

"For God, for Russia, for my brother and for myself,"

IN

"Courier of the Czar,"

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Saturday's STAR.

Shooting Their Horses

Rather Than Have Them Starve—Nova Scotia Farmers Cannot Obtain Supplies—Still Snowed Up.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 21.—Some progress was made today in raising the snow and ice blockade on the Nova Scotia railways. The Intercolonial got plows through on the short line branch from Pictou to Oxford and this made it possible for them to forward by that route 250 passengers for Pictou who had been stalled at Truro. The Dominion Atlantic got a train through from Kentville to Windsor and the train will leave to return to Kentville tomorrow with mails sent from Halifax today in sleighs to Windsor. There is no change in the situation otherwise. Cape Breton is isolated and not a wheel is moving on any other railroad in Nova Scotia. Travelers who walked to Halifax today from Windsor, report four feet of snow on the track in many places. The weather today was favorable and the line is being dug out. The necessities of life and fuel are short in many places. Farmers are killing their stock because feed supplies cannot be obtained and many cases are reported of their shooting their horses for the same reason rather than have them starve.

OTHER GRAND DUKES WILL ALSO DIE. Assassins of Sergius Says That More Are Marked for Death.

MOSCOU, Feb. 21.—The assassin of Grand Duke Sergius maintains an attitude of profound indifference. When pressed to reply to questions he declared that all the efforts of the authorities would have no result. Before his victim was laid under earth other victims would be found. Regarding his motives the assassin said he only acted in the interests of an oppressed people. He considered the deed was an act of duty. The grand dukes had for years violated every canon of ordinary decency and ruined the country while exploiting the weak will of the emperor for their own ends. They had made him a tyrant so that the people execrate him. He was aware that the emperor was an innocent dupe and his party had decided to deliver the emperor from the evil influences surrounding him in the hope that he some day would join in the movement and become the head of a national government based on western lines. Neither the police nor their spies, he added, will be able to protect those who are doomed to death.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL RESIGNS. Joseph D. Seaman of Charlottetown, Has Accepted Superintendency of Large Book Agency.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Feb. 20.—Joseph D. Seaman, principal of the Prince street school, has resigned his position to accept superintendency of a large book agency for Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Mr. Seaman has been secretary of the Summer School of Science for a number of years and last summer was elected president.

STRUCK BY TRAIN. Former U.S. Senator Injured and Wife Killed While Driving.

ST. JOHNSBURY, Vt., Feb. 21.—While Jonathan Ross, former U. S. senator and former chief justice of the supreme court of Vermont, was driving with his wife this afternoon their sleigh was struck by a train on the St. Johnsbury and Lake Champlain branch of the Boston & Maine railroad and Mrs. Ross was killed. Mr. Ross was severely injured. The accident occurred at Gould's Crossing, about two miles from East St. Johnsbury, shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon. The horse which Judge Ross was driving became frightened at the approach of a westbound freight train. The sleigh was demolished and the judge and Mrs. Ross were hurled many feet away. Mrs. Ross was instantly killed, and Judge Ross was rendered unconscious. The train was stopped as quickly as possible, and the victims were brought here in the cabs. The body of Mrs. Ross was taken to a local undertaker's, while Judge Ross was removed to his residence. A hasty examination by physicians revealed a broken hip, and as the judge is over eighty years old, it is feared that this injury, together with the shock, will prove fatal.

BOSTON TRAIN DELAYED. The Boston train was delayed several hours last night by an accident to a freight train a mile and one-half west of Westfield. A truck on one of the freight cars broke and the car left the track. A new truck was procured and as soon as possible was placed beneath the car, and the train was backed to Westfield. The Boston train had been held at Westford until the truck was cleared.

TWO NEW PROVINCES. Separate Schools Are Guaranteed—Dominion Keeps Public Lands.

OTTAWA, February 21, 1905.—The eagerly awaited bills creating two new provinces in the Northwest were introduced this afternoon and passed their first reading. Briefly summarized their provisions are as follows: The provinces will be known as Alberta and Saskatchewan, will contain about 275,000 square miles each and will divide in nearly equal proportions a population of about 500,000 souls. The dividing line of the two provinces will be the fourth principal meridian, the southern boundary of each will be the line between Canada and the United States, and the northern boundary of each the present boundary between the territories of Athabasca and McKenzie. The western boundary of Alberta is the eastern boundary of British Columbia, and the eastern boundary of Saskatchewan is the western boundary of Manitoba, extended northward. The urgent petition of the territories has not been acceded to. Instead of giving the new provinces possession and control of the public lands now included in the territories, the federal government will retain these and in lieu thereof will give the new provinces large annual subsidies. Other financial aid is to be given to the total amount of \$1,335,375 annually, under present conditions, with a possibility of increase to the amount of \$2,000,000 annually. Separate schools upon the basis that now obtains will be guaranteed forever under federal authority. The new provinces will be created July 1st, 1905.

ILL WITH PNEUMONIA. Condition of E. F. Clarke, M. P. For Toronto is Serious.

TORONTO, Feb. 21.—E. F. Clarke, M. P., has pneumonia, and is reported very ill. He took sick three weeks ago with congestion of the lungs and yesterday inflammation set in. He was ill before he went to Ottawa at the first of the month. During his ten days' stay in Ottawa he was confined to his bed for the greater part of the time. Since his return some two weeks ago he has not improved until now his friends are expressing alarm.

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION.

TORONTO, Feb. 21.—Members of the Ontario government who have to return to their constituencies for reelection, having accepted cabinet positions, were all elected today by acclamation. They were Hon. Messrs. J. P. Whitney, Dundas, W. J. Hanna, Lanbton, Nelson Monteth, South Perth, Col. Mathieson, Lanark; Dr. Pyne, East Toronto; J. J. Foy, South Toronto, and Dr. Resame, Essex. A cabinet meeting will be held Thursday and the date of the meetings of the legislature decided upon.

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NO REASON TO WORRY.

(Portland Press.) Canada is not pleased at the revival of the Hay-Bond treaty between the United States and Newfoundland. Canada has no reason to worry. By the time the senate gets through with the treaty it will be as worthless as a straw bond.

ABOUT GRAND DUKES.

(Bangor News.) That story from Russia about a grand duke having been selected to succeed Kurapatkin must be wholly imaginary. Grand dukes don't deliberately go where bullets are likely to reach them.

In Favor of District System.

Meeting of Citizens Last Evening Adopted Resolution Favoring Change in Mode of Electing Aldermen.

Another largely attended meeting of the citizens interested in civic reform was held last evening in the rooms of the conservative association at Breeze's Corner. A. M. Belding as chairman called the meeting to order and asked the secretary to read the resolution offered at the previous meeting. F. L. Greany thought it would be wise to again adjourn and make common cause with the Citizens' Reform League. He moved to this effect, that the matter lay over until after the meeting of the citizens' committee. This was seconded. F. L. Potts said the question was first brought up by this meeting, and it would be a setback to let any other meeting take precedence. To join the other, one must pay a dollar and accept the whole report of the citizens' committee.

Mr. Greany explained that the citizens' committee had not yet adopted any cut and dried programme and every one would have the right to speak in regard to it. It would be on common sense to join with the others who desire a change. John Montgomery was in favor of going ahead, and let others fall in behind. We are all traders if not members of the board of trade. J. B. M. Baxter said the resolution did not conflict with any ideas set forth by the voters' league. Both meetings had the same objects in view and there was no need of adjourning this meeting. There would be a chance to find out how the citizens feel when the petition is sent round to be signed. Ald. Maxwell agreed largely with what Mr. Baxter had said. The meeting was called to discuss civic issues. We all want to get the best system for all. He thought this was a more representative meeting than the Citizens' League. Mr. Fisher, a member of the league, had expressed himself in favor of the resolution. Arguments can be advanced for both systems. Col. Markham said the ward system and the present system had been tried and found faulty. He was in favor of a division on a district system. The amendment was put and lost. The discussion then reverted to the original motion.

DR. MELVIN. Dr. Melvin was in favor of the motion and would even favor the re-establishment of the old ward system. The present proposal was really only a compromise. The city grows outwards and new wards would have to be inaugurated, and this would be a serious argument against the present proposal. The system in force here is in vogue in no other city that he knew of.

E. G. KAYE. E. G. Kaye said the other league had formed a platform and settled down to business. The old ward system was wrong; districts will give a broader view, and yet they will be small enough for aldermen to properly represent their constituents. A third of the present council is useless, he said.

L. P. D. TILLEY. L. P. D. Tilley favored the present system, the way to get a good council was to get the right men. He advocated a permanent league. MR. GREANY. Mr. Greany said the one thing needed was an earnest interest in the welfare of the city. The city owes nearly \$4,000,000 now, and it is time we took an interest. Not the system, but the interest displayed by citizens is the thing that will count. F. L. POTTS. F. L. Potts was in favor of the present system. He would like the list of aldermen elected by the tax reduction association published. The council should be representative of all classes. Too much corruption arose out of the ward system, and the present system has abolished a great deal of that. Speeches should be made by the candidates, a hall should be hired and the men should give their views to the public. Their stand on the big issues of the day should be known. B. R. ARMSTRONG. B. R. Armstrong objected to the view that the system did not count. Under the present system aldermen are not independent. Too much local prejudice exists, and no alderman can oppose any measure calculated to unduly benefit any particular section, or else the vote of that section will go against him at the next election. J. B. M. BAXTER. Mr. Baxter said the paying of taxes by candidates had not been stopped under the present system. One alderman was defeated by the combined efforts of several citizens who paid the taxes of 100 men who were pledged to vote against him. The districts should be of such a size that interest is assured by the citizens. Under the old system almost every voter in a ward came to the polls to give his opinion. Now about one-half came to the polls. In 1894 the Tax Reduction ticket swept the city; the next year the opposing party was successful. And down to this time no campaign has been carried on in regard to the civic issues. The present council might be asked to decide as to what will be the boundary of the districts. The resolution favoring a district system was read, put and adopted. Mr. Baxter read the following petition: To His Worship the Mayor and Common Council of Saint John: (Continued on page five.)