

If it had not been that I wished to allow the men to spend Christmas day with their families, the operation would have been performed in even a shorter time.

I have not heard of a single case of misconduct amongst the men in the course of their journey, and I am informed that everything was conducted with as much order and regularity as could have been expected, had the battalions been composed of regular troops.

I have had offers of service from numerous corps all over the Province, and I should have no difficulty, were it desirable, in raising a large force

General Order, I have the honor to transmit a copy of the *Gazette* containing a General Order completing the embodiment of the force, and also one placing  
30th December, 1864. *Gazette*, December 31. it under the Military command of the Lieutenant-General commanding  
1864.—Page 4,270. in *British North America*.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed,)

MONCK.

The Right Honorable  
*E. Cardwell*, M.P.,  
&c., &c., &c.

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DOWNING STREET,  
23rd January, 1865.

No. 199—Dec. 17, 1864. MY LORD,—I have the honor to acknowledge your Des-  
" 202— " 20, " patches, noted in the margin, acquainting me with the various  
" 205— " 24, " steps which you are taking, with the advice of your Council, in order  
" 213— " 29, " to secure the observance of a strict neutrality on the Frontier of the *United States* and  
*Canada*.

Her Majesty's Government entirely approve of all the measures which you have reported to me; and I have particular pleasure in noticing the excellent spirit and orderly conduct of the Canadian Volunteers. I hope you will take some fitting opportunity of informing them that the promptitude with which they have answered your appeal is appreciated by Her Majesty's Government.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed,)

EDWARD CARDWELL.

Governor,  
Viscount *Monck*,  
&c., &c., &c.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled: "An Act to provide for the punishment of persons repeatedly convicted of minor offences."  
On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Bull*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Allan*, it was *Ordered*, That the same be postponed until Friday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill intituled: "An Act to incorporate the *Montreal* Investment Association," and

The amendments being again read by the Clerk,  
The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Leslie*,  
That the said amendments be agreed to.

After a short Debate,

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was resolved in the affirmative, and it was

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.