

BULYEA IS SATISFIED.

New Brunswicker who is Chief Commissioner of Works in North West Government.

SAYS AMENDED AUTONOMY BILL IS SATISFACTORY TO THE WEST

Regina, April 10.—Hon. G. H. V. Bulyea, commissioner of public works of the Northwest Territories, has returned from the east where he has been attending the conferences held with Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the members of the cabinet, in connection with the autonomy bills now before parliament. When called upon by The Standard, Mr. Bulyea very kindly accorded an interview and expressed his opinion on the bills.

Mr. Bulyea is firm in his belief that the bills will pass parliament as they now stand. The western Liberal members agreed to the compromise school clauses, and Hon. Clifford Sifton has again wheeled into line. These two facts have done much to convince the remaining members of parliament that the present terms of the bills are the best which can be obtained and for that reason many who were at the first opposed, and who stood off with the minister of the interior, have now followed Sifton's leading, and will vote with Laurier. The bills will be supported by nearly a solid following of Liberals, and by ten or fifteen members of the opposition, so that the government will have a majority of between eighty and ninety.

Did you object to the school clauses at first introduced," asked the reporter.

"I certainly did," replied the commissioner, "as it appeared to interfere with the admirable law now in force in the Northwest Territories. It would have taken away from the new provinces the rights which we now exercise with both public and separate schools, to maintain a uniform system of inspection, the right to select school books, to decide the qualification of teachers, and the right to withhold from any school, not

coming up to the prescribed standard, provincial financial assistance.

"Under the new provisions which are accepted by Sifton and the western Liberal members, the minority are guaranteed the right to establish separate schools, subject entirely to provincial control. This law is recognized by law or practice in every province of Canada, with the possible exception of British Columbia. Separate schools are not supposed to exist in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, or Prince Edward Island, but as a matter of fact, by tacit consent, certain schools have come to be administered and acknowledged as Catholic schools, and, as Mr. Fielding showed, those of Halifax have been tolerated by the government for years.

"On my own knowledge the same situation exists in the province of New Brunswick, so that we are simply legalizing as it were, the rights of the minority to separate schools, but are providing that they must be maintained by the taxes of that minority while in the other provinces the whole taxes are pooled.

"For instance, if the Catholics in Regina want a separate school, their taxes amount to 7 1-3 mills on the dollar, as compared with the general rate of 22 mills, of which the public schools pay 7 1-10, so that I do not see that anyone is injured by the existence of separate schools. I think the position taken by the editor of The Calgary Herald, in recent issue, will about represent the feeling of the people of the west on this question, particularly as every western man who has spoken on this question has expressed the opinion that if these rights are left with the local legislature the school law as it now exists would be enacted."

WAS GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.

Gurkhas and Natives Perish in the Earthquake.

A NUMBER OF EUROPEAN CHILDREN AMONG THE DEAD.

Calcutta, April 10.—It now appears that 400 members of the 7th Gurkhas were killed at the Dharmasala cantonment by the collapse of a stone barrack building in consequence of the recent earthquake. In addition, twenty members of the first battalion and fifty members of the second battalion of the 1st Gurkhas were killed, while it is roughly calculated that from twenty to thirty per cent. of the native population of the surrounding villages were killed. In addition to the Europeans already reported killed at Dharmasala, seven children of Europeans are said to have perished.

MISSIONARIES AMONG THE DEAD.

London, April 10.—A telegram received by the Church Missionary Society in London from Lahore, India, reports that three of the society's representatives at Kangra, the Rev. H. F. Howland, Mrs. Dauble and Miss Lorbeer, were killed by the fall of the mission house there during the recent earthquake. All the other missionaries in the Punjab are believed to be safe. Miss Lorbeer was a member of the Berlin Ladies' Missionary Society, and was lent to the Church Missionary Society for work in India.

A DEATH ROLL OF THOUSANDS.

Calcutta, April 10.—There is little

doubt that when the complete extent of the disaster is known the death roll will reach into the thousands. As an indication of the tremendous force of the shock, the exceptionally solid new court house at Dharmasala was destroyed. Refugees from Dharmasala have arrived at Lahore in a condition of mental collapse and are unable to give any coherent story.

The disaster to the Gurkhas was due to the sudden collapse of the stone-built barracks. The men had only just reached the station, and other troops ordered there fortunately had not arrived.

The road to Dharmasala, a mere cut, or shelf, on the mountain slope, has crumbled away, and one of the bridges over the river has collapsed, hence the difficulty of restoring communication.

The greatest difficulty is experienced in procuring news from Dharmasala. The telegraph staff at the station there was practically wiped out, and a temporary office has been opened thirteen miles from the town, but the facilities are most scanty.

The Kangra Valley is believed to have been devastated, and it is reported that the town of Kangra was in ruins, with great loss of life.

A private telegram received here says the whole town of Palampur with a population of 5,000, has been levelled to the ground, and that not a single building is left standing.

CZAR DARE NOT ATTEND.

Absent from Annual Parade of the Horse Guards.

EXTRAORDINARY PRECAUTIONS TAKEN BY THE POLICE—BUT THE DAY PASSED OFF WITHOUT THE EXPECTED DISTURBANCE.

St. Petersburg, April 10.—The annual parade of the Horse Guards, always heretofore one of the most spectacular military ceremonies as well as social functions of the year, was chiefly notable by the absence of Emperor Nicholas and the Imperial family. The Horse guards is the Emperor's own regiment, and never before has he failed to attend the annual parade. With the Empress, Dowager Empress and the entire Court, the Emperor remained at Tsarskoe-Selo. The only Grand Dukes who ventured out of their palaces were Nicholas, Boris and Alexander Michaelovitch, the first named representing His Majesty. Even Grand Duke Vladimir, commander of the military district, was not present. The explanation being that he was

detained at the palace on account of sickness.

The danger to the Imperial family was regarded as especially great today, as it happened that this was the festival of the Immaculate Conception, one of the strictest religious holidays. All business was suspended, the entire population was in the streets, and the fear of an untoward incident, in view of the activity of the terrorists, induced extraordinary precautions. Mounted gendarmes were stationed at the bridges and in the streets leading to the barracks of the regiments on the Horse Guards' boulevard to keep back the rougher element. Ordinary spectators were not allowed to approach within a block. The parade, instead of occurring in the usual open space

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before the barracks, took place within the riding school, being in every way a purely prefatory affair, a few foreign representatives and members of society being present. After the trooping of the colors the regiment marched to the church of the Ascension, adjoining the barracks, where religious services were held.

The area around the church was filled with solid phalanxes of Cuirassiers and Chevalier guards, who later greeted Grand Duke Nicholas as he emerged from the portal with the "hurrahs" always given to members of the Imperial family. The public had only a glimpse of the representative of the ruling dynasty, and no echoing cheers came from the crowd.

The ceremony of trooping the colors was also carried out in the square of the Winter Palace by the troops on duty there.

The police made a number of arrests, but both military displays happily passed off without disturbances.

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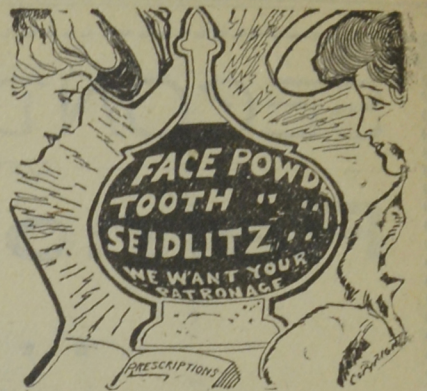
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