones were cast away." THE MOMBA OUTRAGE

is another subject commanding just now the serious attention of the people of New South Wales. Of this the following is printed: "In September last, during the struggle by the Union shearers to prevent shearing un-

goldfields, but, whether it be that men are der the Pastoralists' agreement, the station returning from shearing sheep or that emi- of the Momba Pastoral Company, in the gration from the labor paradise of New Western district, was the scene of a gross outrage. A camp was formed, and a body of men made an attempt to force the fre shearers on the station to cease work. In this they were baffled by the police who were on the spot. After this, however, fences were pulled up, fencing-wire was cut sheep yards were burnt, and efforts were made to destroy the engine-house by fire Some of the men were arrested, and four of them were convicted the other day at the Central Criminal court of the offence last named. Each was sentenced to seven years penal servitude. These convictions and entences ought to have a useful effect, and so also should the remarks of the Chief Jus tice in passing sentence. Some of these can not be too widely made known. Referring

to the attempt to deprive the free laborers of their liberty, His Honor said : " Each of these men had the unquestion able right to resist you to the death. Had death ensued at your hands, you and each If, on the other hand, the labor ers. in order to resist being deprived of this liberty, had fired on you, not being able to preserve this liberty by other means, and killed you, or any number of you, this aot would have been justifiable. This is what you lay yourself open to, and it is right that free men should know that they have the right to preserve their freedom by force and woe be to him who illegally dares to in terfere with the liberty of another.

"We hear different doctrines preached by certain members of the legislative assemintention is to float a new loan, probably in bly; but it would be well that all parties in erested should remember that members of the assembly do not hold a position that may sympathise with the people who commit these outrages. They may hold that nothing should be done to prevent their perpetration. They may pass resolutions ex-pressing their view of the matter; but the law will remain as before, and so will the liabilities of the misguided men who The dispute between the two sections of

NEW AUSTRALIA MOVEMENT

has reached a crisis. The association has considerable property in Australia, including the pioneer ship Royal Tar. Some months ago the New Australians on the power to borrow money, or to raise it by taxation, entered into competition with private enterprise, and as a natural result private enterprise, and as a natural result private enterprise. property. Shortly afterwards a delegate from Mr. Lane's second settlement, known as the Cosme Colony, arrived and oppose the transference of the association' perty. Mr. W. W. Head, secretary of the New Australia movement in Australia, holds the necessary documents in trust, and Mr. Casey, who has been unable to induce him to transfer the property for the benefit of the original settlement, has drafted a report to members of the association. Mr. Casey announces his intention to organise with a view to the despatch early next year of another contingent for the original set-

Among recent political announcements comments the same paper, "will intensify

in a massacre in a church, and that the blood flowed in a large stream from the door. The soldiers believe that the Sultan ordered the massacre and approved of it."

The Daily News will say to-morrow in a leader emphasizing the importance of "The door ablaze. The firemen were much handileader emphasizing the importance of "The decision on ablaze. The firemen were much handileader emphasizing the importance of "The decision on ablaze. The firemen were much handileader emphasizing the importance of "The decision on ablaze. The firemen were much handileader emphasizing the importance of "The decision on ablaze. The firemen were much handileader emphasizing the importance of "The decision on ablaze. The firemen were much handileader emphasizing the importance of "The decision on ablaze. The firemen were much handileader emphasizing the importance of "The decision on ablaze. The firemen were much handileader emphasizing the importance of "The decision on ablaze. The firemen were much handileader emphasizing the importance of "The decision on ablaze. The firemen were much handileader emphasizing the importance of "The decision on ablaze. The firemen were much handileader emphasizing the importance of "The decision on ablaze. The firemen were much handileader emphasizing the importance of "The decision on ablaze that the sense of indignation that has been generally felt regarding the incidents of the weather encountered:

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> A telegram from Newcastle states that appearances as to the solution of the diffi-culties attending the coal trade are less en-couraging than ever. The masters intend to reduce the hewing rate, and it is more than probable that the miners will resist. On November 21 the English cricketers concluded their match against a Victorian eleven, and won by 145 runs. At Brisbane

works committee before the assembly rises.

the English defeated Queensland by an innings and 274 runs. The civil service commission has decided to investigate the departments of the Colonial Secretary and Colonial Treasurer beobservations or error of calculation, his fore dealing with other branches of the pub-

Mr. Turner, the Victorian Premier, promised a deputation from the Women's Suffrage League that as soon as opportunity offered he would introduce a women's suffer-

age bill into parliament. The government of New Zealand has decided that the salary of any government officer should in future not exceed £800 per annum, and that unless under special gagement travelling expenses are not to ex-

oeed 15s. per day.

The railway line from Auckland to Rotorua was formally opened on December 10 by the premier of New Zealand, Mr. Sed-The Marrickville-Burwood raildon. way will not be ready for opening before the end of the present month.

At Skye, in Victoria, four members of a family named Crosier have been arrested on a charge of infanticide.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Three American Soldiers Drowned in Niagara River-Hamilton's Police Scandal.

Nova Scotian Politician Dead-Colliery Troubles at Springfield Settled.

HALIFAX, Jan. 11.-Michael J. Powell, aged 62, a member of the Nova Scotia legislature from 1882 to 1894 and Speaker of

the Assembly during the past eight years, NIAGARA, Jan. 11 .- The three American soldiers drowned here last night by the capsizing of their boat belonged to the 21st Infantry. Their names were William Trentnow, of the 21st band, a son of the bandmaster, Private Tuttler and Corporal Denborgh. Six boats are now grappling for the bodies. At the time of the accident the

sea was the heaviest here in many years. HAMILTON' Jan. 11.—Chief of Police Mc-Kinnon, whose absence in Toronto has caused considerable talk, has returned to town. Tom Gould, whose wife and sisterin-law are said to have been with McKinnon, claims to have secured sufficient evidence to

claim a divorce. PARRY SOUND, Jan. 11.—The five-year-old daughter of Jonathan Hymers, while stooping over an open well, fell in and was

PORT ARTHUR, Jan. 11.—As predicted, Jos. G. Ding is to oppose Jas. Conmee in the pending contest for the seat in the pro-vincial parliament for West Algoma. SPRINGHILL MINES, N S., Jan. 11.-An agreement has been reached between the

striking miners and the company's officers.

There is rejoicing over the settlement of the

BRITISH CABINET.

Something About the Rumored Dissensions-

LONDON, Jan. 10.-The rumored dissensions in the British cabinet attracted the greatest interest in to-day's council, which met at noon, with all the ministers present. Sir William Harcourt, chancellor of the exchequer, and John Morley, chief secretary for Ireland, are understood to have been of the opinion that the Irish must be satisfied at all costs during the coming session of par-liament. With this view, it is added, Premier Rosebery and Home Secretary Asquith agree. It is said the misunderstanding as to the disposition of the surplus for 1895 is much more serious than was at first believed, the main point at issue being the others that the surplus should be devoted to the use of the navy.

FIGHTING IN MADAGASCAR.

The Hovas Defeated and Forced to Retire With Heavy Loss.

London, Jan. 11.-A Port Louis dispatch says news has been received from Madagascar stating that the French bombarded Fort Farafatra. The Hovas bravely defended the fort, replying to the French fire with well directed shots from seven guns, comprising the armament of the fort. No detalls of the engagement are given. Further advices say that the attack upon Fort Farafatra was made December 28. The Hovas were defeated and retired with heavy loss.

"Don Giovanni." New York, Jan. 11.-Mozart's " Don Giovanni" was performed at the Metropolitan opera house last night before a large audience, which showed very plainly that it Among recent political announcements is that of the premier of New South Wales that arrangements have been completed for a meeting of the colonial premiers to consider the question of federation, at Hobart, on the 29th instant. The South Australian legislative council has decided to send no representation to this meeting and this