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OFFERED TO QUIT IT.

Judge Lafentaine Willing to Turn Case Over to Another.

Montreal, March 24.—Messrs. Gay-nor and Greene were before Judge La-fontaine yesterday, His Honor deciding that he had jurisdiction in the matter. As soon as he had finished speaking, As soon as he had a market and while counsel were considering what steps should be taken next, His Honor, showing much emetion, said: what steps should be taken next, his Honor, showing much emetion, said; "Netwithstanding the foregoing, as my competence has been attacked, I am willing, provided both parties agree, and it can be legally done, that this enquiry shall be held by Chief Justice Lacoste, or Acting Chief Justice Lice and the Supreme Court who may be designated by them."

This declaration certainly came as a surprise, and for some little time not a word was said.

MacMaster Scores Fitzpatrick.
Then Mr. MacMaster stated that as the enquiry had been commenced by Judge Lafontaine, he, Mr. MacMaster, would prefer that it should be consinued by him, as his jurisdiction had been upheld time and time again.

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upheld time and time again.

Referring to the part Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick had played in the matter. Mr. MacMaster said: "The Minister of Justice is a very important man in Canada, but it might have been well if he had consulted the preprieties and not allowed his name te be attached to a writ of habaes corpus for three weeks, after it had been objected to."

Charles Cameren Bead.

Toronto, March 24.—One of the ploneer residents of the Town of Collingwood and one of the most prominent mercantile men in Simoe County, passed away at the General Hospital yeaterday in the person of Charles Camerin, Mr. Cameron was a native of Aberdeenshine. Sootland, and settled in Collingwood vicinity about the year 1854.

Herse Bacily Glashed.

Wiarton, March 24.—A horse was badly slashed with a milte in the hands of some unknown party at the Facilies Total stable last night. It a abdomen was ripped open and a deep gash about two feet long cut into the shoulder and down the thigh. The horse belonged to Edward Kyle and was used on the mail service between here and Stokes Bay.

John Meyers Acquitted.

Berlin, March 24.—In the Assizes yesterday John Meyers, of Preston, was acquitted of the charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Annie Renwick, of Hespeler, who was tilled by a car on the Galt, Preston and Hespeler Railway, in an accident which occurred at Preston last fall. Meyers was motorman on the car.

WHY RUSSIANS FAILED

War Correspondent of Novoe Vremya Tells Bitter Tale.

Heart-Sick, Retreating Soldiers Urged by Proclamations From Home to Cease Fighting and Surrender-Alexiet's Red Initial Work-Failure to Establish Adequate Intelligence Department-Deficiencies of Officers Bring to Naught Commander's Plans

St. Petersburg, March 24.—The Novoe Vremya to-day will publish a remark-able despatch from a correspondent in able despatch from a correspondent in the field, who, with the bitter taste of defeat still on his palate, discusses the causes of the Russian reverses and con-trasts the spirit with which Russia and Japan are conducting the war, and with sorrow and disheartenment arraigns the elements in Russia who are nour-feating that propagate on defeats; ishing their propaganda on defeats in the Far East. "Scattering in the very hour of defeat," according to the cor-respondent, "broadcast among the heart-sick, retreating soldiers, procla-mations urging them to cease fighting

The despatch continues: "Not even the enemy has sent up such proclamaforeign agencies about disorders in Russia. Put yourself in the place of the soldiers and efficers who, returning from Mukden fatigued and heart-sore from want of success. have received throwing into our lines telegrams from from the distant home proclamations with advice to that tenor."

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Setting aside the factors of a tem-porary nature, the correspondent enu-merates four main causes of mistor-

First.-Failure to establish before the war an adequate intelligence department in Manchuria, or to make preparations, contrasted with Japanese activity in that direction.

Second,—Russia is dependent upon a

single railway, while the Japanese have many bases, with the possibility of establishing new ones at any point on

Third.—The deficiencies of many officers, whose mistakes of execution bring to naught the most carefully thought-out plans of commander, or whose tech-nical education has not kept pace with the artillery they are required to Fourth.—That victory rests not with

the army but with the nation.

The correspondent pictures the patriotism, devotion and passionate longing for victory of the Japanese, and,

ntinuing, says: "On the other side is a nation where part of the people misunderstand the meaning of this war, or are even inimical, taking advantage of distressing times to attain more liberty. The need of greater liberty is undoubted; but is it not possible to press the campaign after the war? The country is entirely occupied with internal affairs and dis-orders, turning its attention to the army cessful operation, and then only to pour a flood of discouragement or abuse, or to send as a palliative to the re-treating forces a heap of revolutionary

In concluding, the correspondent pleads for a few words of encourage-ment, and acknowledgment that the 90,000 who fell around Mukden are not unappreciated sacrifices.

Soth Russian Flanks Menaced.

Gunshu Pass, March 24.-Gen. Line vitch, the new commander-in-chief of vices, the new commander-in-oner or the army vesterday received the mem-bers of his staff. Reports persist of Japanese turning movements on both flanks of the Russian army. Chinese state that the Japanese have recruited

many Chinese bandits, and that prob-ably they are now able to count a superiority in cavalry as well as in-fantry.

The branch of the Russo-Chinese Bank has removed from Kirin to Har-bin after an attack on the bank office, in which two of the guards were wounded with cobblestones.

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in which two of the guards were wounded with cobblestones.
Captured Japanese report that a terrible affray took place in the streets of Mukden March 10, when a big detachment of the Russians, the last to leave the city, were entrapped by Chinese bandits and a few Japanese soldiers, who closed the city gates and blocked the narrow streets. According to the report, which is not confirmed, not a Russian escaped.

Field Marshal Oyama has communicated to Gen. Linevitch the news that the entire Russian medical staff, which remained in Mukden after the evacuation, is uninjured and well.

Wemen Leave Port.

St. Petersburg, March 24.—It is announced here that all the women have been ordered to leave Vladivostock.

Report From Japs.

Tokio, March 24.—An official report from Imperial Army Headquarters, sesterday, says:

"Our detachment pursuing the enemy entered Changtu on March 21 at 2.30 p. m.

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"A large body of the enemy, in disorder, is retreating toward the northeast, along the line of the railway.

"A part of the enemy's cavalry has halted at a point within two miles north of Changtu."

Blockade Runners Captured.

Portland, Ore., March 24.—According to advices brought by the Portland and Asiatic steamship Arabia from Yokohama there are at present about forty blockade runners of various nationalities in Japanese ports, which have been captured attempting to enter Russian ports.

St. Petersburg, March 24.—The internal loan of \$100,000,000 was signed yesterday. The price of issue is \$3 and the bonds are redeemable in fifty years. Japa Will Borrow \$150,000,000.

New York, March 24.—Negotiations for a Japanese Government loan of \$150,000,000 have been successfully concluded in London.

PEACE PROPOSALS.

Active Step by Russia Imminent, If Not Already Taken. St. Petersburg, March 24.—The min-lsters and supporters of the court who advocate the submission of pacific proals to Japan, so as to ascertain whe authority that an actual step is immi-

ment, if not already taken.

Not At All Surprising.

Washington, D. C., March 24.—The sudden growth of the sentiment in Russudden growth of the sentiment in Rus-sian official circles in favor of peace is not at all surprising to the officials here, because it is in line with the pre-dictions of the American Embassy at St. Petersburg when last heard from on this subject.

In fact, it was gathered that the real obsticle in the way of the beginning of

obstacle in the way of the beginning of negotiations to this end was to be found rather in the jealousies of European powers outside of Russia than in the

powers outside of Russia than in the Czars own court. There is believed now, however, that the great financial interests of London, Berlin and Parls, looking to their own salvation and the security of their enormous Russian loans, have risen above national lines, and that to the exertion present promise of peace in the near fu-

TEN PEASANTS KILLED. Fifty Wounded in An Encounter With

Russian Infantry.
Kutno, Russian Poland, March 24.

Ten peasants were killed and fifty were wounded at Lamenta March 21 as the result of the shooting of infantry sent to quell disturbances. A crowd of peasants from Benifnora, proceeded to Lamenta to induce the farm laborers Lamenta to induce the farm laborers to strike and rioting occurred. The chief of police with a company of soldiers went to the scene, and the troops fired two volleys at the peasants, killing two on the spot and wounding fity. The latter were brought in carts to the hospitals here, where seven men and one woman subsequently died. Eleven others are dying.

Kutno is situated 70 miles west of Warsaw. It has a population of about 10,000.

St. Petersburg, March 24.—A finan-cial and commercial crisis has broken out at Rostovondon

Warned Father John St. Petersburg, March 24.—The re-volutionary committee has warned Father John of Cronstadt to cease his anti-revolutionary propaganda either rather John of Cronstant to cease his anti-revolutionary propaganda either by sermons or by writings. The mili-tary Governor of Cronstadt has taken measures for Father John's protection

BIG FIRE AT DURHAM.

Furniture Factory Damaged to Extent of \$50,000.

Dorham, March 24.—Fire broke out in the finishing room of the Durham In the finishing room of the Durham furniture factory here about 7:30 last night, and in spite of the efforts of the firemen by 9:30 had completely destroyed the building and contents. The dry-lilin and a large stock of lumber was saved, but with difficulty. The company has been six years in operation and was in a flourishing condition, employing about 60 men, paying som \$16,000 in wages annually. About \$10, 00 worth of stored stock, ready for chipment, was destroyed. The total panies: Northern, Queen's, Economical, Norwich Union, Western, Sun, Ottawa The less to the town is severe, but un doubtedly the factory will be rebuilt

Separate Church and State.

Denuties vesterday continued the debeputies yesterday continued the de-bate on the bill providing for the sep-aration of church and state. M. Des-chanel (Republican), former president of the House, declared the debate was the most important since the revolu-tion, as it concerned the abolition of a religious regime which had existed for five centuries. The interference of re-ligion with politics had become intol-erable, while the interference of the

Doules To Get Money. Douls To Get Money.

Montreal, March 24—A Doukhobor delegation, headed by Peter Veregin, reached the city yesterday, thid had an interview with Mr. De Struve, the Imperial Russian Consul, regarding the handing over of the moneys forwarded by the Russian Gevernment. After the big exedus of Doukhobors from Russia, the Gevernment confiscated the hones, and are now paying the owners for them. The Consul has decided to hand ever the meneys, which new amount to several thousand dollars, to a special committee, who will distribute it to the different people now residing about Yorkton.

Armed Police Chased Them. Armed Police Chased Them.
Winnipeg, March 24.—The two desperate highwaymen, Rogers and Horten, who held up, assaulted and robbed three Finns on Saturday night, escaped from jall at Fort Frances yesterday morning by twisting the bare of their cell with a piece of the iron bed. They started east on a railway velecipede and the police started after them on a similar conveyance, armed with Win-

Degree From Queen's.

Ottawa, March 24.—His Excellency the Governor-General goes to Kingston on April 8, where he will be the guest of Col. Reade, R. M. C. He will inspect the R. M. C. and the R. N. C. On April 7 he will have a degree conferred upon him by Queen's University and will return to Ottawa the following day. Lord Grey and party will go to Toronto for the horse show week.

THE ADDRESS IN REPLY

Moved By Messrs. Hoyle and Downey in the Legislature.

Mr. Hoyle Makes It Clear That There t/ill Be No Politics in Government Control of the Temiskaming Railway-Mr. Downey Acquits Himself Well With Restricted Subject -Speakers to Follow.

Speakers to Follow.

Toronto, March 24.—The galleries of the Legislature were again crowded yesterday and many spectators had seats on the floor, showing that the public interest in the change of Government has not died down. Nearly all the members were in their seats and they soon accommodated themselves to the change from left to right and right to left. Mr. Whitney looked just as comfortable in the Premier's chair as he did when he was across the floor, and Mr. Harcourt appeared to be pleased with the view of the chamber obtained from the left of the Speaker.

Speaker.
Movers of the Address. Movers of the Address.

Mr. Hoyle, of North Ontario, and Mr. Downey, of South Wellington, were the orators selected to move and second the address to the Lieutenant-Governor, thanking him for his speech. Both acquitted themselves well. There was lacking in their speeches exultation over a badly whipped foe, but they read in the returns some lessons which they carried to the opposite side, and even accepted for the victors. The various items of the speech were discussed, and both were able to show that the Government, though new to the responsibilities of office, had taken hold in a business-like way, determined to carry out the principles advocated by them in opposition. Mr. Hoyle, of North Ontario, and Mr.

out the principles advocated by them in opposition.

Mr. Hoyle made a strong point of his belief in the principle of public ownership. He showed that it was the policy of the Government to free the administration of the Temiskaming Railway as much as possible from partisan control, and he argued that if the road was run in the interests of the people, and not of the politicians, public ownership would pay.

Mr. Downey was under considerable restraint, confined to the narrow limits of the speech from the Throne, but he made the most of the subjects mentioned in the Government program. He

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was most eloquent in describing the
vast resources of Northern Ontario.

Speakers to Come.

T. H. Preston moved the adjournment of the debate, which will be continued on Tuesday. To-day's session,
it is expected, will not last more thanten minutes, and only formal matters
will be taken up. The Government
speakers on the address in order of
selection are T. W. McGarry, of South
Benirow, Da. Lewis, of Dufferin, Dr.
Smellie, of Fort William, and Mr.
Gamey. Mr. Harcourt said yesterday
it was not the intention of the Opposition to prolong the debate, and that
after Mr. Preston he (Mr. Harcourt)
would probably close the argument of
that side.

that side.

After the adjournment of the debate yesterday, the Provincial Treasurer introduced some resolutions, and the House went into committee on interim estimates, amounting to about \$600,000. While the House was in committee, J. B. Lucas was in the chair.

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Whips For the Government.

The first Conservative caucus was held yesterday morning. Major Hugh Clark presided. Dr. R. F. Preston, of North Lanark, was chosen chief whip

and A. A. Mahairy, of Bussels, whip.

T. H. Preston, of Brantford, has given notice of two bills, one favoring the stamping of prison-made goods, the other amending the Municipal Act by reducing the property qualifications of mayors in cities and towns from \$1,000 to \$500 freehold and from \$2,000 to Spotted Fever Epidemic.

Spotted Fever Epidemic.
Dr. Hodgetts has received a report that an epidemic of spotted fever has been discovered in a western town. The technical name for this disease is crebro-spinal meningitis.
A deputation from Halleybury will wait on the Government to-day to ask for some changes in the mining laws.
A meeting of the Railway Taxation

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Commission will be held this week, when it is probable the final draft of the report will be made.

Negotiations are now in progress between the Province and the Dominion respecting the respective responsibilities of each in regard to the Indians north of the height of land and east of Lake Superior. of Lake Superior.

Quebec Cabinet Sworn.

Quebec, March 24.—The Provincial Cabinet has been reorganized as fol-lows: Hon. Lomer Gouin, Prime Minster and Attorney-General: Hon. Adelater and Attorney-General; Hon. Auelard Turgeon, Minister of Lands, Forests and Fisheries; Hon. J. C. McCorkill, Provincial Treasurer; Hon. Jules Allardi Minister of Colonization and Public Works; Hon. R. Roy, Provincial Secretary; Hon. W. A. Weir, Minister restfolio, Hon. H. Archametheast restfolio; Hon. without portfolio; Hon. H. Archam-bault will remain as President of the Legislative Council: The new Ministers were sworn in yesterday morning. The Minister of Agriculture will not be ap-pointed before to-day.

Canada Company.

London, March 24.—(C. A. P.)—At a meeting of the Canada Company the chairman stated they were not affected by the recent oil discoveries. of land in 1904 amounted to 8,973 acres, as against 10.656 in 1903, but the prices had increased 25 per cent. The receipts for the current year were \$66,147, as against \$79,055 last year.

Belleville, March 24 .- Onslow Wynn,

of Bancroft, tried at the sessions here for stabbing with intent to kill, was found guilty of common assault. Sentence was reserved.



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