The Colonial Secretary Finally and Definitely Refuses to Disallow the Reli Rallway Contract in Newfoundland.

"To His Excellency Governor Sir Herbert Murray:

"Sir: I have the honor to acknow-ledge receipt of your despatch, No. 85, of October 6, forwarding copies of the resolutions passed at the public meeting of the inhabitants of St. John's on Oc-"Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your despatch, No. 85, of October 6, forwarding copies of the resolutions passed at the public meeting of the inhabitants of St. John's on October 4, urging that Her Majesty should be advised either to discillow the act possed in the recent session of the legistature of Newfoundland, to give effect to the contract with Mr. Reid, or that in any case I should defer tendering addice to her majesty in regard to the act in the people of the colony have had opport nity of expressing their views on the question at the general elections.

"The Jobannesburg correspondent of the Times, telegraphing Thursday, says: "Yesterday's issue of the Bund Post contains further inflammatory articles. The paper calls Saturday's proceedings a rebellious plot against the existence of the republic, and styles the petition in the native quarter. They were demonstrative, but evidently keenly interested.

I be people of the colony have had opport nity of expressing their views on the question at the general elections.

The step which I am urged to take is one for which there is no precedent in the history of colonial administration. The measure the disallowance of which staff should be withdrawn." is sought, is not only of purely local concern, but one the provisions of which are almost exclusively of a financial and administrative character. The right of complete and unfettered control over.

Convicts Escape—A Patriotic Spaniard Stabbed. financial policy and arrangements is es-

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innancial policy and arrangements is essential to self-government, and has been invariably acknowledged and respected by Her Majesty's government and jealously guarded by the colonies. The colonial government and legislature are purely responsible for the management of the foregoes to the people of the colonies.

poses of assets of the colony over which its creditors in this country have an equitable, if not a legal claim, but apart from the fact that the assets in question are mainly potential and that the security of the colonial debt is its general revenue, not any particular property decrease. Learners admit that the creditive committee, consisting of 150 leading Cuban lawyers, doctors and business men, at a meeting which lasted until four o'clock this morning. the Spanish evacuate them.

The Culam patriotic committee, consider the security of the colonial debt is its general revenue, not any particular property or assets, I cannot admit that the creditors of the colony have any right to claim the interference of Her Majestry as government in the matter. It is on the faith of the colonial government and the matter of the colony have any right to claim the interference of Her Majestry is government in the matter. It is on the faith of the colonial government and the matter of postpounding the day's celebration, and approved of the manifesto to the Cuban population of the manifesto to the Cuban population of that the act involved a breach of faith or a confiscation of the rights of absent persons, Her Majestry's government would have to examine it carefully and consider whether the discretic which such action on the part of a colony would entail on the rest of the end military chiefs of the continuence. But no such charge is made, and if Her Majestry's government were to intervene whenever the legislation of a colony would entail on the rest of the end intervene whenever the legislation of a colony was alleged to affect the rights of a colony was alleged to affect the rights of a colony was alleged to affect the rights of a colony was alleged to affect the rights of a colony was alleged to affect the rights of a colony was alleged to affect the rights of a colony was alleged to affect the rights of a colony was alleged to affect the rights of a colony was alleged to affect the rights of a colony was alleged to affect the rights of a colony was alleged to affect the rights of a colony was alleged to affect the rights of a colony was alleged to affect the rights of a colony was alleged to affect the rights of a colony was alleged to affect the rights of a colony was alleged to affect the rights. which such action on the part of a col-ony would entail on the rest of the em-pire rendered it necessary for them to intervene. But no such charge is made, and if Her Majesty's government were to intervene whenever the legislation of a colony was alleged to affect the rights of non-residents, the right of self-gov-

entirely on his own motion. It is essential that for every act of a governor in local matters full responsibility should attach to a ministry amenable to the

think it desirable that it should be made quite clear to the colony, in accepting the full responsibilities inseparable from the privilege of self-government, if the many thinks the many than the self-government. chinery provided for the work of legislation and administration has proved detective or the persons to whom it has antrusted its destinies have failed to discharge their trust they cannot look to Her Majesty's government to supplement or remedy these defects or to judge be-tween them and their duly chosen repre-

'I have, etc., "OHAMBERIAIN."

THE TRANSVAAL TROUBLE. Oom Paul" Tries to Smooth Matters-Appeal to the Queen.

Loudon, Dec. 30.-The Johannesburg utters a warning against the optimist reports cabled to London in the Kruger Local Legislature Must Be Supreme Authority
— Governers' Obligation To Be Advised
by Responsible Ministers.

St. John's Nid. Dec. 29—Governor
Murray has made public the text of the
fressage received by him from Mr.
Chamberlain, severary of attact for the
redonics in which he family and de
finitely refused to disallow the Reid
railway contract, or to interfere in colonial affairs, the purport of which had
been already made known. The message is regarded as a rebuke to the governor, and is considered an important
pronouncement on the constitutional
and legislative control which the imperial
authorities may safely exercise over
colonial questions. The message of the
colonial secretary for the main part was
as follows:—

"To His Excellency Governor Sir Her
Interest, says: 'I have interviewed the
British consul, who says that the Saturday demonstration impressed him as
based upon deep public feeling, while the
deputation which presented the peritons
was to his personal knowledge composed
of men of high character and standing.

"Signs are multiplying that the Uitlander sentiment has been roused to the
politics, but they declare that despite
The ex-reform leaders are debarred on
der pain of hanishment, from interfering
the painters of welcome Goes on to Calcutta To-Morrow.

Bombay, Dec. 30.—Baron Curzon of
Redlestone, th interest, says: "I have interviewed the

tion.

"The present position has aroused the deepest public excitement known since the Jameson raid, and it is plain that something must be done quickly to terminate a humiliating and intolorable eiteration."

Lord Curzon replied, thanking those present for the gracious welcome extended to him and his wife, who, he added, came to India with sympathies as warm as his own, and who looked forward with earnest delight to a life of happy eiteration."

o question at the general elections.

The step which I am urged to take a new consular staff; failing immedi-

AFFAIRS IN OUBA.

Havana, Dec. 30 .-- Forty convicts who were paving a street near the Presidio, attempted to escape vesterday to the American line. They were pursued by the Americans. Some were captured, but 17 escaped through the purely responsible for the management of its finances to the people of the colony, and unless imperial interests of great importance are imperilled, the intervention of Her Majesty's government in such matters would be an unwarrantable intrusion and a breach of the charter of the colony.

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until January 3rd. There was no important action at to-day's meeting. The a colony was alleged to affect the rights of non-residents, the right of self-government would be restricted to very narrow limits, and complications and confusion from the division of authority must arise.

"It is not the duty of Her Majesty's governre not to attempt the task of deciding whether the act of the legislature has been in accord with the opinion of the electorate.

"Even a governor who was to some extent in touch with local opinion would be taking a serious step if in response to petitions such as have been addressed to me, and against the advice of his ministers, he refused to assent to a measure of local concern, which has been duly pussed by the legislature, and if he failed to find other ministers prepared to assume responsibility for his activa and able to secure the support of the legislature, his position would become untenable. Any such step on the part of a governor would have to be taken entirely on his own motion. It is essential that for every act of a governor

C. P. R. ENTERPRISE.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—The Canadian Pacific are already making great preparations for next year's traffic. In the first place they will run a rapid train across the continent, calling it the Imperial Limited. The company have just turned out twe new dining cars named Merrimac and Millerie. All of the C. P. Limited and Millerie. All of the C. P. R. dining cars are named after places in Europe. They are also completing tendered that he continuing obligation of the contractor would not be suspended until the act is disallowed or repealed. It would be unjust therefore to the contractor, and would only add to the already heavy liabilities of the coiony to accede to the prayer of the petitioners. "My action has throughout been governed solely by the constitutional principles on which I am bound to act, and I think it desirable that it should be made quite clear to the colony, in accepting the Montreal, Dec. 30.-The Canadian Pa-

THE STUARTBURN MURDER. Winnipeg, Dec. 29.-Another arrest in

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—Another arrest in the Stuartburn murder case was made this afternoon, Waryl Guszczak being now locked up, charged with assisting Czuby, the Galician, in killing Bocehke and four children.

During the preliminary trial of Czuby to-day, Guszczak gave evidence impirecating himself, and was promptly arrested. Czuby has been sent up for trial.

London, Dec. 30.—Poultney Bigelow who returned from the Philippine Islands via New York on Saturday, lies at his house in Chelsea dangerously ill of dysentery, contracted in the Far Landon, Guszczak gave evidence impirecating himself, and was promptly arrested. Czuby has been sent up for trial.

correspondent of the Daily Mail, who The New Viceroy Receives a Royal Welcome Upon Arrival at Bombay - The City Gally Decorated.

to-morrow evening.

DREYFUS GOING HOME. It Is Reported That He Is Now En Route to Paris.

New York, Dec. 30.—A special to the Herald from Paramaribo, via Hayti, says: It is reported here that former Captain Dreyfus, who for the last three years has been kept in confinement at Devil's Island, has been removed from his island prison to Cayenne, and sailed from there for France December 4th last an a convict transport. No details last on a convict transport. No details regarding the departure of the prisoner or his ultimate destination can be ascertained. It is believed he will be taken to Paris to await the order of the court of cassation.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The min'ster of the colonics denies the report that Dreyfus has embarked from Cayenne on his return to France, adding that the court of cassation sione can decide the question of the return

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Ambas-ador Romero, of Mexico, died this (Fri-

that capacity until August, 1860, when in the absence of the minister he became charge d'affaires. He returned to Mexico in 1863 to take part in the war against the French and was appointed colonel by President Diaz, then appointed as his chief of staff. Soon after that President Juarez was accredited as envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Washington.

He has been arrested in Seattle.

The Imperieuse arrived in port this morning. She will pay off on Monday, and the men will be given four days ashore.

Charles Waring Hayward, son of a prominent St. John's, Nfid., Q.C., is missing.

IMPERIAL PENNY POSTACO.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 30.—There has been no improvement in the foreign live stock markets since Monday. A private cable received from Lindon yesterday reported the sales of Canadian cattle at £12 per head, sheep at 28s. 6d. each, and lambs 23s. each. A cable from Manchester reported sales of sheep at 30s. each, and a cable from Liverpool gave the sales of lambs at 28s. 6d. All above prices, shippers state, are below cost,

of her crew have been saved and landed here. Capt. Ritchie, the first officer and second and fourth engineers, are missing.

The British steamer Glenavon hailed from Glasgow, and was 1,912 tons register. POULTNEY BIGELOW ILL.

THE TROUBLED PHILIPPINES. Advices From the Madrone Islands Re-

Manila, Dec. 30.—The British schooner Esmeralda, which has just arrived here from the Madrone Islands, reports that after the United States cruiser Charleston left the Island of Guam in June 1881 the Spaniards refused to acknowledge the authority of Francis Portosach, who was verbally authorized by Captain Glass to continue his former regime as governor, and Jose Sisto. er regime as governor, and Jose Sisto, a former public administrator, was declared governor. He armed part of the native guard, collected a tax of six dollars a head, and secreted fifteen tons of powder and a small stock of ammunition, when the island was taken by the Americant

cated chief, has been selected to be the ruler. He is reported to be favorable to the Americans. The British cruiser Bonaventura has gone to Hoilo to protect British interests there.

The Spanish steamer Romulus, which has arrived here, reports insurgents at Hoilo are inclined to surrender to the Americans if they are satisfied with the form of government which will be acform of government which will be ac-

A BIG STEAMSHIP DEAL,

Montreal, Dec. 30.—There is evidently something in the wind in regard to the Richelien & Ontario S.S. Co. For weeks past it has been whispered around that an American syndicate from Chicago and New York had its eyes on the big inland steamship company, but it is only since a few days that propositions have been made certain shareholders with a view to the extension, if not the complete view to the extension, if not the complete absorption, of the R. & O. by American capital. It is understood that the parties capital. It is understood that the parties who are instrumental in brin. In about these negotiations are the same which brought Senator Forget and colleagues to meet the Toronto men a year ago, which finally resulted in the Ontario capitalists going into the Richelleu company on a large scale. The directors of the R. & O. would say little or nothing about the negotiations in question, but it is understood a square proposition has been made to large shareholders here, and that while some of them are against baving snything to do with the Americans, others look with more favor on the AMBASSADOR ROMERO DEAD. Scheme and are willing to tuse a good price for very large holdings.

BARON LONGUEUIL'S WILL.

sador Romero, of Mexico, died this [Friday] morning at 4 o'clock, aged 62 years.

The remains will be taken to Mexico for interment.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Senor Romero, probably, was the best known member.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 30.—The will of the late Baron de Longueuil, who died suddenly in New York, will shortly be probated. The executors chosen are justice Wurtele, Baroness de Longueuil.

the Globe says: Among the first batch of letters posted under the new imperial schedule at Christmas were eight for Canada, one of which was marked "Thank Henniker Heaton for this." English newspapers generally, however, while giving credit to Henniker Heaton for the street of the control of th for his efforts in connection with 1m perial penny postage, say that the early realization of the scheme is due to Canada and Mr. Mulock.

THE CORNISH MYSTERY.

New York, Dec. 30.—There is hope that the silver-plated trinket received through the mails by Harry Cornish may furnish a clue to the person guilty. It has been learned that the article is not a bottle holder as supposed, but a toothpick holder. It was stated at the detective bureau that the retail store where it was sold has been discovered. Bryond this the detectives refused to months a cattle bureau that the person in the Dec. 30.—The Hawke says that the person

STEAMER GLENAVON WRECKED,
Hongkong, Dec. 30.—The British
steamer Glenavon, Capt, Ritchie, which
sailed for Loudon from here last evening, has been wrecked on a rock. Part
of her crew have been saved and landed

New York, Dec. 30.—The Herald says Secretary Long has decided the following assignments: Rear Admiral Sampson to retain command of the North Atlantic Squaderon; Commodore J. Philip to command the Brooklin Navy Yard; Commodore H. F. Picking to command the Boston Navy Yord; Capt. Louis Kempfi to command the naval station at Quam and to be naval governor of that island. Rear Admiral Schley and Rear Admiral H. L. Howison to be assigned to sea duty.

28 BELOW ZERO.

West Superior, Wis., Dec. 30.—The thermometer shows 28 degrees below zero. The mercury was 34 below during the night. This is the record this

Evidently Beginning a Campaign Against the Nicaragua Project and Favoring the Panama Scheme.

Bitter Bislike for the United States - The Russian Press Openly Advocating the French Plan.

New York, Dec. 30 .- A Paris dispatch says: The Herald's European edition paign against the Nicaraguan canal. The Novoe Vremya publishes articles not only warmly advocating the Panama scheme, but filled with bitter dislike of the United States. The writer says the predominance of the United States would have been desirable for Russia a few

Americans if they are satisfied with the form of government which will be accorded them.

TWO CENT POSTAGE.

Canada To Have The New Rate After January 1st.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—(Special.) — The Canadian government have decided to give a two cent instead of three cent domestic rate after January 1.

Capt. Bowie, who has been sailing on the Ottawa river for the past 35 years and is 64 years old, died here this nicrning. He has been ill for several weeks. The assistant sergeant-at-arms of the House of Commons is a son of deceased.

A BIG STEAMSHIP DEAL,

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AN APPEAL TO CUBANS.

New York. Dec. 30.—The Cuban delega-tion, according to the World's Washing-ton despatch, have prepared and sent to Cuba an elaborate appeal in circular form to be distributed among the natives. It begs them to remember that they only fought for independence and not for an-nexation.

Ward's votes at Ucluelet, the result would give Neill a majority there, as at the other polling stations, and increase his total majority beyond what he ob-tained at the general election.

Two questions are now agitating the politically minied of the citizens. First, what induced these men, to research

SPAIN VOTES MORE MONEY! Madrid, Dec. 30.—The sabinet has agreed to send additional funds to Cuba for the repatriation of Spanish troops remaining there. The government considers the prospects for the release of Spanish prisoners in the Philadelic arrived in this city at 10 o'clock last

iet a few days ago in accordance with the resolution for the sum of \$4,950.

The Waterous Engine Company of Brantford are the builders of the new addition to the city's fire fighting plant, and the "machine" is expected to be a specially fine piece of machinery. It specially fine piece of machinery. It will have the same capacity as the John Grant, 750 gallons a minute, from three streams, but it has in addition a number of modern appliances which were not in use when the John Grant was built. Of these one of the firm's own patents is an equalizing bar. By means of these features the engine will remain perfectly level even when the wheels are on an angle. The engine's lines will thus remain perfectly straight, no matter where it is placed, and all straight no matter where it is placed, and all straight no matter where it is placed. angle. The engine's lines will thus re-main perfectly straight, no matter where it is placed, and all strain upon it avoid-ed. The new engine also has patent hollers and modern pumps, and is guar-anteed to be the very best type of mod-ern fire fighters. The town of Welling-ton has placed an order for a smaller engine of the same type, while it is un-derstood that the manufacturers will

derstood that the manufacturers will build Victoria's engine specially in order to introduce their improvements.

The Yates street fire hall is expected to be transferred to the purchaser, Mr. Richardson, some time this week. The deposit of \$2,000 has been in the city's hands for many months, and as the council is now able to give a clear title the remaining \$6,000 will be paid over when the transfer takes place. The brigade now stationed at Yates street will be otherwise disposed of. Mr. Richardson intends to transfer his place of will be otherwise disposed of. Mr. Richardson intends to transfer his place of business to the half as soon as the necesary alteration can be made. A meeting of the fire wardens is called for to-night, when they are expected to draw up a full report for submission to the council dealing among other things with the site of the new fire half in the Cadboro Bay road district.

DOCTORS TESTIFY.

There's strong testimony by eminent physicians of wonderful cures made by Dr. Chase's Family Remedies particularly 1/r. Chase's Ointment.

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The Conviction of Two Men at Alberni - How the Turnerites Fought the Election.

Alberni, Dec. 27.—The court—house here was crowded to-day, great interest being taken in the trial before J. P.'s Forrest and Sutton of two men charged with personation at the recent bye-election. On information laid by A. W. Neill, Frank Frere and W. Cooper were charged with having at Uclusiet, on the 15th inst., applied for ballot papers, and having voted in the name of some other persons. Constable Cox deserves credit for the able manner in which he hadded for the able manner in which he handled the case. Evidence was first given prov-ing that the tug Thistle called at Alberni the night previous to the election and took on a number of men next day, among whom were the accused, steamed to Ucluelet and returned thence the fol-lowing night. Mr. Goorg Fraser, farm-er, Ucluelet, who gave his evidence in a particularly straightforward and convincing manuer, swore positive y to the accused having voted at Uchuel t under fulse names, although one of them, Frere, had meantime shaven off beard, whiskers, and moustache. There was practically no defence offered, and the prisoners were found guilty and sen-tenced to one day's imprisonment and a fine of \$100 each. There is a general strong American element in its share-holders.

The Novoe-Vennya says: "Russia must therefore be on guard against the United States, especially in view of the enormous wealth on its Pacific shores and the strategical positions occupied by the Americans in Sandwich, Philippine and Samoan and Mariana islands."

a fine of \$100 each. There is a general feeling that the sentence was a very light one, considering the gravity of the offence. Both men subsequently admitted their guilt and stated they were led astray by others, who assured them that no penalty attached to personation. If the votes cast by these two men and those of the four others known to have been personated are addreted from Mr. been personated are deducted from Mr. Ward's votes at Ucluelet, the result would give Neill a majority there, as at

what induced these men to personate; second, who support the Whot?

IMPERSONATORS PUNISHED.

Cuba for the repatriation of Spanish troops remaining there. The government considers the prospects for the release of Spanish prisoners in the Philippine Islands as very discouraging.

BRUTAL MURDERER HANGED.

Springfield. Mass., Dec. 30.—Dominique Crathofskil was successfully hanged at 10:12 a.m. to-day. The crime for which he paid with his life on the rallows to day was the brutal murder of his step-daughter. Mary Pincus. The murder was committed on the morning of January 17th, 1807, in a squalld basement of a tenement at Sharon street, this city.

A NEW FIRE FIGHTER.

The Contract Signed for a Waterous Engine by the Fire Wardens.

The fire which wiped out a group of business places in this city last night has naturally turned the attention of citizens generally to the increased facilities the city is providing for fire protection. Two weeks ago a resolution was unanimously passed by the council authoriting the purchase was left to the fire wardens and the chief engineer and purchasing agent, and the contract was left a few days ago in according was the handle of the contract was left to the fire wardens and the chief engineer and purchasing agent, and the contract was left to the fire wardens and the chief engineer and purchasing agent, and the contract was left to the fire wardens and the chief engineer and purchasing agent, and the contract was left to the fire wardens and the chief engineer and purchasing agent, and the contract was left to the fire wardens and the chief engineer and purchasing agent, and the contract was left to the fire wardens and the chief engineer and purchasing agent, and the contract was left to the fire wardens and the chief engineer and purchasing agent, and the contract was left to the fire wardens and the chief engineer and purchasing agent, and the contract was left to the fire wardens and the chief engineer and purchasing agent, and the contract was left to the fire wardens and the chief engineer and purchasing agent, and the contract was left to the fire wardens and the chi

on Thursday next.

The cause that has given rise to the report that Mr. Neill has resigned is as follows:

On Thursday, December 8th, a man On Inursially, December 8th, a man was convicted before a justice of the peace on a charge of being drunk and fined \$10. He asked for a few days' time to pay the fine, which the justice was willing to allow. Mr. Neill volun-

To all who find themselves with bealth gradually slipping away, Kidneys and Liver so disorganized that they are incapable of keeping the system free from poisonous waste material. Stomach Disordered, How els Constipated, Head Aching, Back Achderstood that the manufacturers will ing. Rack Paining, take Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. The quick way they help you back to health will surprise you. TWO POINTED QUESTIONS ANS-

> WERED. What is the use of making a better article than your competitor if you can not get a better price for it?

not get a better price for 1:?

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