OLD FIREMAN MEETS DEATH.

New York's Deputy Chief Killed in Cellar.

Fell Through a Trap Door to His Death.

New York, Feb. 17.-Deputy Chief Charles W. Kruger, known for many years as "The Grand Old Man of the Fire" Department," lost his life to-day while leading his men in a desperate fight against flames in Canal street. While working his way cautiously through a cellar filled with smoke and 'gases, Kruger plunged through a trap door into a sub-basement filled with water. He was dead when taken out, but in the few minutes which elapsed between the time the old man fell and his body was drawn out, more than a score of men had risked their own lives in an effort to save that of their leader.

'I knew it would happen this way," said one of Kruger's men when the chief's body was being carried away. "I have been to many fires with him. He was always in the lead. He never said, 'Boys, go into that place, or that place,' He always led us himself. He said, 'Boys, follow me,' and that's just what he did this time, when he led us into that basement."

Kruger was 57 years old, and had been a member of the department for 36 years. Several years ago kruger was acting chief of the department for a time while Chief Croker was temporarily under sus

pension. The Baker-Jones Printing Co. suffered a loss of \$50,000, and the R. H. Thomp-sons/ Paper Co. \$10,000. The fire in which the old deputy chief the fire in which the old deputy chief

lost his life started at 217 Canal street, and before it had been subdued swept that building from basement to roof, spread to two adjoining buildings, rout-ed the tenents from several surrounding ed the tenonts from several sufformation tenement houses, and threatened the Church of the Most Precious Blood, in Baxter street. It was after the flames in the upper part of the building had been brought under control that Kruger s men to the basement. A great pile of excelsior in bales was blazing furiously, and attempts to reach it wit from the street had been un-ul. After several attempts to successful. get at the fire from the outside Kruger asked permission of Chief Croker to take his men through the basement of 215 and cut a hole through the wall to 217, where the fire was burning. Croker con-sented, and with a dozen men behind him, Kruger plunged into the cellar. The place was filled with smoke, and the dead'y fumes of illuminating gas, which flowed from broken or melted pipes, bu the men pressed cautiously forward into the darkness. Just in the middle of the cellar Kruger stepped on a trap and plunged into six feet of water in the

ub-basement. Then began a desperate fight in th gas-filled cellar to save the chief. He ould do little to help himself, and when

Battalion Chief Galvin plunged into the dark hole and raised the old man's head house the surface he was unconscious. required the combined efforts twenty firemen weakened as they were

by breathing smoke and gas, to draw Galvin, who still clung to Krugers' body from the pit. The property loss, as a result of the fire. is placed at \$50,000.

WOMAN SCALPED

Russell House officials discovered a very serious shortage in the table silver used at the banquet. They at once communi-cated with the police, who proceeded to the station and boarded the cars. The students were informed of the object of the police visit and advised to return any silver they might have in their pos-session. A time of considerable con-fusion followed, but the boys gave up in many cases. Russell House officials discovered a very n many cases. Over 125 coffee spoons, knives, forks

Over Over 125 coffee spoons, knives, forks and salt and pepper boxes were recov-ered in this way. Many angry protests were made, but Hon. Mr. Brodeur, who was at the station, spoke to the boys and the police, advising the former to re-

might have, and reminding the officers that the whole affair was a college prank, and not an unusual one at that. The President of the Laval Students' The President of the Laval Students' Association has promised on behalf of the organization to make good any loss that the hotel will be put to by the desire of the students to obtain soudesire of the students to venirs of their Ottawa trip.

HUNGRY CHILDREN

Down New York Police in Rush for Food.

New York, Feb. 17.-Fifteen hundred children from the Anetto schools had things all their own way this noon in an attempt to take advantage of the free lunch offer made by Adolf Lorber, who keeps a big restaurant in Grand street. Brushing aside the policemen stationed to maintain order, the children swept up to the doorway when the order came to admit them, and before

regular customers. Lorber's sympathies were aroused when failed to avalue because of a defect in

staurant. The ground floor was well filled with diners when the children began to swarm against the doors. The three po-licemen stationed there could do noth-ing, and reserves had to be sent for Before they arrived a big plate glass window was smashed, and when the riot was put down the children were fed as they had been promised. match, beating his majesty by several points. **SALOONS CLOSED But All is Quiet at Fairbanks, Alaske** Troops Present as they had been promised.



Cream Used For Chapped Face Direct Cause of Death.

New York, Feb. 17 .- One of the strang est causes of death ever reported in this city developed to-day in the case of Louis Lowenstein, a wealthy importer, who died at his home, 140 West 18th On January 27 Mr. Lowenstein had

On January 27 Mit. Lowenstein may been exposed to the severe cold all day and his face was badly chapped. He pro-cured a healing lotion the following day cured a healing lotion the following day and anointed his tace with it several times during the night. About 3 o'clock in the morning, desiring a drink, he struck a match to light the gas. In-stantly his whole face burst into flames, stantly his whole face burst into flames, which was communicated to his night clothes. Some ingredient in the lotion gave off an inflammable gas. He failed steadily until his death this morning. The dead man was a member of the firm of Lowenstein Brothers, importers, of veilings.

DIPLOMATIC LOOSE ENDS SHOT BROTHER Are What Mr. Bryce Comes to OF HIS FIANCEE. Washington, Feb. 17.—The British Ambassador will start for Ottawa on Saturday to take up with the Canadian Administration the details of negotia-tions affecting Canada and the United States, which it is hoped to conclude and to ombody in a treaty. YOUNG MAN HAD OBJECTED TO HIS

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to embody in a treaty. The various questions which are to be made the basis for this treaty may be

summarized as follows: (1) Transmit free of duty of merchan-dise across portions of American and

Canadian territory. (2) Transit of merchandise without payment of duty until arrival at points

(3) Application of alien labor laws to citizens of the United States and of

(a) Disposition of Canadians coming temporarily to United States from pay-ment of head tax.
(10) Distribution of power from Niag-New York

GOT THREE YEARS.

Swindles in Germany

mangk having been convicted of wholesale marriage swindles by means of ad-vertisements, whereby he succeeded in obtaining considerable sums of money

from women. The evidence in the court showed that

the man already had served terms in the penitentiary where he made the ac-quaintance of a notorious criminal, Am-

andus Hoppe, who assisted him in car-rying out his schemes. The latter was sentenced to six months imprisonment

LAND GRANTS TO VETERANS.

Those From Prairie Provinces Entitled to

320 Acres.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—The Dominion oGv-ernment has decided to grant 320 acres of land to Manitobans and residents of Alberta and Saskatchewan who served in South Africa in 1899-1902 inclusive. The resolution to be moved in the House provides that every such grant shall be subject to the condition that the granter shall select his land on or before Dec. 31, 1910, and perfect his entry by settling

1910, and perfect his entry by settling upon the land six months afterwards.

A DELIBERATE SUICIDE.

Buffalo Manufacturer Takes Life in New

York Hotel.

New York, N. Y., Feb. 17.— Lying across his bed in a position that show-ed conclusively that the deed was done with deliberation, J. W. Bosche

Ottawa, Feb. 17 .- The Dominion oGv-

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MARRIAGE WITH HIS SISTER. over Was Insulted and Driven From the House-They Came to Blows-Then

the Girl's Brother Was Shot and Killed by Her Fellow. Huntington, W. Va., Feb. 17 .- Because

of his interference with plans for the marriage of hts sister, Henry Bean, a prosperous young farmer living at Prichard, was shot through the head and instantly killed yesterday by V. Hatten, the young woman's fiancee. Hatten and Miss Daisy Bean were to have been

and Miss Daisy Bean were to have a revolver and shot and killed Bean. The men are members of two of the oldest and most respected families of southern West Virginia. Hatten sur-

rendered himself. BEAT THE KING.

One of Carlo's Assassins Defeated Convicted of Wholesale Marriage Him In Shooting Match.

Lisbon, Feb. 17 .- It has been learn-Berlin, Feb. 17 .- A bogus American, they were seated they smashed a plate Lisbon, Feb. 17.—It has been learn-glass window and caused a panuc in the part of the dining rooms reserved for landing stage where King Carlos landed 'Colonel" Schiemangk, has been sentenced by the criminal court to three years imprisonment, the loss of his civil rights for five years after his release, and to perpetual police supervision, as well as to pay a fine of \$300, Schie

regular customers. Lorber's sympathies were aroused when reports were made that many of the east side children went unfed to school, and on Monday he threw open the third and fourth floors of his restaurant and for the fuse. A number of persons have called at the late home of Buica, one of the dead assassins, to give money to his mother-in-law for the support of his mother. The proprietor of a depart-ment store has opened a subscription for them with \$1,000, also giving them free use of their house. A curious fact has come to light. Shortly before the crime, Buica had competed with the King in a shooting match, beating his majesty by several points.

-Troops Present.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 17 .- A special cable to the Post Intelligencer from Fairbanks, Alaska, says: Marshal Perry yesterday received the following from the Department of Justice: "Military force ordered to Fairbanks. Meantime your duty is to protect law-abiding citi-

upon the land six moltas are the solution of the land the volunteer may receive scrip for \$160, acceptable in payment of Dominion lands. Grants of land or scrip are to be made by the Minister of the Interior upon warrant issued by the Minister of Militia. Enyour duty is to protect awabiling the zens without tenderness to law-breakers. The department expects you to use all necessary energy to preserve order, and arrest the leaders in any attempt at inarrest the leaders in any attempt arrest timidation. Those molesting Russians must be arrested, using such force as may be necessary to accomplish this pur-pose. (Signed) Bonaparte." Everything was quiet yesterday. Spetries and patents are to be issued free of homestead fees.

cial deputies were organized into bands of tens under captains. Saloons are still closed, but may be allowed to reopen closed, but may be allowed to reopen to-day if good order continues. Men ar-riving yesterday report no molesting on the trail. The Chamber of Commerce and the Arctic Brotherhood have officially expressed approval of the Presi dent in ordering troops to Tanama.

GERMAN EMPEROR

BUFFALO FIRE.

Lithographing Co. and Newspaper Premises Suffer,

Buffalo, Feb. 17.-Fire which broke out on the fourth floor of the plant of the Courier Lithographing Co., 197 Main. street, and extending to 204 Washing-ton street, early to-day, caused a loss of about \$250,000. The plant is one of the about \$250,000.

largest of its kind in the country. Just after the fire was discov

Just after the fire was discovered there were a series of explosions, sup-posed to have resulted from the fire communicating with certain explosives used in the art department. The press department of the Buffalo Evening Times, adjoining, was damaged to the extent of \$30,000. The Evening News has offered the Times the use of its presses and the Times will be run off to-day from the News presses.

Canada. (4) Reciprocal mine owning rights. (5) Conveyance of American prisoners through Canadian territory, and vice News presses. Besides large quantities of valuable machinery in the Courier building, the company has just finished the plates for a \$180,000 contract for circus posters, and these were in an annex, which was (6) Reciprocal salvage and wrecking rights. (7) Use of logging booms in St. John River. (8) Disposition of certain pecuniary

recked.

CHARGED WITH PERJURY.

Trial of Detective Christian Hansen at

Whitby. Whitby. Whitby despatch: Christian Hansen, a detective for the License Department of the Ontario Government, is on trial here before Judge McCrimmon, charged with perjury. Hansen had Donald Chris-tie, of the Grand Central Hotel, Sand-field, tried on December 6 of last year for selling wine without a license. Magis-trates Hamilton and Crosby, who tried the case, found Christie guilty, but ow-ing to a flaw in the information were ing to a flaw in the information were unable to register a conviction. Christ e is hitting back at the detec-

tive by this charge of perjury. Hansen and Morten, two detectives, swore at the trial of Christie that on October 29 hast they bought native wine from Christie and his wife at their hotel about midand his wife at their hotel about mid-day. Christie is calling witnesses to prove an alibi for him. He says he was in the village of Sunderland, six miles away, when the sale is said to have tak-en place. On this the charge of perjury against the detective is based. The proceeding has some fifteen or The prosecution has some fifteen on wenty witnesses, and the defence eight

wenty or ten.

LIVED TOO HIGH. **Italian Prince Expelled From France**

by Clemenceau.

Paris, Feb. 17.-The Italian Prince de Forlosa, a well known member of the Travellers' Club, has been expelled from France by a decree signed by Premier France by a decree signed by Frequer Clemenceau. The prince asserts that he is the victim of the intrigues of his per-sonal enemies. On the other hand the police state the decree of expulsion was police state the decree of capacity issued because their attention had been called to his mode of living, which was

far beyond his means. The Prince has instructed the Maitre Clemenceau, brother of the Premier, to begin suit to rescind the decree.

MANY WRITS ISSUED.

Winding Up of the Stratford Fuel & Ice Company.

A Stratford despatch: Following the winding-up proceedings of the Stratford Fuel, Ice, Cartage & Construction Com-pany, R. T. Harding, acting for John Brown, liquidator, has issued writs against the Traders Bank to set aside two mortgames and two transfers of book against the Traders Bank to set aside two mortgages and two transfers of book elebts; against W. J. Mooney, President of the late company, and F. B. Deacon, late manager, to recover \$30,000 alleged to have been improperly apportioned. Writs are also issued against the direc-tors for maxima dividende out of conital

tors for paying dividends out of capital.

ling to carry over the city for the pre-sent, or, at least, until the city had made other financial arrangements. It is not improbable that the com-mittee will communicate with a dozen or so of the largest brokers dealing in bonds, and may sell debentures by pri-vate tender.

The Council was adverse to waiting for the arrangements for the selling of stock to be completed before placing the debentures on the market.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Presbyterian Convention Asks For Two Million Dollars.

Philadelphia despatch: The Presbyterian men's foreign missionary conven-tion concluded its work here last night. The records of the meetings show that 1,601 delegates were in attendance.

The most important business of onvention was the adoption of a resolution at the afternoon session solution at the afternoon session ap-pealing to Presbyterian churches throughout the country to raise \$2,000,-000 for foreign missions next year. The amount is almost double that asked for last year and the resolution was adopt-ed after considerable protest. The resolution also calls upon the men to pray at noon each day for the evan-gelization of the world. J. A. Macdonald, of Toronto, Canada, addressed the convention last night on

J. A. Macdonald, of Toronto, Canada, addressed the coarention last night on "The Interests of the Nation in the Foreign Missions of the Church." Mr. Macdonald conveyed the thought that while we are building tariff walls and passing restrictive immigration laws it is our duty to teach the heathen in the east comsthing more than commercial east something more than commercial-ism, trade and politics, if we do not wish the unenlightened to over run the vorld.

TROUBLE IN INDIA.

Police Fired on Mob in a Riot at Bombay.

Bombay, Feb. 17.—Serious rioting oc-curred here this evening during the course of the celebrations of the Muhar-ram, the first month of the Mohammethe first month of the Mohamme-dan year, arising from disputes between the Sunnites or orthodox section and the Shiahs, the second great division of Mo-hammedans. The police arrested sev-eral Sunnites and the mob demanded their release, which demand was refused. The mob thereupon stoned the police, injuring two of them. The police com-mander and other European officers fir-ed upon the rioters, killing at least five of them and injuring forty, twenty of whom were seriously wounded. It is believed that others were killed and their bodies moved by relatives, for

and their bodies moved by relatives, for during the course of the afternoon and evening several similar clashes occurred. Eventually the troops were called out and are camping to night in the streets. The native quarter, however, is ally quiet.

ENGINES WENT TO THE BAD. Chapter of Accidents Marred Progress of

C. P. R. Montreal Express.

Toronto despatch: Owing to a chapter of accidents, it required six engines to bring in train No. 5 over the C. P. R. from Montreal yesterday morning. In the division between Montreal and Smith's Falls the eccentric of the first provide which pulled out of Montreal on engine, which pulled out of Montreal on scheduled time, broke, and the train was stalled on the track until another engin was rushed up from the east. The cushion of the cylinder flew out

The cushion of the cylinder flew out of the second engine near Smith's Falls, and another engine was sent out, the train reaching Smith's Falls about three hours late. When some distance up from Smith's Falls the third engine went "leaky," and the assistance of a fourth locomotive was sought. Near Leaside Junction the big Pacific locomotive 102 went wrong, and a ward

locomotive 1,102 went wrong, and a yard engine was then brought into service to pull the train into Toronto.

By Long Fall to Cement Walk **Buffalo**.

Buffalo, Feb. 17 .- With her scalp completely torn off, three ribs broken and her left arm fractured, Mrs. Emma Fos ter, 50 years old, was picked up in front of her home, 40 Goemble avenue, yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Foster was cleaning windows on the second floor of her home. To reach the outside of the glass she stood on the top of the veranda. While trying to reach a window near the edge of the veranda she lost her balance and fell a distance of twenty feet to the ground, striking on the cement walk. Her head struck the edge of the walk, which was day. raised slightly from the lawn. She was completely scalped.

In an unconscious condition she was carried into the house. Dr. J. W. Char-ters, of 540 Walden avenue, was called. The woman soon recovered conscious-Hor left arm was fractured and ness. Her left arm was fractured and three ribs were broken. Late last night Mrs. Foster was re

ported to be in a serious condition, but the **phy**sician stated that she had a fair chance of recovery.



LAVAL STUDENTS COMPELLED TO DISGORGE THEIR SPOIL.

Police Boarded the Train at Ottawa and Made the Young Men Return the Property of the Russell House-Incident of the Visit to Ottawa.

An Ottawa despatch: The souvenir spoon" habit was the cause of a rather unpleasant incident in connection with the visit of nearly 500 students of Laval University to Ottawa yesterday, as guests of Hon. L. P. Brodeur. When the students were returning to Mont-real on the G. T. R. special about 2.30 this morning the train was held at the station by a sound of Ottom held at reat on the G. 1. It spectra about 2.30 this morning the train was held at the station by a squad of Ottawa police officers, who recovered from the colleg-ians and others with them nearly 200 had him removed to St. Michael's Hos-

hans and others with them hearly 200 had him removed to St. Michael's Hos-pices of table ware belonging to the Russell House. Last night the Laval men were enter-tained at a banquet in the hotel, and, after the function was at an end, the recover.

OLD LADY FROZEN. Mrs. North, of Orangeville, Found Dead "Come Over and Help Us."

in Her House. Orangeville despatch: An inquest was opened this morning by Coroner James Henry on the body of Mrs. North, the old St. Petersburg, Feb. 17 .-- The Novo

Henry on the body of Mrs. North, the old lady found yesterday at her home on John street frozen stiff. The discovery was made by Robert Wansboro, who, suspecting something wrong, forced an enbrance. The deceased, who was 70, lived alone, her sole companion being a pet cat. She had food and fuel in the house and a sum of money in a local the declaration of the German Ambassador, Baron Marschaell Von Bieberstein, that Germany intended to abandon the allies and proposed instead of adoption of the Sultan's counter proposals, which house and a sum of money in a local bank. Deceased suffered from asthma, and she had not been seen since Monday. The inquest was adjourned until Satur-

FIGHTING THE RATS.

New York, Feb. 17 .- The Herald has received the following despatch from San Francisco: The Mare Island Navy Yard is infested by thousands of rats. As it is known that they are spreaders

of disease, a board was recently appoint ed to investigate the situation. The board has jsut reported recom mending a preliminary expenditure of \$40,000, which is to provide, among other things, for wire meshing to fence in the yard proper from the northern part of the island, the purchase of 600 rat traps

and 600 garbage cans, the replacing of wooden flooring with cement, and pre-cautions that will prevent the rodents from getting in the Navy Yard from visiting ships.

CUT HIS THROAT WITH RAZOR.

Toronto Man Made Deliberate Attempt on His Life.

the press, had just thrown over the dis-connecting lever and stepped back when the ice hit the press. As it was a chunk of ice struck his hand and cut it so severely that Brown had to have medical attention. The press too was damaged A Toronto despatch says: Despondent through lack of work, and grieving over the loss of his aged mother, William Salmon, a man of fifty years of age, re-cently employed in the G. T. R. sheds as a freight handler, attempted to com-mit suicide at his boarding house, 192 Richmond street west, yesterday by cut-ting his throat with a razor. Fortunatepress, too, was damaged.

year.

Florence Nightingale Honored.

HE HAD NARROW ESCAPE.

London, Feb. 17.—The Corporation of the City of London will confer the freedom of the city on Florence Night-ingale, the organizer of the nursing in the Crimean War, and who has other-wise made herself beloved by her chari-ties to coldizer. She is now in her 89th ties to soldiers. She is now in her 89th

done with deliberation, J. W. Doscu-of Buffalo, committed suicide in the Astor House early to-day by slashing the radial artery of the left arm with a razor. In the room were found let-ters addressed to the manager of the Turns Deaf Ear to Macedonian Cry ication has also been el

trouble he was causing the hotel. No motive for the deed is known Bosche had been at the hotel since Feb. 5. He is said to have been to recover some \$6,922. a member of the firm of Bosche Bros.

Vremya's announcement of Germany's action at Constantinople as embodied in the declaration of the German Ambassa-Kitchell street, that city.

UNDER JAPANESE GUNS

Vancouver Would Have Discussed Japanese Question.

are tantamount to no reform at all, has created a sensation in diplomatic cir-Toronto despatch: That the time will cles, and resulted in a lively interchange come when Canadians will freely give their share towards the cost of protectof views and inquiries in order to sub-stantiate the extent of the truth of the ing the empire, not because of Britain's announcement. It is realized that this need, but because the people will be ashamed to enjoy British protection portends the failure of all effort to alleashamed to enjoy British protection without paying their share of it, was stated by Dr. R. G. Parkin, G. C. M. G., viate Macedonia.

here.

at a largely attended meeting of the Empire Club in the St. Charles yesterday

Big Icicle Almost Fell on Mr. Brown, of aftern

Toronto. Toronto despatch: A huge icicle shaken from its holding on the roof of the Meth-odist Book Room on Temperance street guns of a British warship, and if Can-ada was left to herself the Vancouver riots would have been discussed under crushed through a thick plate glass skylight and broke inte a hundred crystals on a press over which Geo. Brown had the guns of a Japanese man-of-war. bent a second before.

Men on the roof yesterday afternoon were engaged in clearing the roof of snow and ice when the big ice stalk RECORD RAILWAY BUILDING. G. T. P. Will Strive to Reach Edmonton

broke loose, taking a few bricks with it. When it tore through the roof of the west annex to the building and smash-During Summer.

Winnipeg, Feb. 17.—It was announced to-day that the Grand Trunk Pacific line would almost certainly be complet-ed into Edmonton during the coming ed on the press the concussion was felt all through the building. George Brown, the workman operating summer. The company is making every preparation to rush construction, and an effort will be made to surpass the

rld's record of railway-building established by the company last season

Assaulting Young Girls.

Winnipeg, Feb. 17.-Fred Davis, tin-smith, was arrested to night on a charge smith, was arrested to high on a charge of having assaulted a girl of three years. The offence was alleged to have been committed in Clement's block, where the accused had rooms. This is the se-cond offence of this nature in the city, within two days, as a five year-old girl mea cargoilted in a yacant house yeater. was assaulted in a vacant house yester day.

Application has also been entered to make the following contributions for un-paid stock: M. L. Leitch, London, \$2,000; W. J. Mooney, \$2,000; F. B. Deacon, \$3,-000; S. J. Cook, \$1,000. It is also alleg-ed the Merchants Pank has taken action

JUMPED FROM BRIDGE.

Unemployed Printer's Attempt to Commit Suicide

New York, Feb. 17.-John Grant, an New York, Feb. 17.—John Grant, an unemployed printer, jumped from Brooklyn bridge to-day, and although he landed among floating ice cakes in the river 200 feet below, escaped with only a few minor hurts. He is now at a hospital under arrest on a charge of ettempted suicide Grant was pulled out attempted suicide. Grant was pulled out of the water by the crew of a tug boat. It is believed Grant was despondent be-cause of inability to get work.

ANOTHER CROSSING VICTIM.

Death of Mrs. Parish, Who Was Injured Near Glencoe.

Glencoe despatch: Mrs. Solomo A Glencoe despatch: Mrs. Solomon Parish, who, in company with her hus-band, was so seriously injured while crossing the Kingscourt branch of the G. T. R., a mile west of here, died last night having them constitute for last o. 1. N., a mile west of here, due have night, having been conscious for only a short time since the accident. Her husband was killed at the time of the

accident. The Coroner's jury, chosen to inquire into the accident and to place the re-spnosibility, have held two sessions at Alvinston, but have been unable to arrive at any decision.

WINNIPEG'S BIG OVERDRAFT.

Secret Meeting of Council Held to Con-

sider Financial Arrangements. Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 17.—A secret meeting of the Council was held yes-terday for the purpose of discussing the civic finances, and hearing the

the civic finances, and hearing the answers to the city's proposal to the banks, that the banks should collec-tively advance \$2.250,000 to pay off the city's overfarft with the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and allow suffici-ent money for current expenditure for the year 1908, until such time as the city's taxes were collected. His Worship announced that he believed the Bank of Commerce would be wil-

THE JAPANESE BUDGET.

Over Half Country's Revenue Expended in Armaments.

Tokio, Feb. 17.—After an exciting de-bate, lasting six hours, which developed into a riot on the floor of the House of Representatives, the financial budget was Representatives, the inductal budget was passed by a majority of 102. Speakers on both sides occupied a long time, and towards the last they howled at the chair and charged favoritism, the Oppochair and charged having an apology. The chair suspended the session for half an hour, and upon resuming the chair apologized handsomely to the Op-position position.

position. Impressive speeches were made during the debate, all making a point of the feature that more than one-half of the budget was expended in armaments.

FRUIT FRAUDULENTLY MARKED.

Shippers and Packers Fined at Belleville and Brighton.

Belleville despatch: Mr. R. J. Graham, of Belleville, fruit shipper, to day pleaded guilty, through his counsel, before Mag-istrate Masson, to three charges of vio-lating the fruit marks act in selling, of-foring or howing in his not fering, exposing or having in his posses-sion for sale fruit marked higher than its quality would warrant. He was fined 25 cents a barrel for all such fruit.

25 cents a barrel for all such iruit. Three packers in Mr. Graham's employ -T. J. Thompson, of Springbrook; Jas. Marchen, of Tweed, and L. Emmerson, of Tweed-pleaded guilty, through their fraudulative counsel, to packing the fraudulently marked fruit, and were fined \$5 each

FOR MONTCALM MONUMENT.

Fund Being Raised at His Native Place, Vauvert, France.

Vauvert. France, Feb. 17.-The citi-zens of this town have started a subscription for the purpose of erecting at Quebec a statue to General Montcalm,