8 **DR. STOCKTON** 

Has a Splendid Meeting in Albert on Wednesday Evening.

His Declaration Respecting Local and Federal Political Lines.

Interesting Debate About Expenditure of By-road Money-Mr. Tingley's Question and the Answer.

The meeting held by Dr. Stockton at Albert on Wednesday evening was quite as interesting and grattifying to the leader of the opposition and his friends as was the one at Hillsbor on Tuesday. The shall was nearly filled, and the speaker was frequently and heartily applauded. Driving over the country roads in their present rough state on a cold night is no pic-nic, and that quite a large number ne in fr that the people of Albe showed that the people of Albert take a lively interest in the political dis-cussions of the day. Dr. S. C. Murray occupied the chair at Albert, and with him on the plat-

form were: Howard O. Barbour, Guil-ford Smith, J. S. Atkinson, Geo. Mc-Kean (St. John), Capt. G. A. Coonan, Rufus Tingley, and Couns. G. D. Pres-cott, I. C. Prescott and T. B. Carter. Among those in the audience were: C. A. Peck, Q. C., E. H. Robinson, C. man, C. W. Anderson, H. J. W. Anderson, Rev. Chias. Comben, W. A. Trueman, C. W. Anderson, H. J. Bennett, G. H. Steadman, H. H. Ting-ley, Miles Brewster, Job Stiles, J. B. McAlpine, J. C. Calhoun, W. E. Cal-houn, W. H. Calhoun, D. N. Murray, Robt. White, Howe Tingley, Frank Tingley, Nathanie Peck, E. E. Peck, R. L. Myles, W. W. Tamis, T. B. Can-non, Capt. William Wood, J. A. Ful-lerton, M. M. Tingley, J. H. Rhodys, Nicholas Pearson, Peter Bishop, Ed-ward Bishop, W. M. Banbour, G. W. Barbour, G. V. Peck, Jobiel Peck, H. D. Cleveland, Chas. L. Peck, Joseph Klever, John Elever, H. V. Wilbur, Otis Cannon, W. E. Stiles, Otis Brew-ster, Howard Turner, Ezra Stiles, Ezra O. Barbour and others. The chairman observed that at a time when non-political banquets were somewhat the order of the day it was not amiss to enjoy an inteflectual banquet. The people of Albert county were as intelligent as any in the country, and desired to be familiar with the condition of public affairs. . Tru

condition of public affairs right and necessary that the hould inform themselves as what is going on in the country. Stockton's mission was not non-itical. The provincial government re two political dads. One was the He did not n coalitions and the non-po-tes could not be carried out.

took place after he ceased to support Dr. ekton took up the question of provincial finances, which he had been specially asked to deal with by elec-tors both at Hillsboro and Albert. He showed the enormous increase of the debt and the heavy interest charge, and the heavy drain on our limited revenue, which has resulted from the increase of nearly two million dollars in the bonded debt since 1884. He took

up the subject of over-expenditure and floating debt, and showed that owing to the system of concealment and withholding information concern-ing the real financial condition of the province it is impossible for the people to learn, even from the public accounts, the exact amount of the debt and of the over-expenditure. Discussing public expenditure, Dr. Stockton

said he believed there was ample revenue, with honesty and economy in ation, to carry on the public services of the country. After discussing the manner in which funds are expended to favor political pets, notably in connection with the money for roads and bridges which Mr. Em merson had so manipulated that the \$70,000 which formerly went to the \$70.000 \$(0,000 which formerly went to the municipality to be distributed on by-reads is now passed through the chief commissioner's office and may go to his political friends, the speak-er took up the subject of con-trollable expanditure and show-trollable expanditure and showallables expenditure and snow-l up the extravagant printing ils, and others in this class. He also calt with the government's policy of addling more expense on the munici-allities. Hon. Mr. LaBillois' skimtills. ning station and threshing machine policy, Hon. Mr. White's famous muskpolicy, Hon, Mr. Winte's failures interaction rat policy, and Hon. Mr. Emmersion's wheat bonus policy were dealt with, amid laughter and applause from the crowd. Of the wheat question, he yent on to say that he hoped the farmer's convention would discuss it. He wass at present unable to see any stronger reason for bonusing wheat than other crops more suited to the scil and climate. The farmers could be depended on to pursue that line of agriculture which under all circumstances gives the best results. It was sound policy to stick to that which gave the surest return. The farmers would, he hoped, discuss this wheat question. Not that the government

would be at all guided by what the farmers said, for in the matter of the office of minister of agriciture, the farmers were not considered at all. But Mr. Emmerson is out in favor of bonuses. Why, Mr. Emmerson is an out and out free trader, and op-

posed to tariffs and that sort of this It is strange that he should forget all his old lessons in political economy and blossom out as a pronounced pro-tectionist, for that is what this bonus means. Dr. Stockton here took up the cold storage question, winter port trade and the problem of getting our farm produce on the British market. and his trenchant criticism of Laur-ier's Liverpool speech and its effect, and his (Stockton's) appeal for fair play for ourselves in any scheme of preferential trade was heartily and frequently applauded. If we could set a preference for our products in the British market, it would give our agricultural interests such an impetus as has not been known for years. (Loud applause.) This is what Mr. and his trenchant criticism of Laur-

tpalities. The commissioners ex- ONTARIO AND QUEBEC pended it. Dr. Stockton-Give me the name of any man in opposition who has had the spending of a dollar in the last three years,

WEEKLY SUN, ST JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 29, 1897.

SUT. ST. JOHN, M. B. OBLEMBER 29. 19-11.

Mr. Keiver-I am not here to answer your questions. Dr. Stockton-They why do you say

1 am wrong? Does any gentleman know of money being given to an opponent to expend? Nobody was able to give such infor-

Mr. Kelver asked if anybody consid ered him a government pet, or if he had ever acted like one.

Someboly made a reference to a bridge, which provoked general laughter, in which Mr. Ketver goodnaturedly joined. Dr. Stockton-The point of this de-bate then is that what I stated is

orrec H. H. Tingley rose to ask a question. He had understood Dr. Stockton to declare against coalitions. If the doctor were called on to form a government would it be a coalition, or would it be formed on federal lines, and if so, on which side of federal politics?

Dr. Stockton replied that he did not believe in coalitions made to keep a government in power. At present provincial politics were not run on dominion lines. If called on to form a government he would then declare his policy. But he might say for the ner's benefit that he was op sed by the majority of the liber in the province, and by all the l on the floors of the house. It there-fore looked very much as if, in the event of this being called on to give this province an administration, it would be the result of conservative in-讹

This declaration was greeted with very hearty applause.

J. S. Atkinson, in rising to move vote of thanks to Dr. Stockton, observed that such meetings were usu-ally held during the heat and turmoid of an election, when statements were sometimes made that it was difficult at the moment to controvert. Dr. Stockton's plan was a good innovation. He came and calmly discussed the issues, and there was ample op-portunity for the people to consider nts speeches and correct him if he were wrong. He moved a vote of thanks for the able, eloquent and instructive address, and hoped that in the near future they would have the privilege of electing men to support Dr. Stockton and a government led by him.

Mr. Atkinson's remarks were plauded, and the motilon, seconded by Coun. G. D. Prescott, was unanimously adopted.

Dr. Stockton expressed his sense of gratitude, and remarked that he was not going about to tell one story in one place and a different one in anone place and a different one in an-other. He was not yearning for of-fice. He could have had one, but felt that a man's self-respect and adher-ence to principle was worth more than a cabinet position. If called to power he would labor with an eye single to the interests of his native province (Antience)

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### Colonial Office Shuts Down on Postmaster General Mulock.

## Will Not Allow the Arrangement to

Go Into Effect at Present.

The Award in the Behring Sea Case a Disappointment in Ministerial Circles.

CTTAWA, Dec. 21.-The minister of. justice has set himself a somewhat arduous task. He proposes to person. ally examine into each capital case before reporting to the council whether or not the law should take its course. Heretofore the chief clerk of

the department has reviewed the evidence and the judge's report on cap-Ital cases.

The postal revenue continues to rease, the November returns showcrease, the November returns show-ing an increase of \$70,000 over the same month last year. A big de-mand has set in for sets of the old issue of post stamps. Several denom-inations are already disposed of. The comparative efficiency returns for field batteries has been issued. Hamilton leads with 500 points out of a possible 545. Sydney is seventh with 448 points; Woodstock twelfth with 390; Newcastle sixteenth with 373

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The unanimpus award of the Behring Sea, seizure commissioners, Judge King and Putnam, has been handed to Sir Julian Pauncefote and Secretar sherman. The amount is not stated. OTTAWA, Dec. 22.-The cabine of TAWA, Dec. 22. The cabinet was in session today, the first meet-ing of any importance held for some days. The premier returned from Quebec at noon, but whether he suc-ceeds in securing peace is doubtful. Eight laborers from Hull and Otta-wa, who have been working on the Crows' Nest Pass railway, returned home today and entered a suit for Crows' Nest Pass railway, returned home today and entered a suit for damages against the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. After signing off all claims against the company and con-tractors, the men say they were actu-ally forced to sign off their claim. They hold that as an agreement was They hold that as an agreement was not made by the man in person it is not valid, so also is their agreement not to sue the C. P. R. not valid, as they were actually prisoners while at the Crows' Nest. There was no other way for them to come except over the C. P. R. line, and they had no money. Fifty-six applications for private bills have already been made. Of these twenty-three are for charters either to build railways or to do min-ing, trading or transportation work in

Hon. Mr. Tarte returned to day. Speaking of the mooted hb-als round robin to the prime min-ter to get rid of him, he stated that ers of parlia if three grit membe will retire from the will retire from the cabinet. The owners of the sealing vessels Ariel and Wille McGowans, seized by the Russian cruisers in 1892, have signified their readiness to accept the offer of the Russian government in settlement of their claims. The anaount tenlered by the government at, St. Petersoung as compensation was \$40,050. This is somewhat below the sum of the two claims. Never-theless the owners have potified the theless the owners have notified the government of their acceptance of the amount tendered. They have also agreed to accept the division of the amount to be made by Sir Louis

in their leader. They regreted deeply that he had allowed certain of his that he had allowed certain of his followers to gain such an ascendency over him, and they were now waiting thit the premier should regain his temporarily lost political senses. MONTREAL, Dec. 22.—Three byelections took place today in Quebec for the provincial legislature. All three were carried by the liberals. Tarte can lidate being elected in Yamaska and Levis, where the result turned principally on the bonussing of the South Shore railway, which was opposed by Mr. Tarte, as the projectel railway would parallel the Drummond county rallway. In Bonaventure the regular liberal candidate, who was endorsed by Premier Laurier, was defeated by the independent hberal. The candidates elected were: Yamaska, Allard (lib.); Levis, Oliver (lib.), and Bonaventure, Clappte (ind. uhb.)

TORONTO, Dec. 21 .- The Evening Telegram special cable from London says: "Two steamboats of four thou sand tons capacity, with a speed of about sixteen knots, have been selected by those commissioned to procure them for the all Canadian route to the Yukon distric TORONTO, Dec. 22 .- The C. P. R has placed an order with Bertram & Polson shipyards for the construction of six river stern wheel boats to ply in the Stikeen river. Each will be 150 feet long and thirty feet beam. They will be taken to Vancouver in pieces and put together again there. OTTAWA: Dec. 23 .- The new link of the empire in the shape of three cent postage to Great Britain and the colpostage to Great Britain and the col-onies, which was announced with such flourish of trumpets during the Tor-onto election, will not be enforced for the present. The colonial office has pulled the postmaster general up sharply by informing him that this

matter is not of the purely domestic character which Hon. Mr. Mulock as-sumed it to be. Hence the proposed reduction is indefinitely postponed. The following is the official communication on the subject: "It seems that

with a view to securing a reduction of postage from Great Britain and other British possessions on mail mat-ter to Canada, it is inxepedient to bring into force on the first of Janu any next the intended reduction from five cents per half ounce to three cents per ounce on letters from Canada to Great Britain and the rest of the em-

pire. The imperial authorities prefer a conference be first held to secure a reciprocal reduction of postage both ways between Canada, and the rest of the empire, and which it is hoped will the empire, and which it is hoped will cover not only the letters but also the papers and periodicals. The hearty acquiesence of the British and colon-ial postal authorities in this larger question is looked for and the outcome of the discussions and negotiations will in all probability result in the estab-lishment of a British imperial prefer-ential postal arrangement covering the whole field of the postal communica-tion."

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The London journals discredit the report of the famine in the Klondyke. Canada, they observe, is quite able to care for her citizens in the Klondyke, without the aid of a relief expedition from the United States. Canadian poultry in London is held

at good prices. TORONTO, Dec. 23 .- It is rumored on the street that an arrangement has been made by which the Mail and Empire gets control of the World,

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and will absorb the latter. MONTREAL, Dec. 23.-The death occurred today of Alexander Ewan, selling agent of the Merchant's Cotton Company, aged 65.

VATICAN RECEPTION.

The Address of the Pope Yesterday Afternoon.

ROME, Dec. 23 .- The reception at the Vatican today was largely attend-ed by Catholic dignitaries. Replying to the Christmas greeting, the Pope the Christmas greeting, the Pope deplored the conflict between the state and the Holy See, which impartial mindus desired to end. The majority of Italians, his holiness continued, were against it, and it was wrong to fight the will of the people, who un-derstood that political unity did not suffice to give them presenting Theorem fight the what the political unity did not densitood that political unity did not suffice to give them prosperity. There-fore they desired the independence of the papacy and the restoration of its rights. Peaceful citizens should not be confounded with the subversive factions whose aim was to set the ause of Italy and the rights of the apacy in conflict. It had never been nworthy and the state should make just reparation. The Pope blessed all present, including twenty-three card-inais. Afterwards every guest pas-Afterwards every guest passed the throne of the Pope, and his holiness said a few words to each of

DEFLECTIONS OF THE NEEDLE. markable Vagaries of the Magnetic

Needle in a Large Part of Central Russi MOSCOW, Dec. 21.- Experiments that have been made by Russian and French savants in connection with the French savants in connection with the remarkable deflection of the magnetic needle over an immense area in cen-ural Ruesia have given curious results. The observations were comfined to the strip of country between Moscow and Kharkov, a distance of about \$50 miles. The needle showed the greatest aberations in the province of Kursk, where in the north it was deflected 20 degrees. One hundred and fifty miles southeastward the deflection exceeded 96, the needle pointing east and west on with the

heastward the deflection exce the meedle pointing east and ead of north and south. Spincers who are engaged but roads in that part of the con much interested in the ea e as to h will affect the durabil-

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Neither had he any sympathy for the "independent" man. Two parties are necessary for good government, and there should be a strong and vigor-ous opposition to ensure fair play. If a man calls bimself independent, watch that men. We have had ex-perience in that line both in federal and provincial politics. A gentleman who was very fond of coalition in New Brunswick is now trying it in ano-ther field. Dr. Murray said he had no fault to find with a man who on mature consideration withidrew his support from a man or party, but opinion should be intelligently formed and then vigorously upheid. Refer-ring to the provinvial finances, Dr. Murray pointed out that the debt is increasing rapidly and the interest charge is of course growing. The people should took to it that they get a more economical government. Dr. Stockton was cordially greeted

e should took to it that they get be economical government. Stockton was cordially greeted tsing, and made himself at home his andience from the very start, bserved in opening that the gov-ent were the servants of the peo-end should be held to a strict acple and should be held to a strict ac-count for the manner in which they administered the public affairs. The people therefore want information. They want the light of day let in upon the methods and acts of administra-tion, so that they can see for them-selves how their money is expended. The speaker, referring to the public records, showed how the opposition had sought to place the people in pos-seesion of full information and the government majority voted them down. The delay of the government in bringing down the departmental reports, their effort to keep the press out of the public accounts committee out of the public accounts committee meetings, and the reduction of repre-sentation of the opposition to two members on that committee, against five government supportens, were pointed out and strongly denounced, and the speaker's remark that it was a disgrace to a British province for a government to refuse full information and try to keep the light of day from their acts was heartily applauded. If, said he, any light does get in, you will have the opposition to thank for it, not the government. He counselled his hearers to follow closely the dis-cussions in the house, and they would

his hearers to follow closely the dis-cussions in the house, and they would see for themselves how the opposition are denied information. There are, he said, ample reasons why the government should desire as little discussion as possible of the public accounts and their methods of administration.

acministration: Referring to the Hillsboro meeting. Dr. Stockton said that Mr. Osman had not been able to controvert a single statement made by him, and as Mr. Osman's charge that the debt in-creased much more when the doctor was supporting the government than since he want into opposition, the speaker showed that Mr. Osman was entirely mistaken as to the figures. He (Stockton) had stated the average increase in the bonded debt for a cer-tain period was about \$120,000. Mr. Os-man said it was over \$20,000. As a rister of fact, he (Stockton) had over-stated M, for on careful examin-ation of the public records he found that while he said \$120,000 it was con-iderable less. The enormous increase The enormous inc

(Loud applause.) This is what Mr. Dimmerson should be aiming at. There would be no real benefit from bonus-ing wheat raising, as proposed. Dr. Stockton next dealt with the Dr. Successon next dealt wath the government's system of giving out public works without tender, and his remarks on this subject were ap-plauded, and the electors further explauded, and the electors turner ex-pressed their approbation when he took up the auditor general's report, ana-lyzed some of the accounts and de-nounced the manner in which thou-sands of dollars of expenditure are arried over from year to year and concealed, and a true staten nt of the financial condition concealed from the

Referring to the chairman's re-marks, Dr. Stockton endorsed them He said he did not believe in coalition governments or "independent" men. The latter always turned up on the side of the treasury benches. The opposition proposed to put up square opposition tickets in every county and opposition tickets in every county and fight the government to the last ditch. (Cheers). The opposition leader delivered a splendid address, coverting some of the same ground as in the Hillsboro speech reported in yesterday's Sun, and also touching other points. His closing remark to the effect that Mr. Emmerson and Mr. Osman would probably find them-

selves defeated in the next election met with applause. John Kelver rose to ask a que He had understood Dr. Stockton to say that Mr. Emmerson or the govern ment had taken over the control of ment had taken over the control of the expenditure of the by-road money formerly spent by the municipalities. He would like to ask the councillors sitting behind Dr. Stockton II it was not true that the council appointed by-road commissioners, and that these officers were given the by-road money to expand

to expend. Dr. Stockton-Are they opponents of the government?

Mr. Keiver said some of them might

Dr. Stockton-And will you say that ernment are appointed that Mr. Em-merson will give them the expendi-Merson was give ment one tayount ture of the by-road money? Mr. Keiver was unable to say. What I said, observed Dr. Stockton,

was that the government had taken authority to expend shis money. Mr. Emmerson can give it to the commissioners appointed if he chooses, or if

they are opponents he cam give it to someone else. Mr. Keiver said that in some of the parishes he believed commissioners would be appointed who would be opposed to the government. Dr. Stockton had said the government would give the expanding of this money to their pets. The speaker wanted evidence of that.

Dr. Stockton-Will you say that they will give at to men opposed to them? Can you name a man opposed to them who has been given the priviege?

Mr. Keiver did not name any. Dr. Stockton enquired the (Mr. Keiver) had not expended a little gov-

ernment money. Mr. Keiver admitted it, but main-

tained that the expenditure of by-road moneys had not been taken from the

he doctor on his able address Regret was expressed that Dr. Al-ward and Dr. J. H. Morrison were not able to be present at the meeting.

Perhaps Crimonbeak - You meyer hear anyone speaks of the white horse and the red-headed girl now. Yeast No; I guess the white horses have all died. "Perhaps it's the girls who have

dyed."-Yonkers Statesman. Benefit of Education-Mistress-Mary, you didn't half dust the front room. I was in there just now, and I could write my name on the mantles piece. Domestic-Ah, mem, what a thing it do be to have an eddication!-oston Transcript.

Down in Jersey, the folks are wrought over the following regulation of the school board of Orange: "The female teachers must remove their short bicycle skirts while teaching their classes."

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Davies, minister of marine. OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—The Canadian parliament has been called to meet on

February 2. The Canadian government received tonight a communication from the arbitrators appointed to deal with the arbitrators appointed to deal with the claims of the Behring sea sealers against the United States govern-meth for losses caused by the seizure of their vessels submitting the award. The arbitrators were Judge King of

the subreme court of Canada and Judge Putnam of the United States. The award is \$454,000, with two re-The Foremost Medical Company served cases, that of the Black Dia-mond for \$5,000 and the Ada for \$1,-

> MONTREAL, Dec. 21. A gentleman from Rome closely connected with Mgr. Bruchesi states that there is every reason to believe that his unexpected return is certain-ly in connection with the Manitoba y in connection with the and school question, and some imp step which the Holy See conter taking. When the cablegran nouncing the archibishop's returned received at the palace, its of were at once communicated were at once communicated to the other bishops, who all declared that they had received no initimation any kind of the reason of the arch-bishop's return. The bishops have been invited to most at the palace in January, shortly after the return of the prelate, when a requiem service is to be chanted for the late Archbishop Fabre. There is no doubt but that the decision of the Holy Father will then be communicated to the prelates, and if Mgr. Bruchesi has received instructions to promulgate the encyclical it will be accompanied in its publication by a collective let-

ter of the bishops, which will then be drawn up. The by-election in Nicolet county or the house of commons, rendered necessary by the death of the sitting member, took place today, and recult-ed in the return of Hestor Leduc, hberal, by a majority of about one hundred and twenty over Jos. Beauchene, conservative. The principal issue of the fight was the bonus for the South Shore railroad company. QUEREC, Dec. 22.-Hon. Francoid

Langelier reiteated his statement this morning that there had been no change in his attitude since the visit of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to this city. No agreement whatever had been reached between the premier and himself, and so far as the present indications went there was no im-mediate prospect of any such. Hon: Mr. Langelier repeated his professions of respect for Premier Laurier, and said that liberals still had confidence

sels seized by the United St ers during the years from 1886 to 1892, with the exception of two minor c he Black Diamond and the Master of the Black Diamond and the Master of Ada. The commissioners have cor-dially agreed upon awards for the lat-ter at \$5.000 and \$1,000 respectively, but the final determination of the amount will have to be left to diplomatic set-thement. The Black Diamond was or-dered out of Behring sea by an Uni-ted States cruiser in 1886 and Master Henry Paxon, after the original claim of the vessel was filed, put in a sub-sequent reason of losing the season's sequent reason of losing the season's bealing. His claim was \$7,500, and searing. His claim was \$7,500, and the commissioners have declifed he is entitled to \$5,000. The other claim, which the commissioners assess at \$1,-000, is that of Capt. Gaudin, who was master of the Ada, one of the vessels seized, and which from an oversight was not included in the general claim, put in by the owners of the vessel. The imperial government subsequent-ly allowed it to be entered. Gaudin's claim was \$3,000, but he only secured. chaim was \$3,000, but he only secured. \$1,000 under the award. There is a great disappointment in ministerial circles over the award. At the very least it was thought the sum of \$760,-000 or \$750,000 would be obtained, but instead of that it books as if the com-Instead of that it looks as if the com-missioners had taken the sum mutual-ly agreed upon between the United Staites and Camada three years ago, namely, \$425,000, and added the inter-est to it, calking this the award. Sir Louis Davies, speaking to your cor-respondent tonight, said he assumed the two commissioners had been ani-mated with a desire to close up the matter as speedily as possible; that they considered it better in the inter-ests of both countries to compromise the matter in order to secure prompt settlement rather than to accept the alternative proposition as provided by the treaty and allow a formal decision

the treaty and allow a formal decision to be made by the umpire to be cho-sen by the president of the Swiss con-federation. MONTREAL, Dec. 23.-The City

nd District Savings Bank today distributed \$9,506 among the charitable institutions of the city. The distribu-tion is made yearly, in conformity with

the institution's charter. The Star's London correspondent: cables, Arrangements are being rap-idly completed here in connection with the spring rush to Kilondyke. Two Minion line steamers, Athendian and Tartar, have been secured for the Vancouver-Font Wrangel service, in connection with the Canadian Pacific. The ships, which are now being fin-The snips, which are now being in-ally surveyed, will leave for Vancou-ver Feb. 1. They are 4,000 tons each, have a speed of fourteen knots, and will carry 200 first class and 1,000 steerage passengers. The government and steamship offices are overwhelmed with enquiries. Between seventy and eighty enquiries are made daily at the Canadian Pacific offices alone, where passangers are teing booked through to Telegraph Creek.

TORONTO, Dec. 23.-The Evening Telegram's London cable says: Tablet, the leading Catholic journal in England, wants to know who hoaxed the London Daily Chronicle in Catho-lic affairs, when the latter was induced to gravely give the public what purported to be the terms of the

rest. SOLOMON IN ALL HIS GLORY."

We recently read a most humorous description of a donation party given We recently read a most humorous description of a donation party given to a good country dergyman, in part payment of his small salary, the prin-cipal result being twenty-seven bush of beans and a large variety of dren. The patience of the clergy-man's wife gave out. On the next Sunday she dressed all her five chil-dren in the donated second-hand otothing, and under her direction they marched up the aiste just as the sood pastor was reading that beauti-ful passage. "Yet Solomon in all his for mark her dressed all her five and his sood pastor was reading that beauti-ful passage. "Yet Solomon in all his fully was not arrayed like one of these." We need not add that the next donation party was of an entire-by different character. Christians is soming, and perhaps this story may suggest to some of our readers that there are better things to give your jastor than second-hand clothing and twenty-seven bushels of beans.-Bishon Kidd.

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ITALY DECLINES.

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LONDON, Dec. 24.—A despatch to the Daily Chronicle from Rome says it is rumored there that owing to her obligations to Germany, Italy has de-clined England's proposal for common action in the far east, including a

action in the far east, including joint occupation of Chusan. According to the same despatch, is asserted that England has propose to Russia a conference on the Chines question, with a view of avoidin dangerous rivalries.

FOOD ENOUGH.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 23 -A. McQuillan, a passinger from the north on the steamer City of Seattle, arrived here today. He says there is enough food in Dawson to last the six thou-sand men now there all winter, those without food, about two thiousand, having gone to Fort Yukon.

UNCONSCIOUS SARCASM.

# (Omaha Bee.) A clergyman famous for his begging abili-ties was once catechising a Sunday school. When comparing himself-the pustor of a church-to a shepherd and his congregation to the shepp, he put the following question to the children: "What does the shepherd do for the sheep?" To the amusement of those present a small boy in the front row piped out: "Shears them!"

He Understood-Mr. Figg-"Happy the country that has no history." Do you understand that, Tommy? Tommy-I guess it means the kids are happy 'cause they don't have to study

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