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The letter of the Conference Committee on Baptist Union has been sent to pastors for their churches. For churches that are without pastors, the letter has been sent to their clerks. The result of the vote in each church should be reported to the undersigned. It is hoped that churches that have not voted will do so as soon as possible.

Jos. McLeon,

For the Com.

Fredericton, N. J.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK

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terror-stricken Russian capital. The city is under martial law, with Prince Vasilchikoff as commander of over fifty thousand of the Emperor's crack guards. Troops are bivouacking in the streets to-night, and at various places on the Nevsky Prospect, the main thoroughfare of the city. On the island of Vassili and in the industrial sections, infuriated men have thrown up barricades, which they are holding.

The Empress Dowager has hastily sought safety at the Tsarsko Selo, where Emperor Nicholas II. is living.

Minister of the Interior Sviatopolk-Mirsky presented to His Majesty Saturday night the invitation of the workmen to appear at the Winter Palace Sunday afternoon and receive their petition, but the Emperor's advisers already had taken a decision to show a firm and resolute front, and the Emperor's answer to the 100,000 workmen trying to make their way to the palace square to-day was a solid array of troops who met them with rifle, bayonet and sabre. The priest Gopon, the leader and idol of the men, in his golden vestments, holding aloof the cross and marching at the head of thousands of workmen through the Narva Gate, miraculously escaped a volley which laid low half a hundred persons. The figures of the total number killed or wounded here, at the Moscow Gate, at various bridges and islands at the Winter Palace, vary. The best estimate is five hundred, although there are exaggerated figures, placing the number as high as five thousand. Many men were accompanied by their wives and children, and in the confusion, which left no time for discrimination, the latter shared the fate of the men. The troops, with the exception of a single regiment, which is reported to have thrown down their arms, remained loyal and obeyed orders. But the blood which crimsoned the snow has fired the brains and passions of the strikers, and turned women as well as men into wild beasts; and the cry of the infuriated populace is for vengeance.

The military authorities had a firm grip on every artery in the city. Guards, regiments, cavalry and infantry held every bridge across the frozen Neva, the network of canals which interlaces the city and the gates leading from the industrial section, while in the palace square, as the storm centre, were massed dragoon regiments, infantry and Cossacks of guards. Barred from the bridges and gates, men, women and children crossed the frozen river and canals on the ice by twos and threes,

hurrying to the palace square, where they were sure the Emperor would be present to hear them. But the street approaches to the square were cleared by volleys and Cossack charges. Men and women, infuriated to frenzy by the loss of loved ones, cursed the soldiers, while they retreated. Men harangued the crowds, telling them the Emperor had failed them, and that the time had come to act. Men began to build barricades in the Nevsky Prospect, and at other points, using any material that came to hand, and even chopping down telegraph poles.

By midnight the sound of firing had ceased, except on Vassili Ostrov Island, where the troops met a renewed demonstration with several volleys. In the meantime the strike leaders assembled and decided to continue the struggle with arms.

PARLIAMENT.

The reply on the address in reply to the speech from the throne took place Monday. The only speakers were Messrs. McDonald and Parent, the mover and seconder, Mr. Foster and the Premier. The address passed without division.

The House sat half an hour Tuesday, no business being ready. There was some talk about the chairmanship of the railway commission, and a resolution was passed for an act for systematic inspection of seeds sold to farmers.

The House sat twelve minutes Wednesday. The first lot of estimates, amounting to \$68,664,397, were laid on the table.

The Senate met and appointed a committee to shorten the form of prayer used in that branch.

The House began consideration of the estimates on Thursday, passing much of the appropriations for the inside service of the departments.

When the estimates of the department of agriculture were under consideration, Mr. Foster asked the Minister if any of the extra money asked for is to be devoted to ascertaining how the Free Baptist church of New Brunswick was robbed of so many of its members by the census. The Minister, replying in the negative, Mr. Foster said, "It should have been, and more will be heard of this before the session is over."

Several notices of motions were given.

The Senate has adjourned till Feb. 13th.

The House was in session less than an hour Friday, and voted some appropriations, and adjourned till Monday.