AL QUESTION IN THIS PROVINCE

gislators Have Taken Subject Up in the

estion of coal prices in Bri-mbia is giving the members slature some concern this he price charged in Victoria cities on the coast are refar too high.

it has been reported that ver Island coal companies lered the question of a reprice amounting to 50 cents his has not come into effect yesterday in the House conittention was given to the

coal prices. G. Tatlow and John Oliver red to the prices charged in mbia as compared with the duire has taken action to at an investigation by giving

the following resolution he in the House is, it would appear that the coal to the consumer in the of British Columbia is out of ion to the cost of produche coal deposits in this prothe proximity of the sources to the marke, the cost of e consumers ir British Col-uld be much less than at the the case; and

as, the excessive price of British Columbia has the efetarding and preventing the depending upon a fuel supeas, much of the product of

mines of the province is beorted to foreign markets and price that enables it to comcoal from other countries foreign markets; and eas, a belief exists that an nding exists between the perdontrolling or corporations such coal mines, to maintain prices now being charged to

rs in this province; thereresolved, that an humble ad-presented to the Lieutenant-by the House praying him iry to be instituted by the n department of trade and ce to decide whether there exowners or controllers of es in this province whereby an ve price is charged to consum-the province for coal produced the said mines or any of them."

SHIPPING MASTER. irkendale Has Been Appointed

to Positio George Kirkendale of this in the place of W. Laird, re-The new appointee is admirdapted for the position. He ed 15 years on the coast and te through all the various connected with seamanship, ckhand to master. At present aster of the steamer Cascade ender under charter by the on government for some time. years Capt. Kirkendale served . P. R. coasting steamers, and so a member of the crew of the ter Blakely, which was sent to Island in search of treasure.
will enter upon his duties with-

RTSMEN ARE TO HOLD A MEETING

terested Are Asked to Atand at Driard Hotel on Friday

meeting of all sportsmen of will be held on Friday even-at at the Driard hotel, comidering the matter of the bet-Island. For some time there ien an agitation going on with tove in view. The opinion of nen is practically unanimous This is not a meetthe Fish and Came Club, but ral meeting to which all sportse invited. are several

one seems to be that the sea-shortened by taking off one from each end of the open If all game came in toon October 1st and closed No-30th there would be ample everyone to enjoy some sport f the game an opportunity to

tless the gun cussed, as well as any other mat-general interest to sportsmen.

ANE MOTHER SLAY\$ HER BABE

king Off With Another to Kill it When Overpowered.

eight children violently insane at an early this morning, and taking the gest child from the cradle slew it rushing its head

was raised, and then the alarm was lying abed broken ribs.

Political Liberty Is Now Watchword

situation in Portugal To-Day-Spain Guarding Her Frontiers—Funeral of Royal Victims on Saturday.

disbon, Feb. 4.—The condition of steps necessary for the protection Lisbon, Teo. who was shot in the Spanish interests.

King Dmmanuel, who was shot in the Spanish interests.

In addition to the strong force of nd brother were killed last Saturday,

bruary 8th at 10 o'clock in the morn- of restless activity. the Marquis de Soverai, the minister to English

Material changes in the new cabinet we been made, only three members of the first ministry, as announced yes- of St. Vincent, where the funeral ob of the first ministry, as announced yes-terday, being retained in the cabinet gazetted to-day. They are Rear-Ad-miral Francisco Joquin Ferriera de Amaral, Jose Mathias Nunez and Dr. minister of justice and worship; erations, Moriera was minister of marine in

The progressist dissidents voted to-day to support the new government on condition that all political prisoners be reed, that the exiles be permitted to be repealed.

Spain Safeguarding Herself,

ing Emmanues, who was shired in addition to the strong force of Spanish troops kept along the Sp

frontier, heavy detachments of soldiers improving.

The official organ in its issue of toopinits of Spain, but especially at Bardeclares that the funeral of the celona, where the anarchists and revo te King and Prince will be held on lutionists are said to be showing signs

It is reported here that King Carlos with all the solemnity possible at carried a life insurance to the amount lost. The explosion was heard for Royal Pantheon of St. Vincent. of two hundred thousand dollars in an thirty miles. company, and twenty-two at Britain, has left there for Lis- thousand dollars in a Spanish insur-

> Burial Place of Kings. Lisbon, Feb. 4.-The royal pantheon

Vencelsalo de Perra de Lima. Rear- crumbling building repose the bodies dmiral Ferreria de Amaral becomes of Portugal's monarchs who have ruled inister of the interior, and retains the for the last two hundred and fifty inister of the interior, and retains the ost of premier. Dr. Lima is still the First. Here also the niches coninister of foreign affairs; Manuel tain the bodies of many famous states-ntonio Morevra, jr., is minister of men, warriors, poets, philosophers and ance; Alberte de Campos Henriques explorers, who flourished in past gen-

minister of justice and worship, ose Mathias Nunez retain the ministers of marine and colastilho is minister of marine and colamister of public works, industry and minister of public works, industry and specifical public works, industry and specifical public works, industry and specifical specifical quarter being connected by gardens and vaulted corridors with the public was ministered in the main edince was used as a monastary for the Stagune monks. It is now the official residence was used as a monastary for the Stagune monks. It is now the official residence was used as a monastary for the Stagune monks. It is now the official residence was used as a monastary for the Stagune monks. It is now the official residence was used as a monastary for the Stagune monks. It is now the official residence of the Cardinal Patriarch of Lisbon, the residence and collection of the Cardinal Patriarch of Lisbon, the residence of the Cardinal Patriarch of the Ca For many years the main edifice was ommerce. Senor Henriques was min-ater of justice in 1903, and Senor bodies of the monarchs of Portugal re-

Why Dictatorship Ended.

Paris, Feb. 4.—The Petit Parisien de-elares to-day that on Saturday night, J. H. Hawthornthwaite, James Young Paris. Feb. 4.-The Petit Parisien defreed, that the exiles be permitted to return to Portugal and their political rights be restored, and that all existing restore order if he was given full power and a llowed to depart three hundred. oratic measures contrary to liberty persons. He was aware, however, that public work near the city for the bene-

Madrid, Feb. 4.—King Alfonzo and leave the country.

Queen Victoria are at present at Secolle. They will return to Madrid only in case the situation in Portugal becomes worse, and it should be desirable was mainly instrumental in causing the for them to be near the ministry and dictatorship of Portugal to be discon-parliament to facilitate the taking of tinued.

JOCKEY CLUB

DEFENDS RACING

Answers to Governor Hughes, Who Advocates Abolition in New York.

New York, Feb. 4.-The Jockey Club as issued a pamphlet entitled "The ruth About Racing," which is inended as an answer to the various riticisms against the sport which have een used by Governor Hughes and others, who advocate the abolition of betting at race tracks in New York

The pamphlet defends racing as a reigning Duke of Sachsen Altenburg, port and calls attention to the fact is gradually sinking. He is suffering hat it has caused a great advance in forse breeding and has greatly in- other diseases. reased the value of American horses Of those who go to the track, ninety

per cent., the pamphlet states, do not go for betting but for the sport. "The question of betting on horse racing is one of morals," continues the ublication, "yet the amendments sked for, aim at an act which is not ought to be prevented in other fields. lity in betting upon a thoroughbred speed than is connected with ection betting, wagers on poker an oridge, or speculation upon the rise and fall of the prices of stocks.

To confiscate the vast investment of various racing associations and inate the important industries aldishment of playing card manufactureries because wagers are being coupled with their production."

FARMER SHOT

BY CHINAMAN

Resident of Chilliwack May Die from Wound-Chink Arrested.

ancouver, Feb. 3 .- Richard Davis farmer of Chilliwack, will probably die as a result of a wound received naman, On Leo.

amed Richard Halt, was going home late in the evening, when the two to be gained.

men heard a rifle shot behind them. The judge was followed by another, and running, for the shots were at hand, and they were fright-Davis was hit in the back by first bullet, which pierced his lung not believed he can recover. In Lee was arrested. He admitted lying the shots, but said he had been

hered by boys stealing.

FROZEN TO DEATH. hicago, Feb. 3.-William Brace, was found frozen to death yeswithin fifty yards of his resi-

DRUCE MYTH SHATTERED.

Civil Suit For Possession of Portland Estate is Dismissed.

London, Feb. 4.-Almost the last prop was knocked from under the Druce nyth yesterday when the master-in-chancery dismissed G. H. Druce's civi suit for the possession of the estate of the late Duke of Portland

IN MEMORIAM.

Eminent Divines Gather at Graveside of Late Rev. Dr. Torrance.

Guelph, Feb. 4.-The funeral of the late Rev. Dr. Torrance yesterday was largely attended by eminent divines from all parts of Ontario.

PRINCE IS DYING.

Berlin, Feb. 4.-Prince Ernst, the from asthma and a complication

CHICAGO HOT-BED OF ANARCHISTS

At Meeting They Approvingly Referred to Portugal's

Royal Tragedy.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 4.—"Never the history of Chicago have anarchists and other enemies of law and order been more dangerous than they are at present," declared Chief of Police

Shippy last night. "The police are watching their movements closely. You never know when they are going to break out."

The chief had just finished reading a report of a meeting of Chicago anhists, at which the assassination of King Carlos and his son and that of President McKinley were approvingly

JUDGE GOES TO WORKHOUSE.

Handcuffed and Shackled, He is Conveyed in Police Wagon Merely to Gain Experience.

Toledo, O., Feb. 4.-Handcuffed and shackled. Police Judge James Austin, last night from a riffe, fired by a Chi- Jr., was carried to the patrol wagon and taken to the workhouse yester-Davis, accompanied by a friend day, where he will serve a short time with the inmates for the experience

by experience what punishment he was imposing upon others.

STREET CAR AND TRAIN COLLIDE lippery Rails Cause Accident in

Which Sixteen Were Injured. Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 4.-Fourteen pas-

sengers on a street car were seriously cut and bruised to-day when the car was struck by a railroad passenger train at Homestead. The car was thrown some distance, and at least two persons were fatally injured.

HURLED FROM TROLLEY POLE. Vancouver Telephone Lineman is Fatally Injured in Peculiar Accident, (Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Feb. 4.-Harry Baird, a clephone lineman, was fatally injured a peculiar manner this morning. He was assisting a gang in removing a telephone post on Hastings street when a pole crashed to the ground. Baird was thrown from the top of the for an instant and then fell to the

HEARD THIRTY MILES AWAY. Ontario Powder Company's Works Blown Up by Dynamite-No

Lives Lost. Tweed, Ont., Feb. 4.—The works of the Ontario Powder Company here were blown up by an explosion of dynamite this morning. No lives were

PUBLIC WORK

McBRIDE'S PROMISE TO NANAIMO MINERS

Impassioned Addresses at Socialist Gathering in Coal City.

Special to the Times. Nanaimo, Feb. 4.—The Socialist party here is taking advantage of the number of unemployed, owing to a slackness in the coal trade, and held a meeting

his request would not be granted, and he consequently preferred to retire and During the evening a telegram was appeal made in Vancouver for working men to go on a three days' strike if his bill to be introduced doing away with Oriental labor was not passed in the House. The Conservatives, Liberals, local business men, local newspapers and others came in for their usual share of abuse.

JAPAN INCREASES

Government Carries Bills

Good Majorities-Money Absolutely Necessary.

Tokio, Feb. 4.-After a hot debate lasting five hours, an increase in the taxation bills on sugar, salt, alcohol, peer, and kerosene, was passed to-day in the Diet. The government had a ajority of 84 in every case, except in v vote was 24.

Mashisa Matsuda, acting minister of finance, stated that the increase in taxation was absolutely necessary. In the present financial condition of Japan, he believed that the whole people would willing to pay it.

OFFICERS OF ALGERINE.

New Crew Sails For Hongkong to Join Sloop Commissioned for Esquimalt.

London, Jan. 19 .- In addition to Com pander E. H. Edwards, who has been her commissioning at Hongkong for service on the west coast of America, with headquarters at Esquimalt, the following officers have been selected to join her: Lieutenants G. C. Glen (first and navigating officer), and G. R. Bald, Surgeon A. J. Hewitt and Chief Artificer Engineer J. H. D. Nicholls. The sloop will be manned by 115 of all ranks, and the new crew were dispatched to-day from Portsmouth to Hongkong per the cruiser Royal Arthur, which is carrying relief crews to address to the newly impanelled grand the China station.

SENTRIES TO FIRE

Revolutionary Suspects Will Meet Summary Justice at Sebastopol Fortress.

Sebastopol, Feb. 4.-As an outcom of the recent attacks by revolutionists upon the sentries on duty at the ar The judge sentenced himself to the workhouse because he wanted to learn gave orders for all sentinals to fire without challenging upon all suspects found in the vicinity of the arsenals. Patrols also are instructed to volley at any person who attempted to es-

LOSS BY FIRE \$150,000.

Warehouse Blaze in Montreal Proved Costly Affair.

place the loss on Molson's warehouse. Notre Dame street, east, gutted by fire yesterday afternoon at \$150,000. The ce in Highland Park, a suburb. It

The accident occurred when the street car, coming to slippery rails and sldewalk and was stunned by the succumbing to the cold before he crossing, running directly in front of woods Milling Company. The loss was the train. well covered by insurance.

LORD DUDLEY CONDEMNS PRESENT IRISH POLICY

England's Only Course is Remedying of Admitted Grievances.

London, Feb. 3.-The Earl of Dudley, Conservative, who was Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in Mr. Balfour's ministry, 1902-05, created somewhat of a general's department to conduct the sensation among the Unionist benches of the House of Lords this evening by dissociating himself entirely from the policy of coercion in Ireland as advocated by the opposition. The leaders of the present Liberal

government, the Earl of Dudley said, ere not going far enough in their conciliatory methods to please him. The policy of coercion was at the root of a thorough union between England and Ireland. It would mean war to the knife. In the long run, it would nake the government of Ireland imossible. The only real solution of the Irish question, the speaker continued was to be found in the prompt and consistent remedying of the admitted grievances, and such a policy would gain the adherence and support of a majority of the people.

At the conclusion of his remarks, the

Earl of Dudley was cheered heartily by the supporters of the government. Referring to the same subject in the House of Commons, Augustine Birrell, finitely to put the Crimes Act into operation. He said he loathed boycot-Chief Secretary for Ireland, refused deting, but believing the disturbances in Ireland due to removable causes, the That will b government proposed to continue its present policy of trying to gain the goodwill of the Irish people.

The reason of the cattle-raiding crimes was disappointed hopes, Mr. Birrell said, and he expressed the opinion that there never would be During the evening a telegram was ceived from Premier McBride saying public work would be obtained here wanted compulsory power to break up the untenanted land, and as a matter of fact, the landlords were tumbling over each other in their desire to sell, but they were holding out for unrea-

All doubt that the government is planning the introduction of legislation looking to home rule for Ireland in the present session of parliament was set at rest to-day, when Herbert H. Asquith, chancellor of the exchequer, declared on behalf of the premier, HER TAXATION of re-introducing the Irish council bill.

VICTORIAN APPOINTED. Ottawa, Feb. 4.-T. W. Allen, of Vic-

oria, has been appointed chief engiieer of the hydrographic survey ste er now nearing completion at Esqui-Douma.

Asiatic Boycott in the Transvaal

Johannesburg, Feb. 4.-A move ment was inaugurated here to-day at a largely attended meeting to boycott Asiatics and all employ-ers of Asiatics. It is an outcome of the recent anti-Asiatic agitation the Transvaal.

A "White League" committee was throughout the colony.

URGES INQUIRY INTO BANK FAILURES

Judge Swan Wants Indictments Filed Against the Wreckers.

New York, Feb. 3. - Judge Swan urged a thorough and rigid investigation of the recent bank failures in his jury to-day. "The United States grand jury has already filed a number of indictments against wreckers of na tional banks," he said, "but I under-WITHOUT WARNING stand the special grand jury now in vestigating this class of crime, has filed but one so far. If any member of this jury knows of any acts in connection with bank failures it is his plain duty to call his associ-ates' attention to the fact, so that indictments may be found if the evidence warrants."

SOLDIERS PERISH

IN SNOWSTORM

Number of France's Foreign Legion in Algeria Are Missing.

Ain Seafra, Algeria, Feb. 3.-Twenty ne men of the 20th company of the Foreign Legion, and possibly others of the same company, perished on February 1st in a blinding snowstorm which overtook the soldiers on their way to Fort Hassa.

are unaccounted for.

FROM PEACE RIVER.

A few days ago Staff-Sergt. K. I Anderson and a trooper of the R. N. W. M. P. brought to the provincial jail at Kamloops Frederick James Trumper, charged with the murder of Geo. W. Coleman on November 25th last in the Peace River district. Coleman's partner, who was not at

home when the crime was committed returned, and finding the dead body, ode out and gave information to the It was not at first thought that the

scene of the crime lay in Alberta, but an examination of survey lines proved it to be two or three miles within the British Columbia boundary. Some time must elapse before the

preliminary hearing can take place, owing to the difficulty of bringing witnesses from that distance. If accused is committed the trial will probably take place at the Clinton spring assizes. E. T. W. Pearse, justice of the peace for the province, has re-ceived instructions from the attorneypreliminary hearing.

EMIGRATION TO U.S. PRONOUNCED FAILURE

Europeans Have Not Bettered Themselves Says Semi-Official Report.

Chicago, Feb. 4.- "Bulgarian Immigration to the United States is a fail-

That will be the substance of a semiofficial report to be made to the Bulgarian government by P. T. Daskaloff, ric and the rescued were hoisted editor of the Wetchel Pechts, a leading probably will take still further steps o detain the Bulgarians at home.

"I have investigated the conditions of my countrymen in this country and find that Bulgarians have not bettered themselves by coming to America," said Mr. Daskaloff yesterday, "In the last four years about 90,000 Bulgarians have come to this country and this large loss has become a matter of concern to the government, the total popu lation of Bulgaria being only 4,000,000.

RELIEF FOR FAMINE STRICKEN RUSSIA

Bill Appropriating \$3,562,000 Will Be Introduced in

St. Petersburg, Feb. 4.-A bill apropriating \$3,562,000 for famine relief by the Douma for this purpose, has been submitted to the cabinet and soon will be introduced into the Douma. The estimates of the amounts need-ed for the relief during the coming year are increasing steadily on account of the unfavorable news regarding the condition of the winter crops which are reported to be almost a total loss. The economical administration of relief funds by the government is most difficult as under the present system the granting of relief and assist-ance to the needlest of the population entails distribution of grain to vast imbers of the people in widely separ-

ate districts. BY POLE ROUTE

Commander Peary Will Start North-wards Next July. Washington, D. C., Feb. 4 .- Con nander Peary, of Arctic exploration fame, yesterday said: "I shall start for the North on another expedition

rip on the first of next July." HOTEL LICENSES REDUCED. Ottawa, Feb. 4.—The city council last night unanimously passed by-laws reducing hotel licenses from 710 to 670 and thop licenses from 31 to 26.

Dorchester Mother Kills Two fer district of Novihazar. Little Girls—Then Ends

Her Life.

INSANE ANGUISH

Boston, Feb. 4.-During a period of nental depression Mrs. Frances Miller, of Dorchester, killed herself and her two little girls, aged 9 and 11 years respectively, by means of illuminating gas, last night.

> case of insane anguish." Ottawa, Feb. 3.-New appointments

She left a note saying: "God for

give me for what I have done. It was

in the Comox-Atlin district are given out by W. Sloan as follows:

Collector of Customs at Prince Rupert, Geo. W. Morrow, formerly Indian agent of the Northwest Coast Agency; The entire company became separated | Postmaster, Prince Rupert, Robert L. and later searchers recovered the bod- McIntosh, who has been acting posties of 20 of them. A section of the master for the past year. For the company succeeded in reaching Fort Northwest Coast Indian Agency Earthis city, died to-day of pneumonia. Hassa in a pitiable condition. Many nest Lorenz, formerly postmaster, Port

Thrilling Rescues From Blazing Steamer

Fifteen Lives Lost Attempting Escape From Doomed St. Cuthbert-Boat From Liner Cymrie Saved 37 of Crew.

Nova Scotia coast. Fifteen of the crew took to the boats. the burning vessel, and were rescued by the White Star liner Cymric.

Thrilling Story of Rescue. New York, Feb. 4.-A wireless disoatch to the Times from the White Star steamer Cymric gives details of the burning of the steamer St. Cuth-

Soon after the Cymric sighted the burning vessel the steamer Cambrian, also came up and the two ships lay by for several hours awaiting a chance o safely lower a boat, the terrific wind which was blowing at the time making it impossible for a boat to live. Finally at 2 o'clock the Cymric got a boat away in command of First Officer Stivey, and with a crew of six men.

Rescued Badly Burned. After a hard fight with the waves, the boat which was brilliantly handled, succeeded, aided by the quantities of oil which had been spread on the water, in reaching the side of the burning ship. For ten minutes they lay before a heavy figure was lowered into the boat, followed by a second. Then

Stove in By Wave. The boat returned safely to the Cym- | mable material. aboard. The same crew then made a a wave and barely reached the Cymric in safety.

Terrific Explosion. The officers and the crew of the St. them were badly burned it is thought Cuthbert had a terrible story to tell all will recover.

Small Hope For Recovery of James Oliver, the Plough Manufacturer. Chicago, Feb. 4.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from South Bend, says: The condition of James Oliver, the illionaire plough manufacturer, who is seriously ill with heart trouble. is such that it is feared he cannot re-

MILLIONAIRE DYING.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED. Christiana, Feb. 3.-Announcement is | made of the engagement of G. Max Muller, formerly secretary of the British embassy at Washington, and now first secretary of the British legation at Christiana, to Miss Vonda Herberg, of Novik, daughter of the late Prof. Jacob Herberg. Mr. Muller is a son of the late Right Honorable Prof. Max men had been returned by acclamain addition to the sum already voted Muller, the British scientist and writer.

> TAKAHIRA EN ROUTE. Rome, Feb. 3.-Baron Kogoro Taka-

hira, the newly appointed ambassador of Japan to the United States, left here to-day for Washington by way of LINKING AUSTRIA WITH TURKEY

Railroad Will Be Constructed Despite Russian Antagonism.

Constantinople, Feb. 4.-An Imperial ecree issued vesterday authorizes the go on with practically no change. survey of the Mitrovitza Novihizar

railway. Baron von Ahrenthall, the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign afairs, recently announced that plans had been made for the establishment of direct railroad connections between Vienna, Salonika and Athens, Later dispatches from St. Petersburg indicated that a serious conflict was imending between Russia and Austro-Hungary over the construction of this CAUSE OF CRIME road, which would be the connecting link of Austrian lines through the basin with the Turkish line to Salon-

ika and Mitrovitza traversing the buf-The building of this line long has been a cherished project to Austria, but Russia's attitude of steady opposition has prevented the execution of the

WHIRLED TO DEATH. Engineer at Sawmill Met Terrible End

Near Winnipeg. Winnipeg, Feb. 4.-Michael E. Saun ders, engineer in Richard King's sawmill, at Kansack, met his death yeserday by being caught in the driving wheel. He was badly crushed and his right leg was turn out at the thigh. Death was instantaneous.

GRAND OPERA TENOR DEAD. Miro Delamatto Was Manager of International Theatre in Chicago.

Chicago, Ills., Feb. 4.-Miro Delamat to, for several years a well known grand opera tenor, and recently manager of the international theatre in He had appeared in grand opera in New York, Boston and Chicago.

Hallfax, Feb. 4.-The steamer St. At midday on Saturday the fire was Cuthbert was burned off the western first discovered, smoke being seen emerging from a ventilator. The first officer rushed to the bridge where the out they capsized and the occupants captain was, to tell him of the fire, erished. Thirty-seven were left on when almost immediately a terrific explosion occurred, blowing off all the hatches in the forward part of the ship and destroying half of the bridge.

Driven From the Wheel,

The captain was thrown to the deck badly injured and blinded by the flames. The wheel man was driven

away from his post A boat was immediately lowered, but was smashed and its crew of fifteen, including the third officer, were

drowned. 36 Hours Fighting Flames. For thirty-six hours the crew fought the flames, but with small success. The foremast melted and fell, throwing a stowaway who was hidden in the crow's nest into the flames, which had by this time burned through the forward deck. There were nine stowaways on the ship and all were caught

in the forward holds and burned to death without a chance of rescue

Poisonous Fumes. After the fall of the mast, the fire was partially checked, but the poisonous fumes of the fusel oil made fighting the fire almost impossible. The ship was loaded with fusel oil, matches, rags, willow ware and other inflam-

Crew's Gallant Fight. The crew had put up a gallant fight newspaper of Sofia, who is touring this country for the purpose of studying the condition of Bulgarians here.

The crew had put up a gallant fight and were rescued only just in time as the condition of Bulgarians here. the last trip the boat was stove in by when the Cymric was finally enabled to put off the rescuing boat. All the rescued members of the crew were cared for on the Cymric. Although many of

> CIVIC CONTESTS IN MONTREAL

Louis Payette Was Elected Mayor-Old Regime Will Hold Sway.

Montreal, Feb. 4.-Alderman Louis Payette was yesterday elected mayon of Montreal by a majority of 2,786 over Hon. Phillipe Roy, after one of the liveliest contests which has taken place in Montreal for many years. The vote was not very large, owing

to the fact that 25 out of the 40 aldertion, and the absence of local fights in the wards made it hard to get the electors out.

The contest had been waged with unusual bitterness. Hon, P. Roy, who is speaker of the legislative assembly at Quebec, posed as the opponent of the trusts in general, and the Montreal Light, Heat & Power Company in electric and gas corporations. The Eng-lish-speaking citizens gave a decided majority for Mr. Roy, but in the

French wards Ald. Payette piled up an overwhelming majority, leading in nine out of every ten polling sub-division Mr. Roy's candidature was hindered by the fact that he is little known in Montreal, being more a citizen o Johns and Quebec, and spending very

ittle time in Montreal.
In the aldermanic field there is little change, only one minor member, Ald, Houle, being defeated. In every other ward the old members were elected, so that the policy of the old council will

BRITAIN DEPENDS

ON PORTUGAL Is Only Using Her Moral Influ-

ence to End Unsettled

Feeling. London, Feb. 3.-It has been rum ed for some time past that Great Bris tain proposed to interfere to resto der in Portugal. As a friend of Portugal, Great Britain has been using ner moral influence to end the unsettled state of affairs in that country. and will continue to do so, but as for any interference in the internal affairs of Portugal, that is out of the question. The foreign office has conidence that Portugal herself will be

able to restore order.

The British Atlantic fleet, which is ow at Vigo, was to have visited Lisbon this week. To avoid the appearance that the British government is attempting to interfere in Portugal's politics, only the British flagship, the battleship Exmouth, with Vice-Admiral Sir Ashton Curzon Howe on board, and one cruiser will go to the Tagus.

COMING TO VICTORIA.

Winnipeg, Feb. 4.-No civic of icial ever left Winnipeg with more gifts from the city hall staff than Assistant Engineer Reynolds, who leaves this week for Victoria. A handsome bronze clock, a cut glass bowl, a set of silverware and a scientific thermeter have been given him by the different departments.