THE RUSSIAN SERFS.

HOW THEIR PRESENT EMANCIPATION WAS DEVISED.

Nothing was further from the thoughts or intentions of the Emperor Nicholas, the father of the present Emperor, or of his advisers, or of the nobles of Russia, than the act consummated by the present Emperor-the universal emancipation of the serfs. When a boy of nine years, Alexander, sitting one morning at the breakfast table with the Emperor and Empress, his governess standing near, was ob served to be leaning his head upon his hand, and apparently in deep thought. His mother asked him, "What are your thoughts, my son?" As the boy hesitated the question was repeated, when looking up the question was repeated, when looking up with an earnest and deeply serious air, he said, "I was thinking how, when I become Emperor, I can free all my poor countrymen who are now slaves." His mother was startled by the answer, while the Emperor Nicholas turned pale. The governess, fearing that the charge might be made that her influence over the child look caused this influence over the child had caused this strange and unaccountable remark, was very much disconcerted. The Empress ear-nestly questioned the boy as to the origin of this extraordinary thought. After some time he answered that he had learnt it in church and from God's word wherein the duty of loving one's neighbour as one's self, and of doing good unto all men as we would have them do unto us, was so often and so carnestly inculcated. He thought it was not right that these poor people should ever re-main slaves. The subject was not again main slaves. The subject was not again alluded to, but the young prince pendered all such things in his heart, and as he grew older grew stronger in his determination to confer this great boon upon his subjects. On his accession to the throne Alexander impediately sent for a man of eminent piets. immediatly sent for a man of eminent piety and honesty, as well as a strong intellect, and entrusted his plans to him. These two, and entrusted his plans to him. These two, in the recesses of the palace, with God's eye upon them, and with a desire within them to carry out in the best possible manner the great plan of emancipation, devised and put into operation that vast scheme, the result of which has been the freedom of all the serfs of Russia. The consummation of this generous scheme cost the Emperor the loss of twenty millions of dollars of annual revenue.

AERIVAL OF GOVERNOR ARCHIBALD-LEVEF. Despatches received from Fort Garry, dated September 3rd, say Lieut.-Governor Archibald arrived there last night, and was receive d by Col. Wolseley and Mr. Donald He is staying at the Fort.

The Lieut. Governor holds a first levee on Tuesday, when the commission will be read.

All the regular troops have left. Both Battalions of Volunteers have arrived.



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22. If any householder, head of a family, elergyman, physician or other person or persons required by this Act to report births, marriages and deaths, refuses or wilfully neglects to do so within the time named, such person shall, for each and every offence, forfeit and pay a sum not less than one dollar, nor more than twenty dollars and costs, in the discretion of the presiding Justice before whom the case shall be heard; and it shall be the duty of the Division Registrar to prosecute all such persons so neglecting or refusing to make the required reports.

> WM. P. LETT, Division Registrar In the City of Ottawn

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City Hall, Ottawa, March, 21, 1870.