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# The Semi-Weekly Colonist.

FORTY SECOND YEAR.

THE VICTORIA SEMI-WEEKLY COLONIST MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1898.

Twelve Hundred Excursionists Carried Free Into Winnipeg for Christmas Shopping.

Breach of Promise Verdict Proves Costly to the Lady-Ontario Judg. Resigning.

ELECTION PROTESTS DISMISSED

Toronto, Dec. 23.—It is announced, it officially but pretty definitely, that astice Robertson is about to retire from e bench, and that the vacancy will be filled at once by the appointment of William Lount, Q. C., of Toronto. Justice Robertson has held his present position for about 15 years. He lives in Hamilton, for which city he was a representative in the Dominion perliament.

BREACH OF PROMISE CASE. Woodstock, Dec. 23.—Chief Justice Meredith has dismissed with costs the action of Miss Alma Vanbuskirk, of Alymer, against Henry McFarlane and his mother, of Tilsonburg. Miss Vanbuskirk got a \$50 verdict against McFarlane for breach of promise, but could not realize on it, McFarlane having deeded his property to his mother, who formerly owned it.

KEPT DEAD MAN'S MONEY.

dignity and rights "were not enough, for now it was senion to cast odium upon the press which openly espoused the defence of his interests and the interests of religion ar morality."

Continuing, the I ntiff remarked: "Further rigors threaten the clergy, although they are the class furthest removed from seditious designs. Nevertheless, imbued with the sense of their high mission and duty he clergy will not yield, either to flatteness or menaces, and their firmness is finding response in numerous laymen, deeply imbued with love for the papacy. It is thus, by the cooperation of the clergy and laity, that the salvation of coming generalions is assured."

VANCOUVER AFFAIRS.

American Military Government Substance of Proposition Now Before Likely to Last for an In-

Knighthood Offered to Postmaster General Upon Inauguration of Imperial Penny Postage.

Washington Business Must Wind Up Within a Month-Session Early in March.

rom Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Dec. 23.-Burglars are months ago, commencing, "I, William Welsh of Vancouver and Hill of Victoria are to box 15 rounds in the Drill hall to-morrow night.

A VACANT OFFICE.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—There are numerous applications for the position of registrar of the court of appeals, made vacant by the death of Charles Grant. Among the applicants are Thomas Langton, sonin-law of Sir Oliver Mowat, J. A. McAndrew, T. T. Rolph, John Bruce, William Roof, S. G. Wood and others. place is worth \$2,000 a year.

GASPESIA FLOATS OFF.

Halifax, Dec. 23.—The steamer Gaspesia, which ran on a rock off Rich Point, St. Peter's Island, P. E. I., yesterday morning, came off without assistance and arrived last evening at Charlottetown, where she is now loading for Liverpool.

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matters were again under consideration. The ministers confirm the report telegraphed that Lord Herschell must leave for England on January 25, hence the commission must conclude its work by January 21. The Canadian representatives will then at once leave for Ottawa and commence preparation for the work of the session, which under the circumstances cannot open before March 9. It is expected that parliament will be called together for that date. The ministerial programme will be very light.

TELEGRAPHERS' DEMANDS.

TIRED OF POLITICAL STRIFE. Spanish Public Men Agree That a New

> pondent of the Standard says: Most of the liberal leaders whom Senor Sagasta has consulted strongly oppose a disso lution of the cortes on the ground that it would be imprudent to plunge the country into an electoral agitation under existing politions. Senor Montero Rios and others urge that every effort be made ta re-unite the liberal party. Apparently Senor Gamazo's party of dissentients are relenting and there are better hopes of a full reconciliation.

CUBAN JUNTA DISSOLVED.

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Boston Pugilist Makes Game Exhibitio Against Englishman at Birming-

club this evening, Mike Sears of Boston, Mass., was defeated by Wright, of England, in the fifteenth round after one of the greatest fights seen here in a long

SAVED BY A MATCH.

With It a Fire Was Started That Condensed Sea Water for Thirst-

ship Italia that his brother, Captain E. Wallace Shackford, and his crew of the recked schooner Johanna Swan were safe on the bark Anna approaching this

CONTROL IN NICARAGUA Canadian Society in New York Dine

London, Dec. 22.—The Madrid corres- Great Britain Prepared to Abandon Claim to Joint Control of the Canal.

the United States has yet been reach-

it is likely he will soon receive instructions to arrange a basis of action.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The state department originally did not contemplate a formal opening of negotiations to see ure the desired amendment of the Cayton-Bulwer treaty till congress should make some progress at least towards the enactment of the Nicaraguan bill, the department wishing not to be placed in the false position of negotiating for an object which congress might before the conclusion deem to be undesirable. After the experience they had with the general arbitration treaty there is no particularly strong disinclination to be again in this attitude. However, now that the matter has been brought into such prominence the negotiations may be opened at an earlier date than was originally contemplated, at their intention will be an evidence of the President's conviction that congress will pass some acceptable bill before adjourning.

New York, Dec. 23.—The preliminary report of the Nicaraguan canal commission, consisting of General Hays, Admiral Walker and Prof. Haupt, has been completed and will be read before the senate committee either during the Christmas recess of congress or immediately efformed.

and Banquet in Regular Form.

New York, Dtc. 22.-The Canadian Society of New York held its second an nual Christmas-tide dinner at the Marlorough house to-night. About two undred Canadian residents of this city

Treaty to That Effect in Prospect

-Congress Will Soon A thorize Construction.

London, Dec. 23.—There seems to be little doubt that Great Britain will agree to abrogate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. The temper of the cabinet and public opinion, which largely influences the government's policy, points to such action, though no definite understanding with the United States has yet been reach—

hundred Canadian residents of this city were present. After a general reception in one of the parlors came a typical English Christmas dinner in the banquet hall.

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SPIRIT WRESTLERS SAIL.

Russian Colonists for Canadian North west at Last on Their Way.

sailed for St. John, N.B., from the Rus sian port of Batoum, has on board 1,822 persons, comprising the first party of

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WILL ENROL INSURGENTS Philippine and Cuban Natives to Have Place in Enlarged American

Washington, Dec. 21.—Philippine insurgents and Cuban patriots will all be given an opportunity to enlist in the ser-

bans, are to get a share in the \$3,000,000 services rendered in the late war.

If the President is given authority to increase the standing army, insurgents will be accepted as recruits. This is believed by the administration to be a complete solution of what for a time seemed a vexing problem complete solution or was seemed a vexing problem.

THE DREYFUS DOSSIER.

London, Dec.22.-The Paris correspon dent of the Daily Mail says: "The gov-It will also be communicated to Madame Dreyfus and to M. Morard, counsel for Dreyfus."

CHILIAN PAPER MONEY.

London, Dec. 22.-According to a despatch to the Times from Santiago de

Secretary of the control of the cont