

own and all the other Governments of Australia and Tasmania, addressed the following telegram to Lord Salisbury :—

“The Governments of Australia and Tasmania view with satisfaction the prompt and fearless measures adopted by her Majesty’s Government in defence of the integrity of the Empire. We desire to convey our united assurances of loyal support. The people of Australia are in full sympathy with the determination of the Mother Country to resent foreign interference in matters of British and Colonial concern.”

Some twelve days later a Melbourne telegram informed us that Mr. Chamberlain’s imperially-minded speech, delivered on the 21st of the same month (of which presently), had been

“received with enthusiasm throughout Australia. His name was greeted with ringing cheers on the Melbourne Stock Exchange, followed by the singing of ‘Rule Britannia.’”

At the beginning of February it was announced that the Earl of Glasgow, Governor of New Zealand, had forwarded to Mr. Chamberlain a telegram received from the Prime Minister of that Colony containing a resolution passed by a meeting of colonists at Auckland, to the following effect :—

“Recent statesmanlike and patriotic conduct of Imperial Government, with reference to the Venezuela and Transvaal Republics has been such as to intensify loyal sentiments to the Queen of England, making us prouder than ever to belong to the Empire of Great Britain.”

#### CANADA.

CONTIGUITY to the United States has always had the effect of bringing the question of the Imperial connection home to the minds of Canadians more vividly than elsewhere as an actual matter of practical political application. The Liberal party in the Dominion has contained within its ranks men of great weight and influence, whose loyalty to the British connection has not been always quite unquestioned in the face of difficulties and temptations besetting them from across the border. The manifesto from which the following extracts are made is the more significant, therefore, inasmuch as the Hon. J. W. Longley, Attorney-General of Nova Scotia, is a distinguished member of the Liberal party in Dominion politics. Referring (shortly after the Venezuelan Message) to the deplorable possibility of war between England and the United States, Mr. Longley said :—