LETTER FROM JAPAN.

Prominent Canadian Baptist Missionary Writes His Impressions of Events Succeeding the War.

Peace Terms at First Repulsive but Finally Accepted Philosophically by the People.

native of Sydney, N. S., and a native of Sydney, N. S., aamd a graduate of Acadia College, but for several years an active Baptist missionary in Japan, with headquarters at Yokohama, in a letter from that city dated Nov. 30, to a relative in this city from which the Herald is permitted to copy a portion relative to public matters, says:

"Well, the war is over, and I think everyone is glad of it, even the Japanese, though they were on the flood tide of victory when peace was declared. When the terms were published in Japan, there was naturally much disappointment throughout the Empire, especially over the retrocession of the northern half of Saghalien to Russia, and the waiving of Japan's claims for a reimbursement of the war expenses. In this I think the whole world, outside of Russia, perhaps, must have sympathized with her. In all the principal cities mass meetings were held to protest against the terms published, maintaining that the nation was fully prepared to carry on the war to a satisfactory issue, and praying that the treaty should not be certified by the Emperor.

You have doubtless read exaggerated reports of the disturbances that occurred in Tokio and Yokohama The discontent caused by the Tokio police force attempting to prevent a mass meeting in one of the public parks, and the advantage taken of that by some political adventurers to stir up trouble for the government, resulted in quite a serious riot which had to be quelled by calling in of the military. A great number of police stations or police boxes were burned or wrecked. Some one of an anti-Christian spirit used the occasion to turn the mob against churches or preaching places which happened to be at hand, and a number of these were destroyed.

In Yokohama the disturbance was inconsiderable, and quite away from the Foreign Settlement. As a matter of precaution a company or two of soldiers was sent down to Yokohama for a few days, and we had a tent and half a dozen men at the corner just below our house.

In Kobo the bronze statue of Marquis Ito was overturned by the crowd. But throughout the rest of the Empire perfect order seems to have prevailed, and the natives as a whole have showed no trace of the anti-foreign of anti-Christian feeling of which some of the home papers appeared to think the Tokio riots were an outbreak.

Christian work is going on everywhere as prosperously as ever, and we foreigners find the people as courteous and well-disposed towards us as they have always been. I think, too, that once the native has had time to think calmly over the substantial gains which Japan has made on the terms decided on, and on what would have been the cost in men and money if the war had continued another year, the conviction has gained ground that her statesmen have not been unpatriotic in the treaty they have made. It was considered, I believe, by military experts, that Japan could have repeated her victories, and have captured Harbin, and reduced Valadivostock, but that it would have required in the one case five or six battles like those of the Yalu river and Mukden, and in the other as serious a seige as that of Port Arthur. Whether the ultimate gains to Japan would have been adequate is a difficult question. It would seem that the sacrifices which the nation has been called to make in the name of humanity and civilization and for the sake of showing magnaminity to a fallen foe, have not been so serious as a part of the people at first naturally feared.

We are glad at any rate that through this unexpectedly early termination of hostilities many tens of thousands of brave fellows on both sides have been saved from death on the battle field, and that hundreds of thousands of others have been saved from wounds. Ten times ten thousand fathers and mothers and wives and sisters, as they prepare the feast of welcome for the returning heroes are saying down in their hearts "Blessed be Peace!"

The victorious Japanese fleet has had a splendid welcome in Tokio Bay which will doubtless be repeated in the other waters they visit. The people of Yokohama and Tokio not only put the cities in holiday attire with decorations and illuminations, but provided all sorts of entertainments for the officers and men.

One day the Emperor held a grand naval review. The fleet lay in the bay, just off Yokohama, nearly 200 ships, from battleships down. I was down on the bund when the Emperor went off from the pier in his launch to his ship, and afterward we watched the review from the fourth storey windows of the U. S. naval hospital, overlooking the bay. The illumination of the fleet at night, as viewed from the "look-off" was much more of a sight, each ship being outlined in fire against the black waters 6 of the Bay.

No doubt you have seen something of the kind in Halifax, and can imagine what a fleet of 200 ships would look like. I would not dare to say how many people gathered at Yokohama and the neighborhood to witness the review, but 125,000 are said to have come down from Tokio alone.

There were great festivities, too, for the British squadron which visited Japan after the peace had been declared. The renewal and extension of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance had just been announced, and the people were eager to show hospitalities to their Saxon allies. There were garden parties and park parties galore, and of course the cities were decorated and illuminated for them. The British squadron, 13 ships, took part in the Emperor's review. The alliance is in great favor in Japan and goes far to allay the disappointment over the peace treaty.

"Our friends, the enemy," to wit, the Russian prisoners, are being returned to their fatherland. Two thousand of them left here on the Yacoslavl the other day. I was down on the pier when they were filling up the gang-plank. With few exceptions they seemed underseized and unintelligent, and no match for ordinary Japanese soldiers. They had evidently been well cared for here, and I dare say they feel they have had the time of their lives since they were fortunate enough to fall into the hands of the brave and hospitable Japanese. It will take some time for the whole 70,000 to be repatriated. The scene on the pier would have made a good photograph There was the long rank of the Russians stretching down the pier, and slowly moving up to the gangway, and the single file of men rapidly passing into the steamer. Their uniforms were faded and worn, but not ragged, and each had a back load and his arms full of personal baggage. Beside the gangway, and along down the pier, were groups of Japanese. Chinese and foreigners of various nationalities, among them some scores of German blue-jackets, all looking on with quiet respectful interest. I think Japan will have 70,000 friends in Russia anyway, whom she has manufactured out of her whilome enemies by uniform courtesy and kindness. It is said, that many thousands of them wish to remain in this country.

Curiously enough, the total number of the Japanese losses by death during the war just about equals the number of the Russian prisoners brought over, 70,000. About 10,000 of these died of wounds after being removed to hospitals and 15,000 of sickness. If my information is correct the hospitals received 310,000 patients from the battle fields, and that the per centage of deaths is so small it is a marvellous showing. It is said that 1,200,000 men in all were engaged in the war, on the Japanese side. As the population of the empire is increasing at the rate of five or six nundred thousand a year the losses in men occasioned by the war will not be seriously felt numerically, but one cannot forget that 70,000 homes have been made desolate.

The Emperor has just retuzned from a pilgrimage to the ancestral Mausoleums at Yamada in Ise, about 200 miles west of Tokio. Here is the Mecca and Jerusalem, of Shintoism, the primitive religion of Japan, and the Temple of the Sun-Goddess, the ancestress of the Mikado of immemorial generations. The Emperor, worshipping there before the ancestral Spirits, announced to them the successful issue of the war, and the conclusion of peace, and then returned yesterday in a kind of triumph to the capital. That may be called the formal end of the war. We confidently anticipate that the new period which the peace begins will be one of great national, intellectual and spiritual progress in the Island Empire, and that all East Asia will see a new day. It looks, too, as if the war is to prove the salvation of Russian, though her "Jordan is a hard road to travel just now."

PRESIDENT OF YORK LOAN SAYS COMPANY DOES NOT FEAR INQUIRY

Toronto, Dec. 16.—Joseph Phillipa, President of the York Loan Company, said last night that when the company was buying its property in High Park district, it was found some of the owners could be better dealt with if the company did not appear directly in the transactions. The City Realty Company, in such cases, took conveyance instead of the York Loan. The property standing in the name of the City Realty Company was, therefore, an asset of the York Loan.

"There has been no property sold under price or made away with," he continued, "nor anything done against the interest of shareholders. Everything has been done to protect the interests of the company, and the idea that there has been anything crooked is utterly baseless. If the directors have not done their duty or have made away with any property they are all there to be dealt with."

Mr. Phillips stated no officer of the company ever received anything for his connection with the Realty Company- He explained he had refrained from publishing a statement of assets and liabilities of the company by direct advice of their counsel. Fullest information would be given the shareholders at their meeting, to enable them to judge of the advisability of the proposed merger.

"I can only repeat there is no good ground for the excitement created, I believe, in the interests of those whose ends would be served by defeating the proposed agreement. Fees and expenses to be made out of the winding-up sufficiently account for activity of lawyers and would be receivers, and perhaps the idea that there may be bargains going in real estate if the company's property could be brought to the hammer, has something to do with the agitation.

DOES NOT FEAR INQUIRY.

"I do not believe the shareholders can be stampeded into refusing to consider what the management has called them together to consider.

"If the valuation after the meeting shows a loss of assets, which I am confident on a fair valuation, it will not, it will still be open to the shareholders or public to demand an investigation. But, talk of investigation seems to me to be another method of preventing the shareholders from considering the agreement. Some who advocate investigation say it is to prevent a winding up, but I think it is really to cover other designs. Of course, we court investigation, but we do not want it to interfere with holding the meeting."

With regard to the statement that the by-laws do not permit proxies to be made after thirty days before meeting, Mr. Phillips said the directors had changed this to five days as it would not be fair to shareholders in British Columbia and elsewhere at a distance to insist on longer notice. Advice has been sent to all shareholders in connection with this matter.

DEMAND AN INVESTIGATION.

When Hon. J. J. Foy, Attorney-General, returned to the city from Montreal, yesterday, he found awaiting him a communication from Mr. John Galbraith, barrister, enclosing formal applications for the Government to institute an investigation into the affairs of the York County Loan & Savings Co.

The application is made by two women whose cases are typical of tens of thousands of others from the Atlantic to the Pacific. One had been paying into the company for years the modest sum of 15 cents a week. The total sums at stake in these cases rare accordingly not large, but to them it means a lot, and they have accordingly snatched at the chance of getting a Government investigation with a view to with a view to ensuring safe return ensuring safe return of the money.

The application is without precedent in this Province, being taken under an amendment to the Loan Corporation Act, passed only last session. It is addressed to the Attorney-General and reads:

"I hereby ask you to appoint some competent person to make a special examination and audit of the books, accounts, and securities of the York County Loan and Savings Co., and to enquire into the conduct of the business of the corporation generally."

The document then sets out the number of the applicant's share certificate, the amount paid, and the circate, the amount paid, and the circumstances of payment. The applicants then state that they are being asked to continue their weekly payments, and they do not know whether the company is solvent, and that they are informed and do verily believe that the corporation has exceeded the powers conferred on it by its charter.

They state further that they are unable to give security for costs and that they are not actuated by any malicious motives in instituting the procedure.

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THE BARONY.

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Susie D. Ebbett spent Sunday with her friend, Helen Marsten, of Meductic.

W. B. Ebbett spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. J. H. Gerow, Meductic.

Miss Sarah Embleton, who has been nursing in the United States, has been called home on account of the illness of her mother.

Coun. Scott is in Fredericton this week.

George Burden, M. P. P., and Mrs. Burden, went to Fredericton this morning.

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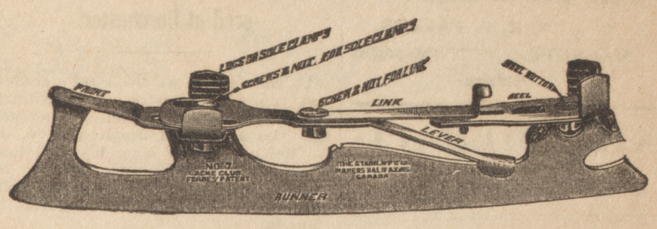

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